

# DISCOVERY 2000

## Knowing God

The Bible nowhere sets out to prove God's existence.

It does say that eternal life comes from knowing God John 17:3 (1045)

What must we believe before we can come to God? Hebrews 11:6 (1155)

The knowledge of God is available to be seen in creation Romans 1:18 - (1085)

What attributes of God can be seen in creation

- His eternal power
- His wisdom

What are the limits to what we can know about God? Deuteronomy 29:29 (195)

Ecclesiastes 11:5 (646)

### Evidences for God's existence

#### 1. The world exists

For every effect there is a cause. Non-existence doesn't seem to require a cause.

#### 2. The world seems to have been designed

Our world shows order, design and balance in its construction.

#### 3. People are unique, complex beings with minds and personalities

We even have the ability to think about our thought processes

#### 4. People value certain things.

-life, beauty, relationships, courage, truth, knowledge. Often these work against the things our meaner greedier selves want.

#### 5. People have a sense of right and wrong

Common core of ideas of right and wrong regardless of race or culture - theft, murder, rape, envy, disrespect for elders, violence bad.. Peace, love, loyalty, courtesy praised

#### 6. People seem aware of a greater reality.

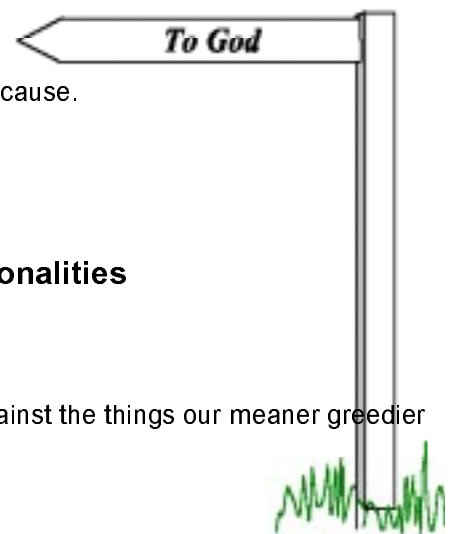
Every society has some form of religion. Where did this awareness come from?

#### 7. Peoples lives and experiences indicate there is a God.

Abolition of slavery, Red Cross, Flying Doctor, Humane society werestarted by people with Christian motivation  
Pitcairn story

#### 8. People are capable of thinking of God

Does a thing have to be scientific to be real?



## How has God chosen to reveal Himself to us?

Creator

King / Judge

Father / mother Matthew 7:9-11 (940) Isaiah 49:15; 66:13 (706)

Triune Matthew 28:19 (967) 2 Corinthians 13:14 (1119)  
God the Father is God Ephesians 6:23 (1128)

Jesus is God

Isaiah 44:24 (700) God made ALL THINGS ... ALONE ... BY HIMSELF  
Colossians 1:16 (1132) All things were created BY JESUS and FOR JESUS

Isaiah 43:10, 45:21 NO god before or after the LORD (YHWH)  
John 1:1 (1025) Jesus is called God

Isaiah 43:11 There is NO Saviour besides the LORD Joel 2:32 (886)  
Acts 4:12 (1054) NO name besides Jesus brings salvation

If Jesus is not God, then these verses contradict each other, the book is unreliable, and we might as well go home.

The Holy Spirit is God

Acts 5:3, 4 (1055) Annanias lied to the Holy Spirit = lied to God

Who spoke? Hebrews 10:15 (1154) The Holy Spirit says ...  
Jeremiah 31:33 (764) The LORD says ...

## God is Holy

Love  
Patient

Justice  
Vengeance

