

Question: What evidence do we have in the existence of God? #4

For the last several weeks we have presented some rather obvious facts, external to the Bible, that prove the existence of God. What about the Bible, can we use it to defend His existence? Some will argue that the Bible does not defend the existence of God, but simply assumes it. This claim has led some to think that the Bible, the word of God, should not be used to defend His existence. It is my aim in this article to show that this is far from being true and or logical. First, the Bible does occasionally assume God's existence, notice three examples:

- 1) *"In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth"* (Gen 1:1). Moses penned these words by inspiration of God and never set out to prove them true.
- 2) *"All Scripture is given by inspiration of God..."* (2Ti 3:16). Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ, simply tells us that the Scripture is inspired or "God-breathed."
- 3) *"His divine power has given us all things that pertain to life and godliness..."* (2Pe 1:3). The apostle Peter assumes that his readers will rely upon these words as factual.

The mere claims of men are never enough for the skeptics, even if God proved the claims to be from His representatives. Therefore let's look into the Bible and notice four examples that prove, in a logical fashion, the existence of God.

- 1) In *Romans 1:19-21* Paul insists there is enough evidence in the natural world to prove God's existence, and that people are *"without excuse"* when it comes to belief in Him.
- 2) In *Acts 14:14-17* the same apostle affirms that God *"did not leave Himself without witness, in that He did good, gave us rain from heaven and fruitful seasons, filling our hearts with food and gladness."*
- 3) In *Psalms 19:1-2* David sang, 1000 years before Christ and Paul, *"The heavens declare the glory of God; and the skies proclaim the work of His hands."*
- 4) *Hebrews 3:4* is perhaps the most logical statement based on the observable facts. The writer says, *"every house is built by someone; but He who built all things is God."* Just as the presence of a house points to a human cause, so the intricate Universe speaks boldly and beautifully of a Divine Cause.

Taken together, these lines of evidence make a compelling case for belief in God. The alternative is irrational and confusing. If He does not exist, how do we explain the ultimate reason for our own existence? How do we explain the moral sense within us? How do we explain the close tolerances of an interactive Universe?

We dare not close out this series of articles without quoting from Jesus Christ proven to be the Son of God with power, by the resurrection from the dead (*Ro 1:4*). He said, *"you believe in God, believe also in me...for if you do not believe that I am He, you will die in your sins...He who believes and is baptized will be saved...be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life"* (*Jn 14:1; 8:24; Mk 16:16; Re 2:10*).