

Does God Exist?

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In order to build faith, we must have faith. Some of the people I'm sending this to have faith in God and Jesus and some don't, so let's start with God's existence. After all, everything regarding faith flows from this concept.

Faith in God's existence is not blind faith; it is based on scientific evidence that I would love to share with you in detail if you are open to it. Let it suffice to say for now, that being a scientist or accepting scientific evidence does not oppose faith in God. Actually, scientific evidence supports faith in God. I back this statement with three main points.

1. Some of the greatest scientific minds in history believed in God: Isaac Newton, Francis Bacon, Blaise Pascal, Albert Einstein, and Francis Collins. There are others, but when you list the greatest scientific minds in history, you don't need a long list.
2. This point dismisses the myth that believers in God and Jesus are ignorant or superstitious. These scientists provide scientific evidence for their belief in God (Newton, Bacon, Collins) or a supreme being who CREATED the universe (Einstein). Also, according to a 2015 Rice University study, "While it is commonly assumed that most scientists are atheists, the global perspective resulting from the study shows that this is simply not the case." Another related study supports this conclusion, showing 51% of scientists believe in God, the creator.

So, believers in God are not necessarily ignorant or superstitious, and most scientists are not atheists. Many of these scientists support their faith with the Cosmological Argument:

- Premise 1: Whatever begins to exist has a cause
- Premise 2: The universe began to exist

Conclusion: The universe has a cause

Albert Einstein supported the second premise with his theory of relativity. He knew the conclusion logically followed and described the cause as, "an intelligence of such superiority that, compared with it, all the systematic thinking and acting of human beings is an utterly insignificant reflection" (*Time Magazine*). So, even though Einstein didn't believe in God of the Bible, he believed in a creator that is described in the Bible. (Genesis 1:1)

3. George Wald, Harvard Professor Emeritus, stated, "There are only two possibilities as to how life arose. One is spontaneous generation..., the other is a supernatural act of

creation – there is no third possibility” (*Scientific American* magazine). The Law of Biogenesis holds that life cannot come from non-life, which contradicts spontaneous generation. Wald did not believe in God, but chose to believe in spontaneous generation, against all the scientific evidence supplied by Louis Pasteur and the Law of Biogenesis. Now that’s superstition!

So, faith in God is scientific. Next time, we’ll consider the implications of a creator.