

# Is God real?

- In society today, many people, especially in grade school or higher education, face intense pressure to reject the belief in God. Many young men and women who start out believing in God will eventually end up denying His existence. They are not prepared for the barrage of arguments from textbooks and classes taught by atheist and agnostic teachers.
- What can be done to avoid such tragic?
- Educate yourself.



# Is God real - Scientific

- Genesis 1:1 In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.
  - in 1965, two U.S. scientists detected the remnants of the initial burst of energy of the creation event typically called the “Big Bang.” One of them, Arno Penzias, later declared, “The best data we have about the Big Bang, are exactly what I would have predicted had I nothing to go on but the first five books of Moses, the Psalms and the Bible as a whole”
- Jeremiah 33:25 But I, the Lord, have a covenant with day and night and I have made the laws that control the earth and sky
  - In 1973, cosmologist Brandon Carter found that the independent constants or laws in physics have one highly unusual characteristic in common—they are precisely the values needed to establish and sustain a universe capable of producing life. Scientists have found some 30 constants or laws of physics that govern the universe. All are unrelated to each other and yet are finely tuned to incredible proportions to make life possible.
  - Ohms law, joules law, Newtons laws, Pascal law, law of thermodynamics, law of gravity...etc.



# Is God real - Scientific

- Science reveals the universe is precisely mathematical
  - The universe has been found to be mathematically designed. It follows orderly laws that can be described in mathematical terms. These laws have never changed or evolved.
  - Evolutionists and atheists: Evolution can't do math, since it is based on random variations and mutations, and math requires an intelligent agent who can first prepare a mathematical blueprint of laws before creating things so they will be orderly.
- Scientists can not explain the origin of life and its genetic code
  - The discoverer of the DNA code, atheist Francis Crick, concluded, "An honest man, armed with all the knowledge available to us now, could only state that in some sense, the origin of life appears to be almost a miracle, so many are the conditions which would had to have been satisfied to get it going
  - The human genome alone is a molecule with approximately 3 billion genetic letters, all precisely ordered to give instructions to the cell (DNA). To get life to occur, you need both the complete genetic code and proteins (the machine parts) that read the code and build new proteins. Without the code, you can't build proteins. And without proteins, you can't process the code. So how could both have started at the same time?



# Is Jesus real - Historical Writings

- Mat 16:13-16 He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?”  
...“Simon Peter-You are the Christ, the Son of the living God!”
  - Alpha Course – Session 2 – Who is Jesus?
    - Nicky’s conversion was based on historical evidence. Resurrection of Jesus to prove that God exists.
  - What evidence is there that Jesus existed?
    - NT - 5,000 Greek, 10,000 Latin and 9,300 other manuscripts written about Jesus support the accuracy, authenticity and integrity of the documents passed down to us today.
    - Written by eyewitness accounts of the events that had taken place. If a lie they would have been challenged by others alive at that time vs today's internet information.
    - Jewish scribes exercised extreme care in making new copies of the Hebrew Bible. The entire scribal process was specified in meticulous detail to minimize the possibility of even the slightest error. The number of letters, words, and lines were counted, and the middle letters of the Pentateuch and the Old Testament were determined. If a single mistake was discovered, the entire manuscript would be destroyed.
    - Dead Sea Scrolls - 15,000 scrolls and scroll fragments Shrine of the Book - Jewish Museum support the other manuscript writings.



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- **Flavius Josephus** - 1<sup>st</sup> century Jewish historian – book Antiquities of the Jews
  - 3. (63) Now, there was about this time Jesus, a wise man, if it be lawful to call him a man, for he was a doer of wonderful works—a teacher of such men as receive the truth with pleasure. He drew over to him both many of the Jews, and many of the Gentiles. He was Christ; (64) and when Pilate, at the suggestion of the principal men amongst us, had condemned him to the cross, those that loved him at the first did not forsake him, for he appeared to them alive again the third day, as the divine prophets had foretold these and ten thousand other wonderful things concerning him; and the tribe of Christians, so named from him, are not extinct at this day.
  - 1) Talked about Jesus 2) That Jesus existed as a real person 3) Wrote about Jesus brother James
- **Senator Tacitus** - Calls Him Christus, speaks of Pontius Pilot and Tiberius Cesar
- **Thallus** – Had written about the darkness over the land following the crucifixion
- **Pliny the Younger** - Christian's meeting on a certain fixed day, sang hymns to Christ, bound themselves to a solemn oath (not to do wicked deeds, fraud, theft, adultery)
- **Jewish Rabbinical Literature** - Yeshua of Nazareth, practiced sorcery, led Israel astray, discussed scripture like a Pharisee, hung on a piece of wood (crucified)
- **Others - Satirist Lucian, Philosopher Celsus**



# Is Jesus real - Other Religions

- Other religions say about Jesus
  - **Islam** – Born of a virgin, was to be revered, was a prophet, was a wise teacher, ascended to Haven and will return as a Muslim to revive Islam
  - **Judaism** – Mary's son, was respected, had many disciples, was a miracle worker, crucified on the cross
  - **Hinduism** – a Holy man and a wise teacher, is a God
  - **Buddhism** – An enlightened man, a wise teacher and a Holy man



# Is Jesus real - Facts

- Fulfilment of over 360 OT prophecies
  - The time of His birth (see the Daniel 8 & 9 Timeline)
  - He would be born in Bethlehem. (Micah 5:2)
  - He would be born of a virgin. (Isaiah 7:14)
  - He would be betrayed for 30 pieces of silver. (Zechariah 11:12)
  - He would be mocked. (Psalm 22:7,8)
  - He would be crucified. (John 3:14)
  - He would be pierced. (Psalms 22:16)
  - He would die with the wicked, but He would be buried with the rich. (Isaiah 53:9)
- Spiritual world and warfare - Ghosts, evil spirits, possessed, soothsaying, devil
  - Science denies the existence of spirits, ghosts, supernatural
  - Mat 8:16 That evening they brought to him many who were oppressed by demons, and he cast out the spirits with a word and healed all who were sick.
  - Act 16:16 It happened that as we were going to the place of prayer, a slave-girl having a spirit of divination met us, who was bringing her masters much profit by fortune-telling.



# Is Jesus real - Facts

- Where is His body?
  - Muhammed buried Rawdah Mubarak - Sacred Chamber (along with first 2 caliphs of Islam)
  - There is no definitive physical or archaeological evidence of the existence of Jesus.
- Because He is RISEN!!
- 1 Cor 15:3-8 For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me.
  - Nothing left but the grave clothes, why leave just the clothes?
  - The early church was persecuted holding onto the truth, the cost of Christianity
  - The disciples were martyred for their belief in Jesus, His death and resurrection
    - Peter was crucified up-side-down, Thomas was torn in half

