

If God Came: The Logic Of His Appearance

Ten Axioms

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God cannot hide himself! It is the nature of the Being, the sufficient antecedent responsible for the existence of material, organic reality, that He cannot, (repeat: can—not) dust away His fingerprints from His creation. God cannot hide the evidence of his actions, but He can do this: He can conceal his person. Man, even unsophisticated, quasi-educated man, can deduce the existence of this entity via the triune arguments, which are the indelible fibers of the fabric of reality: “All life came from life,” “Mind is the single causal agent capable of creation,” and “Order is the consequence of intelligence.” But no one, regardless of erudition or intellectual prowess, can discern the nature of this Being. **If man is to know what kind of God He is, this entity must choose to reveal Himself directly to man. The burden of proof is His!** IF God exists and if He choose to communicate the uniqueness of his nature to man, He must do so in no uncertain terms via the following ten axioms. (Note: God must reveal Himself via this criterion! He is so constrained for two reasons: This Being is innately a rational creature and the criteria enumerates the way that man learns. **1st Axiom**) God can present himself one of two ways: immediately or mediately i.e., directly or

indirectly. It is self evident that God must present Himself immediately or directly if He is to reveal Himself as a person! He must do this! **2nd Axiom**) God must present Himself empirically viz, eye to eye to man. Empiricism, not, metaempiricism, i.e., sight, not communication mind- to-mind, dreams or feelings. Why empirically? Because direct sensory perception is the primary avenue through which knowledge of physical reality is obtained and by which judicial decrees are made. Further, this empirical demonstration must be protracted to permit scrutiny. **3rd Axiom**) God can present Himself as a person or a non-person. Any presentation as a non-person will negate His communication to human kind as ineffective. In this empirical communication, the Transcendent Being must present Himself in human form, in the form of a man (or a woman.) His appearance must be anthromorphic. Any appearance other than human form such as an intelligent aurora or an animated mist, or some other kind of refugee from a cosmic zoo would immediately be rejected by the human psyche and repulsion, not communication, would follow. Even sophisticated man is provincial! **4th Axiom**) God can present Himself objectively or subjectively. Objectivity is the gold standard of proof in the

courts, in the lab, in every sphere of life where certainty is essential. The divine presentation must be an objective demonstration, e.g., made before a plurality of observers. **5th Axiom**) God can present Himself to a select group of observers or to every person who has ever lived. It is evident that God has not revealed Himself via the latter mode of communication. **6th Axiom**) If God chose to communicate directly to man, His communication would be deliberate and premeditated. Consequently, His communication would be of critical importance to man. If the Being who created physical reality chose to communicate directly to man, the conclusion must be made that He has some critical and urgent message for human kind! It follows that His communication would not be superficial but would be the most important enlightenment ever discerned by a mortal being. **7th Axiom**) If Deity revealed Himself to man, He could offer one of two possible kinds of evidence to prove His claims: a demonstration of some kind or some new philosophy, new ideology or new teaching. Brief reflection prompts the conclusion that this Being must present some kind of demonstration and not mere words! His demonstration must (absolutely must) be unmistakable, wholly new to

the human experience! Evidence must be presented in proportion to the magnitude of the claim! **Deity must present a level of evidence, certain verification that could not possibly be misunderstood.** This evidence must be qualitative and not quantitative, atypical and non-normative. **And there is but one species of evidence that is relevant! The certain verification inherent in the suspension of natural law or in a negation of natural law i.e., a phenomenon commonly known (for sake of a better term) as a “miracle”.**

9th Axiom) If His communication is to be effective, If a Trans-material Being wants to get the attention of humankind, then what He has to say must be relevant, and must appeal to the innate interests and universal needs of mankind. A cosmic fireworks show or a celestial P.T. Barnum would be forgotten in a week. Why? Because man, himself, is adept at pyrotechnics, possessing the capacity to vaporize a continent. Specifically, God

must show that He is sympathetic to the misery, fears, loneliness, and emptiness, which are the human destiny. **The zenith of His expression of empathy would be to demonstrate his mastery over the universal horror that haunts the human species: the pandemic of non-existence—death!!** There exists but one kind of qualitative evidence that a being claiming to be the Creator could present to prove Himself—Life!! To a terminal species, that demonstration—alone, the abolition of death, (and His willingness to vanquish death for man) would get the attention of humanity as no other demonstration of supremacy over the natural order could do. (In fact, it is impossible for the human mind to even conceptualize a species of evidence surpassing the relevance of the abolition of death!) **10th Axiom)** If God chose to reveal himself only to a select group of observers, and expressed to them the enlightenment of immortality, the inference must be made that He expects this group of

observers to communicate to the rest of mankind the profound truth He gave to them.

A prominent identifying attribute of those who contend to have had direct and immediate experience with a being making the claim to be God would be their undaunted and sacrificial enthusiasm to express to others what this Being said! (It is irrational to conclude that the communication to a select and restricted group of observers would be to them and to them alone as an end within itself.)

The answer to the question “Has the Being who created reality communicated directly to man”? Is answered first, by the search for those who affirm that this entity has, in fact, done just that, and second, by subjecting to meticulous scrutiny the veracity of their claims via the criteria of the ten axioms. © 2005 from The Existence of God: a Rational Inquiry by Ben Bilyeu, P.O. Box 1452, Cookeville, TN. 38503 bilyeu@usit.net