

**Chapter 1 : Why I Believe in the God of the Bible**

*Why I Believe in God - The Disproving Test Firstly, I want to say that I believe God should be the default here. Meaning, I feel I shouldn't have to prove His existence that it should be on the atheist to prove his/her case to the contrary.*

Author, "Meeting the Muse. The main objection I find with their perspective is not their critique on religion, which I find mostly quite accurate, but rather it is how they mix God with religion. They look at the irrationality of religion, and therefore claim that belief in God is irrational. I thought about this point quite a lot, and pondered if they were right. Is it irrational to believe in God? While I agree that believing in an ancient religious narrative is irrational by irrational, I mean it takes faith to believe a certain narrative about God based on ancient accounts told in stories, myths, and allegories. Granted, it may turn out to be true, but nonetheless the point remains that it is not a rational conclusion one would come to purely by reason. I disagree that belief in God is irrational as in the Higher Power who created the universe and everything within it. If anything, it is the complete opposite. Belief in an unknown Higher Power being agnostic seems to me to be the only truly rational option one can choose when contemplating the universe in which we abide, but for the religious believer and the atheist, they hold to either a faith-based belief or a faith-based non-belief; both positions that are fundamentally irrational and requires faith, not rationality, to hold to their position. Playing lotto to solve your financial problems is not a rational option. The odds are way to long. Why then would we think its rational to believe that the universe, incredibly complex in its design, has no Designer, when the odds of that actually being true are enormous in cosmic sized proportions? The whole cosmos in their perfectly functioning glory. Where did it all come from? Are we to believe it is all the result of one mind-boggling chance? To believe this is to accept the odds given to it. One scientific estimate puts the chance of random creation at one in 10 to the power of 40, Is it realistic to accept these odds as the most rational explanation we have regarding the creation of the universe? The observable universe is estimated to be more than 93 billion light years in length to put this in perspective, the moon, for example, is less than two light seconds away from earth. It is perfectly balanced. Everything within it works in perfect union with each other. Within this universe we have our planet, unique in all the universe. On our planet, we have the most fascinating variety of animal, foods, smells, tastes, and visual spectacles, from the tiniest insect to the great whales and every living thing in-between. I can and do respect those who are believers in the random creation of the universe, but to that effect, I am an unbeliever. If the day comes when the universe is proved to be a fairytale, a Hollywood creation of sorts made by trickery, then I will change my mind. Until then, the universe is my proof an intelligent Creator has designed and implemented this cosmic-sized reality we abide in. Even if I came to believe, or if it was somehow proven, that the Bible was just made up by crazy ancient people on a power trip, even if I came to believe it was nothing more than a fairytale, this conclusion would not in any way prove that God does not exist. When the universe is revealed as another Santa Claus, just another fairy tale made up to trick us, then I would come to question the existence of God. But while I can still stare out at the stars and galaxies all those millions of light years away, whose light is powerful enough to still reach my eyes regardless of the gulf between us, I can do nothing else but believe there is a Creator behind it all.

**Chapter 2 : Does God Exist - Six Reasons to Believe that God is Really There - Is There a God**

*The earth's perfect distance from the sun, the unique chemical properties of water, the human brain, DNA, the number of people who attest to knowing God, the gnawing in our hearts and minds to determine if God is there, the willingness for God to be known through Jesus Christ.*

