

The Existence Of God: A Rational Inquiry

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If the question “Does God exist?” has an answer (And it does!!), it will be answered by the science of logic—alone! The question will not be answered by the physical or the biological sciences, nor by philosophy as each discipline has a jaundice propensity toward atheism and an irrational disregard for the precision and finality of logic when applied to this question. Further, the answer to the question, “Does God exist?” will not be forthcoming from religion—christendom—as established religion has a dogmatic and irrational belief in Deity which is the embodiment of their pastors and ministers—crass ignorance. The basis for belief in Deity, in Christendom, is **sheer dogma**, a blind and simplistic appeal to a “holy book” and a naive assertion: “I believe.” Both the sciences and institutionalized religion possess a jaundiced agenda and that agenda is not objectivity! If the question “does God exist?” has an answer, logic, the science of proof, alone will provide that answer! **Applied logic, that is, evidence that is reasoned, is the only science of inquiry replete with the principles of scrutiny, which can answer the question objectively!**

Any personal effort to answer the question “Does God exist?” (meaning, does God exist as a person e.g., a being, that can understand the values that both define and perplex humankind—an entity who is

altruistic.) will not begin with an investigation into either the microstructure of matter or into the macro-structure of the cosmos. Why? Because **one’s inquiry will be the search for the principal of reality, not the principle.** If one is to determine if God exists—as a person—one will begin the search for the testimony of others who claim to have made the observations that Deity assumed anthropomorphic form. **If God has not made Himself known—as a person—to SOMEONE, SOMEWHERE, at SOMETIME, He will never be known—EVER!! (If God exists, He can be found, but He cannot be discovered!!).** Any manifestation of Deity in any form other than human form would be deemed alien to the human psyche and would be rejected. **This Being must demonstrate an experiential altruism viz. He must show that He has experienced the torment and the absurdity of human existence.** The only altruism that will grasp mortal attention is for Him to address the problem of mortality. (The creation of another galaxy simply will not suffice!). **The demonstrated mastery of death is the watershed—the high water mark, for any being who would make the claim of apotheosis—to be divine. The abolition of death is the only evidence—prima facie—that will definitely prove that He is**

the creator. (Any demonstration other than vanquishing death would be a farce!)

There does exist a collection of ancient documents which records the corroborating testimony of six individuals who unanimously attest to the claim that Deity assumed the form of a person, and that He demonstrated transcendence over space, time, matter, cause and effect—and death. These six observers document His claim to be God by his negation of natural law, the provocative example being the abolition of His own physical death. The observations of these six men are given credence by the three criteria of proof: empiricism, objectivity, and corroboration. Their observations regarding the demonstration of deity are not “mere words in a book”, but are the observations of events that transpired in space and time—which are written in a book. (There is a difference.) If one will assume the **intellectual responsibility** to personally scrutinize—with one’s own mind—the observations of these witnesses, one will conclude that they meet the fourfold critical standard of veracity: One} proximity—they had immediate access to the person who claimed to be God; two} independence—their testimony is their own and is not hearsay; three} competency—each was capable of making the observations attested to; four}

credibility—each witness is void of dubious motives that would compromise his testimony.

If one will resolve to acquire a critical mindset viz. to become a student of logic, if one will resolve to study the primary documents, **to see with one's own eyes and to reason with one's own mind**, oblivious to the sophistry of infidelity and to the dogma of orthodoxy, one will discern the certitude of the following proposition: **There is more evidence that God once walked upon the earth, than there is that man once walked upon the moon!**

Undeniably, the burden of proof rests upon Deity to prove Himself! Yet a burden also rests upon the one who writes these lines, and upon the one who reads these lines, to acquire the critical and objective mindset of a **rational being**, and examine the observations of these six witnesses! © 2005 From:

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