



iBelieve In God

(Genesis 1:1, 26)

- Introduction:
1. The people of God have always been subjected to scoffers who do not believe in God or his word (2 Peter 3:3).
 2. Today, Christians are being challenged more frequently and more vocally by what has been termed, "The New Atheism."
 3. Defined, the term, "The New Atheism" or "the New Atheists" has reference to a militant view of atheism which states that religion should not simply be tolerated, but should be countered, criticized, and exposed.
 4. The following reasons are not exhaustive reasons, but compelling reasons for my belief in an intelligent Creator.

I. Moral Ramifications If There Is No God

- A. How is right and wrong to be determined if there is no God?
- B. Are morals and ethics independent and autonomous?
- C. Someone may simply argue that our goal is to do "good" or be motivated by "love" and one doesn't need God to do that.
- D. But how does one know how to define "good" or "love" apart from God. Nor is that a simply proposition without God.
 1. Should one seek good for the individual or the group?
 2. Should one seek good for now or later?
 3. Should one seek short term good, or long term good?
- E. (Judges 21:25).

II. The Argument From Design

- A. Rational thinking demands that every intelligent design has a designer.
- B. If our bodies, our world, our universe exhibit design, then to what do we attribute it?
 1. Blind chance?
 2. A Designer?
- C. (Hebrews 3:4).

III. Jesus Is Historical

- A. Time, itself, is marked by his entrance into this world.
- B. (John 1:1,14).
- C. There is irrefutable evidence (Acts 2:22).

- Conclusion:
1. If there is a God, and the Bible is the word of God, then how should we receive it?
 2. (John 8:48).