Why I Believe in God Genesis 1: It begins instead with a simple, majestic sentence: The Bible begins with a declaration, not with an argument. There is a God who created all things. If you do not start there, you will miss the central truth of the universe. All things begin with God. All knowledge begins with God. This stands as a moral judgment, not a statement about IQ or educational attainment. A very smart person can drive off a cliff and be smashed on the rocks. If you leave God out of the calculation, you have missed the central fact of the universe. You are wrong at the very core of life, and therefore life itself will remain a mystery to you. Did you know that today September 30, is the first-ever International Blasphemy Day? You can find a host of these videos on YouTube where ex-Christians many of them young people renounce their faith and invite God to judge them. There are a number of ways to respond to this, and the least effective would be to get angry. Those of us who believe in God need not be threatened by those who do not believe or by former believers who now are doubters or agnostics or atheists. I do think it is sad to consider young people raised in the church who now find it necessary to publicly renounce a faith that never really took hold. Consider two simple words. Miss that and you can be right about a lot of other things and still be wrong where it matters most. God has made himself known to every person. Since what may be known about God is plain to them, because God has made it plain to them. God has revealed himself so clearly that no one can miss it. Even though men suppress the truth about God v. Everyone knows something about God! No one has ever lived who missed this revelation. The truth was there for all to see, so plainly laid out that no one could miss it. No one could miss the truth about God. It means that the revelation of God in nature strikes the heart of every man. Paul is not suggesting that nature contains a revelation about God which every man may see. To the contrary, Paul is saying that every man actually sees the revelation and every man actually understands it to some degree. Our hearts are restless until they find rest in you. Man was made to look for answers outside of himself. He is incurably religious in that sense. Creation testifies to the Creator. The heavens preach a sermon about the wonders of our great God. God so arranged the universe that light from heaven streams in on every side. You have to cover your face not to see it. A week ago I flew to Washington state in the Pacific Northwest, to a little town near the Canadian border called Sumas. To my surprise because I had never been there before , the whole area is a verdant paradise. Because of the abundant rainfall, it is actually a lush rainforest. On my final day there, John Borgen, the founder of the conference center, picked me up in his ATV and took me for a ride so I could see the massive cedar trees that cover the property. At one point we got out of the ATV, and John took out a tape measure and walked all the way around the most massive cedar tree I had ever seen. It turned out to be 18 feet in circumference and towered feet above us, creating a massive green canopy overhead. John said the tree was probably years old. As we made our way back to the main lodge, he showed me the beautiful gardens they had planted over the last 35 years. Then I saw that someone had planted flowers in a certain pattern on the hillside: They might conclude that this was a fantastic freak of nature, that somehow the flowers had come together entirely by chance to spell those three words. And you can also presume that millions of years of wind and rain and erosion produced the faces of Washington, Jefferson, Lincoln and Roosevelt on Mount Rushmore. Think what you want. But I prefer to believe that just as loving hands planted the flowers at Cedars Springs, and wise hands carved the faces on Mount Rushmore, even so the hands of Almighty God carefully crafted the universe. But just as a watch points to a watchmaker, just as Mt. Rushmore points to a dedicated architect, just as The Old Man and the Sea points to Ernest Hemingway, the beauty and order and complexity of the universe points directly to Almighty God, the Ultimate Designer of all things. Every rock, every tree, every river, every ocean, every star in the sky-they all bear the Divine DNA that points back to the God who created all things. He must have had a mighty hand to scoop out the Royal Gorge in Colorado. He is as infinite as the dark recesses of the mighty Atlantic Ocean. Each snowflake testifies to his uniqueness. The

changing colors of the Great Smoky Mountains proclaim his creativity. The heavens declare it, the earth repeats it and the wind whispers it-"He is there. God has left his fingerprints all over this world. He signed his name to everything he made. Some people may deny it, but no one fails to see it. Some choose not to believe because they are spiritually blind. Unbelief is a moral choice not to believe the evidence God has placed all around us. God , the discussion starts with the assumption that evolution as an explanation for the universe must in fact be true. If so, where does God fit in? Karen Armstrong says we still need the idea of God even though evolution has demolished any need for the reality of a personal God: Human beings were not the pinnacle of a purposeful creation; like everything else, they evolved by trial and error and God had no direct hand in their making. No wonder so many fundamentalist Christians find their faith shaken to the core. But if that is true, why retain even the idea of God? Dawkins follows this to its logical conclusion: Where does that leave God? The kindest thing to say is that it leaves him with nothing to do, and no achievements that might attract our praise, our worship or our fear. But we have to go further. A complex creative intelligence with nothing to do is not just redundant. A divine designer is all but ruled out by the consideration that he must at least as complex as the entities he was wheeled out to explain. God is not dead. He was never alive in the first place. For the record, I think Dawkins is right. If naturalistic evolution is true, then there really is no room for God, and no need for him either. If science can answer all things, then we hardly even need the idea of God. But what we really have here are two atheists arguing with each other. I would simply point out that the conclusions here are not driven as much by evidence as by presuppositions. Richard Dawkins has chosen not to believe in God, therefore he has done exactly what Romans 1: He has suppressed the truth in his own heart. Atheism is not just a philosophical position. Over the whole exchange one could write the words of Romans 1: My point here is not to target Karen Armstrong or Richard Dawkins in any particular way. They merely represent a very popular worldview. To choose not to believe has enormous moral implications. Because we do not live in true moral neutrality, someone is truly and absolutely and utterly wrong. And they are wrong at the starting point. And whoever it is has missed the fundamental truth of the universe. We may say it many ways but finally it comes down to this. He is morally and spiritually blind. Here is a vast paradox regarding the human race. Light from heaven streams in on every side. Yet Satan has blinded the minds of unbelievers so that they cannot see the gospel and believe in Jesus. All of us know the truth about God because it is stamped on our spiritual DNA and yet we are blind to the truth of who God really is. Thus most of the human race instinctively believes in God without knowing who he is. But a tiny minority suppresses even the limited knowledge of God they have so that they end up like Richard Dawkins, denying the God who made them.

