

BACK TO THE BASICS

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Why I Believe in God

Questions to ask yourself:

- I) What do I _____?
- II) On what are my beliefs _____?
- III) Does my _____ match my belief?
- IV) How will I _____ my beliefs?

Be still, and know that I am God! Psalm 46:10a

But in your hearts set apart Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect,

1 Peter 3:15 (NIV)

Non-Christian Views of God:

- I) The _____ view- denies the existence of any God or gods.
- II) The _____ view- believes that the existence and nature of God are unknown and unknowable.
- III) The _____ view- believes that there are many gods.
- IV) The _____ view- believes that there are two distinct, eternal, irreducible realities that oppose each other.
- V) The _____ view- believes that God is everything and everything is God.
- VI) The _____ view- believes in the existence of God but rejects His having any relation to the world or self-revelation.

The _____ View

Believes God is the Creator, Sustainer, Redeemer and Judge of all things and all men.

Witnesses for God:

- I) The Cosmological Argument: The Witness of _____ and _____.
 - A) The heavens proclaim the glory of God. The skies display his craftsmanship. Psalm 19:1
 - B) Look up into the heavens. Who created all the stars? He brings them out like an army, one after another, calling each by its name. Because of his great power and incomparable strength, not a single one is missing. Isaiah 40:26

II) The Teleological Argument: The Witness of _____.

Have we not all one Father? Did not one God create us? Malachi 2:10a (NIV)

III) The Ontological Argument: The Witness of _____.

IV) The Anthropological Argument: The Witness of _____.

V) The Universal belief Argument: The Witness of _____ Belief.

You say you have faith, for you believe that there is one God. Good for you! Even the demons believe this, and they tremble in terror. James 2:19

The father instantly cried out, "I do believe, but help me overcome my unbelief!" Mark 9:24

Only fools say in their hearts, "There is no God." Psalm 14:1

For ever since the world was created, people have seen the earth and sky. Through everything God made, they can clearly see his invisible qualities—his eternal power and divine nature. So they have no excuse for not knowing God. Romans 1:20

VI) The Witness of My _____ Experience.

PASCAL'S WAGER

	YOU'RE RIGHT!	YOU'RE WRONG!
BELIEF	ETERNAL JOY	NOTHING
ATHEISM	NOTHING	ETERNAL SUFFERING

NEXT STEPS:

- A B C D
- I will attend the rest of the "Back to the Basics" series. (as much as I am able)
- I will memorize Psalm 46:10a
- Sign me up for the New Members Class on 4/23 & 4/30 (must attend both classes)
- Sign me up for the Newcomers' Reception 4/16 immediately following church.