

## Some reasons that support (not prove) a belief there is a God

### **COSMOLOGICAL ARGUMENT: World exists comes from somewhere/one**

Premise: The world has come into being  
Premise: Everything that has come into being must have come into being by a cause prior to it and sufficient to account for it.

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Conclusion: Therefore the world must have come into being by a cause prior to it and sufficient to account for it.

Premise: The world must have come into being by a cause prior to it and sufficient to account for it.  
Premise: The only cause prior to the world and sufficient to account for it is the creative power of God.

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Conclusion: Therefore the world must have come into being by the creative power of God.

Problem: finite god, doesn't prove God still exists

### **TELEOLOGICAL ARGUMENT: Designed world not luck needs a designer**

Premise: The world is characterized by order and regularity  
Premise: The characteristics of order and regularity are not a product of chance

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Conclusion: Therefore the world is not a product of chance.

Premise: The world is characterized by order and regularity  
Premise: The characteristics of order and regularity are a product of design

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Conclusion: Therefore the world is a product of design  
Therefore there must be a designer. This Being must be God

**Intelligent Design:** universe so finely balanced can be luck, therefore must have a Creator (i.e. big bang says there is a moment of creation—See Dr. Perry Phillips Big Bang lecture in the fall

### **MORAL ARGUMENTS: Man moral needs moral maker**

**Pascal's Wager:** what have you got to lose? if there is no God its over but if there is a God, not believe in Him is a major problem.--on walking at night; what are the other options? ... self, nothingness, the force?  
Nothing to lose, everything to gain.

**Jesus:** liar, lunatic or Lord (what do you do with Jesus?) -- can't just be a great prophet or nice guy, he claimed to be God ... Legend? disciples all martyrs because of their belief in Jesus, fulfilled OT prophecy

**Personal testimony of millions (me included):** Jesus changed my life.

Predictive Prophecy: Cyrus, Josiah, Bethlehem, Jesus; Miracles, Jews