### Chapter 3 : What Does It Take to Believe in God?

*Transcript. Why I believe in the God of the Bible. As I shared earlier, the whole purpose of this series was to ask and answer the question, Do you have to throw your brains in the trash, or be anti-intellectual to actually believe that the Bible is God's Word, that there is one God who created all that there is in all the universe, that He sent the second person of the Trinity, God the Son.*

Some people believe in Allah, others in nothingness ala "The Buddha" , some in an accommodating God who accepts everyone and others in no God at all. Hindus believe there are something like three hundred million gods! But which holy book is right? Is it the Bible? The Book of Mormon? Some say they believe what they believe about God because of the difference he, she or it has made in their lives. And if a Muslim, Christian, Mormon and Jew all claim that their God has made a difference in their lives then which god is the real God? It goes, "you ask me how I know he lives, he lives within my heart. So how do you know? How can you know? Let me tell you how I know. Let me take you on my personal journey of embracing Jesus as the only way of salvation and the God of the Bible being the true and only God. As a young child I always found myself staring up into the sky looking at the stars, especially when we went camping in the mountains. I remember thinking that all this stuff had to come from Someone way bigger than me. That Someone had to be big, strong, smart and totally in control. That Someone had to be God. It simply goes like this: There had to be a big brain behind the intricate design of it all. There had to be a big power behind it all to make the concept a reality. From the amazing human body to the vastness of the universe to the surprisingly complex world of the micro universe protons, neutrons, quarks, etc there has to be a God. I knew it as a child and so did you. The universe makes that clear. Atheistic evolution is just a smokescreen to keep us from seeing His Presence. But, inevitably, the fog lifts for all of us and in our heart of hearts we know He is there. On June 23rd, I trusted in Jesus as my Savior. Through His Spirit He came to live inside my soul. It may not prove Christianity to anyone else but the changes I saw Him make in my life proved it to me. He gave me hope, purpose and forgiveness. My story was not enough to prove his existence to anyone else but it was more than enough for me. Then I started really studying his Word and began to sense that this was truth. And it claimed again and again to be the truth, the God inspired truth Proverbs As I grew older and began to share my faith in my early teens I would point my friends to the sky, tell them about the difference Jesus made in my life and then take them to the Scriptures. Some of them believed. But some of them did not. They started asking me questions like, "How do you know your experiences are any less valid than someone from a different religion? What makes the Bible true? If I were God, I wondered, how would I prove my way was the only way to the world? I would make people look up. That would be my bullhorn that would scream, "I am here and I am not silent! This is not an accident! All of this was made by me for you! You can see that I am powerful by the creation itself! You can see that I am because I AM! I would send people a holy book. I would send it over the course of 1, years from forty different men from all sorts of cultural backgrounds. Why would I do that? Because the only way such a wide-ranging book from such wide-ranging authors would completely agree on everything they touched on would be if I was the real Author behind it all. My Spirit would prove that this book was from God through the sheer fact that every word on every page is totally non contradictory with everything else on every other page! Anyone could claim to have written a holy book Joseph Smith, Mohammed, etc but this book was not the brain child of one person with a vivid imagination. It was a project that took 15 decades to complete and even longer to compile. The miracle of the Bible is its absence of errors. I have studied it again and again over the last forty two years of my life and I have yet to find one legitimate error. The only way that could happen is that it was completely inspired by God Himself. I would give proofs in that book that were indisputable. As I studied the Word of God over the years I began to see that there was an indisputable pile of proof that showed the Bible was divine in origin. Did you know that the Old Testament contains over three hundred prophecies about Jesus that were literally and fully fulfilled in him? These are specific prophecies like: The place where Jesus would be born Mich 5: And not just about Jesus. The Old Testament is jammed full of fulfilled prophecies. Daniel, written about five centuries before Jesus hit the earth crawling, is packed

full of amazing prophecies. The only way that could happen if there was a divine being, who was above the realm of time and space, who could predict the future because He saw it more clearly than you or I see the past or present. I would send my Son and have Him die and then raise Him from the dead. Check out this passage in 1 Corinthians After that, he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers at the same time, most of whom are still living, though some have fallen asleep. Many of them were willing to die for what they had seen. As someone has said, many will die for what they think to be the truth. But nobody will die for what they know to be a lie. The early martyrs who had seen Jesus after his resurrection from the dead were willing to die for what they knew to be the truthâ€”He is alive! So why do I believe in the God of the Bible? I see His handywork in the sky. I sense His presence in my soul. I read His book that is perfect and amazing and a miracle in and of itself. I read the fulfilled prophecies that could never be predicted without God providing the insight into the future. I embrace the resurrected Jesus, the same Jesus that the early Christians were willing to die for because they were eyewitnesses of His presence. And that resurrected Jesus has transformed my life. My reasons for believing are part relational, part rational and part experiential. The relational and experiential were enough for me to believe in Jesus on June 23rd, But the rational reasons to believe gave me more confidence over the years that my faith was more than just a personal belief. It was the truth. God gave proof of this faith as the true faith by raising Jesus from the dead. You have full bodied, multi dimensional reasons to believe in God. These reasons encompass your heart, soul and mind. They range from the beauty in the sky to fulfilled prophecies to personal transformation to the warm fuzzies in your heart when you think about Him. Your mission is to share these reasons to believe with every person that you know.

**Chapter 4 : Why I Believe in God | Keep Believing Ministries**

*While I don't believe in organized religion, I do believe in God, and I do have faith in the narrative of Jesus, but I can openly accept the irrationality of it and how it is a matter of faith.*

What have you been thinking about? Christians, however, do have a number of reasons for believing in God. This article will, very briefly, outline some of them and give you links to resources which will explore these further. Peter May explores this question and why it gives us a good reason to believe in a Creator God in two of his articles: *Has Science Disproved God?* The astronomer Hugh Ross goes into more scientific detail behind both the *Cosmological Argument* and the *Fine Tuning Argument* in his talk *Is there scientific evidence for God?* If certain actions are objectively right or wrong, this implies that this is more than a social consensus of how to behave. If there are Laws, then there needs to be a Lawgiver. Christian philosopher Peter S. Watch the video here: These resources explore whether it is reasonable to believe in the resurrection of Jesus. Christians believe that God is always at work in the world, and that the events and teaching recorded in the Bible particularly speak to us of who God is and of his love for us. The resurrection of Jesus is the supreme example of God acting in history to validate the life, teaching and ministry of Jesus who reveals God to us. Listen to a series of talks transcripts are also provided on the evidence for the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. Start off with *The Resurrection Factor Part 1*. The article *Is there really solid evidence for the resurrection of Jesus Christ?* David Robertson has written a response to each of the chapters in his book *The Dawkins Letters*. Other Resources The resources above cover just a few of the reasons that people believe in God. The Evidence for God. Explore more resources, including debates, on the evidence for the existence of God and the resurrection of Jesus on [bethinking.org](http://bethinking.org). The following links will show you all the resources on God , on the Resurrection and Miracles and on the Bible and Jesus , or search the site for yourself. Cook, View on Amazon.

Chapter 5 : Why Should I Believe God Exists? - calendrierdelascience.com

*On the contrary, I believe there is far more compelling evidence for the existence of God, than against. Space doesn't allow for the multiplicity of arguments that could be presented for belief in God, but if a sceptic were to ask me to sum up a few, I would offer the following three reasons.*

Well I disagree with them all. I am a theist, the opposite of an atheist. I am one who believes in the Divine, who believes that all of life in its magnificence, beauty, splendor, wonder, and its finely tuned order is by design. I believe it is and I believe that designer to be God -- the God of the entire universe and everything in it, including us. Recently, I read an article by Greta Christina, a self-acclaimed atheist who writes for an online news source. I could list a thousand reasons from the pages of my own life for believing in God, but that would be admittedly, a very subjective viewpoint. I want to give you what I think is some really good objective evidence for an Intelligent Designer. Well, I did what she asked and sent it to her editor. I never heard back. So now I want to share with you some of what she wrote in her original article entitled: No wait, I take that back. She did say this, and I quote: A careful, rigorous, double-blinded, placebo-controlled, etc. I think I missed that one. Was that on cable? Unless she was referring to the controlled testing of those so called psychics who claim to possess kinetic abilities like Uri Geller. You know, move stuff around with their minds. The universe looks remarkably like a system of physical cause and effect: How about this serious sounding statement from her article? What is the answer here? There can be only two choices. Either all life, along with the universe and everything in it was by design or it came into being all by itself. Believing the former would explain a lot. To me it takes more faith to believe in that unlikely formula for life than it does to believe in God. Most scientists agree that intelligence comes before life. Does matter become mind? How could this simple looking creature develop such a mind blowing strategy for continuation of its species unless it was programmed into him at birth -- hardwired into his DNA from the beginning? DNA is known as the Language of Life. I believe God created that language. Check out this fascinating video clip of the Lampsilis Mussel for yourself. In this section of her atheist article Greta wrote: Where did all that information come from? Information is not matter. Additionally, molecular biologists have discovered thousands of exquisitely designed machines at the molecular level; each with a specific task s to perform. Information requires intelligence and design requires a designer. Watch this and make up your own mind as to whether you think life happened by creation or by mere chance. He has been nominated for the Nobel Prize five times and was cited as the third most quoted chemist in the world. Science is primarily concerned with facts, not motive, and thus a complete scientific description of the creation does not rule out a providential account at the same time. We look at the watch on the path and we prudently conclude that it was designed by some higher intelligence. And I believe I have. However, if one is predisposed to believing that the entire world with all its glorious diversity of life just happened, then no amount of evidence will be enough to prove a Creator. There is not a single scrap of evidence that the God hypothesis is true. Either all space, time, matter, energy, natural laws, chemical properties, mathematical formulae, organic information, consciousness, rationality, music, etc. Theist or atheist -- both require faith. Compliments of Alan Ray. Ambrose, Nature and Origin of the Biological World, , p. God , the Father, sent His only Son to satisfy that judgment for those who believe in Him. Jesus , the creator and eternal Son of God, who lived a sinless life, loves us so much that He died for our sins, taking the punishment that we deserve, was buried , and rose from the dead according to the Bible. If you truly believe and trust this in your heart, receiving Jesus alone as your Savior , declaring, " Jesus is Lord ," you will be saved from judgment and spend eternity with God in heaven. What is your response?

**Chapter 6 : Why I Believe in God - OBLATE**

*I believe that God exists, not because I have never had doubts, or because I was raised in the faith by persons whose lives gave deep witness to its truth, or because perennially the vast majority of people on this planet believe in God.*

In the ten years since the atheist penned those lines I have embarked on my own journey to examine whether Christian faith is the intellectual suicide that Dawkins claims. I have recorded hundreds of editions of my radio discussion show Unbelievable? On the contrary, I believe there is far more compelling evidence for the existence of God, than against. The fact is, by scientific standards, human existence is incredibly improbable. Some 30 or so fundamental numbers, such as the force of gravity, the rate of expansion of the universe and the ratio of electrons to protons in the universe, are so exquisitely balanced that the tiniest fluctuation from their actual value would mean that a life-permitting universe could not exist. For instance the cosmological constant the dark energy density of the universe is fine-tuned within 1 part in  $10^{120}$ . If it had been wide of that tiny mark then the universe would either have expanded too rapidly for galaxies and stars to form or it would have collapsed in on itself before anything formed. Perhaps the most impressive example is the initial distribution of mass energy to give the low entropy throughout the universe necessary for life. The fine tuning is 1 part in  $10^{10^{120}}$ . If you took a sheet of paper and filled it with zeros, then reproduced zeros on sheets of paper lined up across the entire universe, 15 billion light years across, that number would still be smaller than  $10^{10^{120}}$ . These then are the odds of the correct constants, numbers and forces arising by chance. When you combine all the other odds of the other fundamental forces together, it becomes impossible to believe that our life-permitting universe is a product of chance. The universe has not always existed. The theistic implications are clear, and at first atheist cosmologists such as Fred Hoyle resisted the theory until the evidence became overwhelming. A compelling case can be made that for time, space and matter to come into existence, the cause itself must be immaterial, timeless, infinite and incredibly powerful. One could also add the fact that the universe is written in mathematical laws that seem to be waiting to be discovered by us. The extraordinary odds that seem to be involved for the first DNA molecule to come into existence; the unusually well-suited planet we live on to allow for the emergence of life, and so the list goes on. In short, far from pushing God out of the equation, science has been adding to the list of ways in which the cosmic fingerprints of God seem to be scattered across our universe. Of course many sceptics have fielded counter-arguments that run against these lines of scientific evidence. But none that I have heard come close to challenging the overall conclusion that the universe we live in is far more consistent with theism than atheism. Jaime went home, put on a wetsuit and followed the girl into the manhole. To his amazement he discovered about 90 children living in the filthy, rat-infested sewers. The reason for their subterranean living space was that policemen were killing the children who lived on the streets above. You probably find that story both inspiring and disturbing. We react with horror at the idea that humans could be treated in such a way as disposables. But why exactly do we believe that human life should be valued? Why did Jaime do the right thing the human thing? The moral argument I find it very hard to come up with an answer on an atheistic world view. Why should humans have any more claim for special regard on the biological tree of life than a louse? Any beliefs in objective human rights, values and morality are ultimately an illusion, a side-effect of our evolutionary history. Why then do we feel that view of humanity is so wrong? Why is it really, objectively, wrong to treat children that way? That gives humans infinite worth. Anything else makes human worth a commodity, and makes some people disposable. Many atheists I meet are passionate about equality and justice. Perhaps unwittingly, they have had to borrow from a distinctly Christian concept of moral worth instead. If atheism is true then there is no ultimate right or wrong, there is no overarching narrative. All human endeavours and self-made purposes will ultimately be gone and forgotten in the future. As the universe continues to expand and its energy dissipates, all that will eventually be left is a cold, sterile void with no memory of our brief existence. But I see a very different universe to Dawkins. Where the atheist scientist sees only physical processes and laws that give rise to illusions of morality and free will, I see real beauty, truth, love, good and evil, purpose to life, freedom to choose and ultimate hope. But I can point to the universal experience of all humans who have a yearning for something

beyond our physical existence “ for ultimate purpose, value and meaning. CS Lewis identified why only God makes sense of this desire, saying: People feel sexual desire: If I find in myself a desire which no experience in this world can satisfy, the most probable explanation is that I was made for another world. Hope that there is a reason for our existence, hope that our lives mean something, the hope that death is not the end. Is it a delusion? Faith in spite of the evidence? I have met many atheists in ten years of recording Unbelievable?. Almost all of them have been very intelligent, honest people. When I critique their worldview I am not dismissing their own honest search for the truth. But we do see things very differently. I find it very hard to believe that the rational and ordered universe we live in came from nowhere and is heading nowhere. I find it impossible to conceive that our intrinsic beliefs about human value are an illusion, and that our ultimate hopes for purpose and meaning are in vain.

Chapter 7 : Why I'd Still Believe In God Even if the Bible Was a Fairytale | HuffPost

*In fact, there are many reasons to believe that God is very much alive and active in the universe. Think about humanity's overall longing for something beyond what we see. It's this longing that.*

Why should I believe in God? Belief in God is the most basic of all human considerations. Without believing in God, it is impossible to please Him or even come to Him Hebrews It is foolish to disbelieve in God Psalm There are two choices in life. Man is born, grows to maturity, makes his impact on the world, and eventually dies. That is it for him, naturally speaking. The choice to live by reason leaves one weighed in the balance and found wanting. If a person objectively thinks about such a lifestyle, it should cause him to consider the second choice. Of course, to accept that the Bible is from God, one must acknowledge God. Belief in the God of the Bible does not negate the use of reason; rather, it is when we seek God that He opens our eyes Psalm All creation bears silent witness to the fact of a Creator Psalm Micah gave his prophecy around BC. Where was Christ born seven centuries later? He was born in Bethlehem of Judea, just as Micah had predicted Luke 2: Peter Stoner, in Science Speaks p. By using the laws of probability in reference to eight prophecies concerning Christ, Stoner found that the chance that any man would fulfill all eight prophecies is 1 in 10 to the 17th power. That would be 1 chance in ,,,,. And that is only considering eight prophecies; Jesus fulfilled many more. Reading the Bible, we discover that God is eternal, holy, personal, gracious, and loving. Sure, one can reject the God of the Bible, and many do. Men can reject what Jesus Christ has done for them. To reject Christ is to reject God John What will it be for you?

## Chapter 8 : Why should I believe in God?

*LZ Granderson says belief in God isn't a matter of certainty but of faith; He says his pastor, Rob Bell, is being challenged on his new book; Bell says discussion of doubt about heaven or hell or.*

Here are six straightforward reasons to believe that God is really there. No statements of, "You just have to believe. But first consider this. Here then, are some reasons to consider The complexity of our planet points to a deliberate Designer who not only created our universe, but sustains it today. But here are a few: If Earth were smaller, an atmosphere would be impossible, like the planet Mercury. If Earth were larger, its atmosphere would contain free hydrogen, like Jupiter. The Earth is located the right distance from the sun. If the Earth were any further away from the sun, we would all freeze. Any closer and we would burn up. The Earth remains this perfect distance from the sun while it rotates around the sun at a speed of nearly 67, mph. It is also rotating on its axis, allowing the entire surface of the Earth to be properly warmed and cooled every day. And our moon is the perfect size and distance from the Earth for its gravitational pull. The moon creates important ocean tides and movement so ocean waters do not stagnate, and yet our massive oceans are restrained from spilling over across the continents. Plants, animals and human beings consist mostly of water about two-thirds of the human body is water. It has wide margin between its boiling point and freezing point. Water allows us to live in an environment of fluctuating temperature changes, while keeping our bodies a steady Water is a universal solvent. This property of water means that various chemicals, minerals and nutrients can be carried throughout our bodies and into the smallest blood vessels. Without affecting the makeup of the substances it carries, water enables food, medicines and minerals to be absorbed and used by the body. Water has a unique surface tension. Water in plants can therefore flow upward against gravity, bringing life-giving water and nutrients to the top of even the tallest trees. Water freezes from the top down and floats, so fish can live in the winter. But on our Earth, there is a system designed which removes salt from the water and then distributes that water throughout the globe. Evaporation takes the ocean waters, leaving the salt, and forms clouds which are easily moved by the wind to disperse water over the land, for vegetation, animals and people. It is a system of purification and supply that sustains life on this planet, a system of recycled and reused water. Your brain takes in all the colors and objects you see, the temperature around you, the pressure of your feet against the floor, the sounds around you, the dryness of your mouth, even the texture of your keyboard. Your brain holds and processes all your emotions, thoughts and memories. At the same time your brain keeps track of the ongoing functions of your body like your breathing pattern, eyelid movement, hunger and movement of the muscles in your hands. The human brain processes more than a million messages a second. This screening function is what allows you to focus and operate effectively in your world. The brain functions differently than other organs. There is an intelligence to it, the ability to reason, to produce feelings, to dream and plan, to take action, and relate to other people. It has automatic focusing and handles an astounding 1. Yet evolution alone does not fully explain the initial source of the eye or the brain -- the start of living organisms from nonliving matter. The universe had a start - what caused it? Scientists are convinced that our universe began with one enormous explosion of energy and light, which we now call the Big Bang. This was the singular start to everything that exists: Astrophysicist Robert Jastrow, a self-described agnostic, stated, "The seed of everything that has happened in the Universe was planted in that first instant; every star, every planet and every living creature in the Universe came into being as a result of events that were set in motion in the moment of the cosmic explosion The Universe flashed into being, and we cannot find out what caused that to happen. It had a start Scientists have no explanation for the sudden explosion of light and matter. The universe operates by uniform laws of nature. Much of life may seem uncertain, but look at what we can count on day after day: How is it that we can identify laws of nature that never change? Why is the universe so orderly, so reliable? There is no logical necessity for a universe that obeys rules, let alone one that abides by the rules of mathematics. It is easy to imagine a universe in which conditions change unpredictably from instant to instant, or even a universe in which things pop in and out of existence. The fact that there are rules at all is a kind of miracle. All instruction, all teaching, all training comes with intent. Someone who

writes an instruction manual does so with purpose. Did you know that in every cell of our bodies there exists a very detailed instruction code, much like a miniature computer program? As you may know, a computer program is made up of ones and zeros, like this: The way they are arranged tell the computer program what to do. The DNA code in each of our cells is very similar. These are arranged in the human cell like this: There are three billion of these letters in every human cell!! Well, just like you can program your phone to beep for specific reasons, DNA instructs the cell. DNA is a three-billion-lettered program telling the cell to act in a certain way. It is a full instruction manual. One has to ask These are not just chemicals. Natural, biological causes are completely lacking as an explanation when programmed information is involved. You cannot find instruction, precise information like this, without someone intentionally constructing it. We know God exists because he pursues us. He is constantly initiating and seeking for us to come to him. I was an atheist at one time. And like many atheists, the issue of people believing in God bothered me greatly. What causes us to do that? When I was an atheist, I attributed my intentions as caring for those poor, delusional people To be honest, I also had another motive. As I challenged those who believed in God, I was deeply curious to see if they could convince me otherwise. Part of my quest was to become free from the question of God. If I could conclusively prove to believers that they were wrong, then the issue is off the table, and I would be free to go about my life. I have come to find out that God wants to be known. He created us with the intention that we would know him. He has surrounded us with evidence of himself and he keeps the question of his existence squarely before us. I am not the only one who has experienced this. Malcolm Muggeridge, socialist and philosophical author, wrote, "I had a notion that somehow, besides questing, I was being pursued. Lewis said he remembered, " I gave in, and admitted that God was God, and knelt and prayed: Yet over the following several months, I became amazed by his love for me. Unlike any other revelation of God, Jesus Christ is the clearest, most specific picture of God revealing himself to us. None of them ever claimed to be equal to God. That is what sets Jesus apart from all the others. Though he talked about his Father in heaven, it was not from the position of separation, but of very close union, unique to all humankind. Jesus said that anyone who had seen Him had seen the Father, anyone who believed in him, believed in the Father. He said, "I am the light of the world, he who follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life. Unlike other teachers who focused people on their words, Jesus pointed people to himself. He did not say, "follow my words and you will find truth. He had power over objects He performed miracles over nature People everywhere followed Jesus, because he constantly met their needs, doing the miraculous. Jesus revealed that although he views us as sinners, worthy of his punishment, his love for us ruled and he came up with a different plan. God himself took on the form of man and accepted the punishment for our sin on our behalf. Perhaps, but many loving fathers would gladly trade places with their child in a cancer ward if they could. The Bible says that the reason we would love God is because he first loved us. Jesus died in our place so we could be forgiven.

## Chapter 9 : Believe In God Quotes ( quotes)

*The worksheet "Why Do I Believe in God?" will build your conviction. You might also find it helpful to consider how other young people have answered that question. You might also find it helpful to consider how other young people have answered that question.*