

Apologetics Memorization Cards

(For the Believer's Training Manual)

Genesis 1:1

“In the beginning,
God created the
heavens and the earth!”

Genesis 1:27

“God created man in His
own image, in the image
of God He created
him; male & female
He created them.”



Psalms 139:13-14a

“For You formed my inward
parts; You wove me in my
mother's womb. (14) I will
give thanks to You, for
I am fearfully and
wonderfully made ...”



Colossians 1:16-17

“...all things have been
created through Him & for
Him. (17) He is before all
things, & in Him all things
hold together.”

Psalms 19:1

“The heavens are telling
of the glory of God; And
their expanse is
declaring the work of
His hands.”

Romans 1:20

“For since the creation of the world
His invisible attributes, His eternal
power & divine nature, have been
clearly seen, being understood
through what has been made, so
that they are without excuse.”

6 Scientific Flaws With the "Theory" of Evolution



THE FLAWS OF THE THEORY OF

Evolution



1 – The Theory of Evolution Violates the 2nd Law of Thermodynamics

The amount of usable energy in any closed system always decreases
(Things move from order to chaos,
Not from chaos to order)
("Entropy")



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Evolution



2 – The Theory of Evolution Violates the Law of Bio-Genesis

Life only comes from life!
The idea of "spontaneous generation" which is life coming from non-life has been tested and proven to be false!



THE FLAWS OF THE THEORY OF

Evolution



3 – The Theory of Evolution Purposely Confuses Micro-Evolution w/Macro Evolution (New Kind)

Micro-Evolution (adaptation within a kind) can be observed & verified scientifically. Macro-Evolution (one kind evolving into a new kind) has never been observed in nature or by scientific discovery!



THE FLAWS OF THE THEORY OF

Evolution



4 – The Theory of Evolution Contradicts The Fossil Record

If the theory of evolution were true the fossil record would be filled with "transitional" life forms. It is not!
Also, fossils found in rock layers give evidence that rock layers were formed quickly!



THE FLAWS OF THE THEORY OF

Evolution



5 – The Theory of Evolution Contradicts the fact that Mutations Do Not Bring Increased Genetic Information!

For more complex life forms to evolve from simpler life forms an increase of genetic information would be needed. Mutations are the result of missing genetic information!



THE FLAWS OF THE THEORY OF

Evolution



6 – The Theory of Evolution contradicts the Order, Design, Beauty & Information we observe in the Universe!

Everywhere from the vast universe, to the planet earth, to the living creatures we observe, to the microscopic world & the human cell we observe tremendous amounts of order, design, beauty & information!

Scientific Evidence That Confirms Creation

EVIDENCES OF A CREATOR - GOD

"Design - Designer"
"Information - Intelligence"

FINELY TUNED UNIVERSE !

Scientists now know that the universe is held together by precisely set laws of physics (constants) such as "the law of gravity" & "the speed of light". If these constants were set just slightly different, galaxies, stars and planets would not exist! This precision shows great design and confirms the involvement of a designer!

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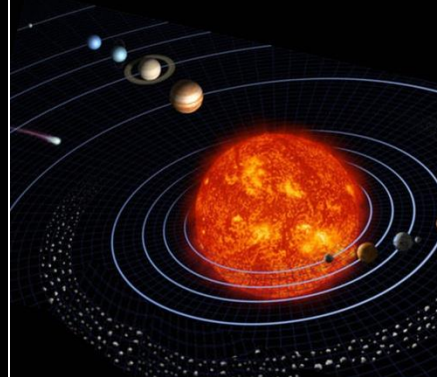
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OUR SOLAR SYSTEM !

Our Solar System is so well ordered that we can know exactly where each planet will be within its orbiting cycle around the sun a century from now. Also, each planet is unique in design, rotation, etc. The order of our Solar System points to a designer!

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THE EARTH !

There are approximately 75 different characteristics that a planet needs, to be able to sustain life. Examples of these are "being the right distance from the sun", "the right rotation rate", "the right atmosphere", "the right amount of liquid water", "a moon to control the tilt of the earth and the ocean tide", etc. The earth is perfectly designed with all of these characteristics to allow for life to inhabit the earth!

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EVIDENCES OF A CREATOR - GOD

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THE EARTH !

Isaiah 45:18 (NASB) For thus says the LORD, who created the heavens (He is the God who formed the earth and made it, He established it and did not create it a waste place, but formed it to be inhabited), "I am the LORD, & there is none else.

2 Practical Examples of God's great design on the Earth!

(1) The Water Cycle

(2) The Balance of Oxygen and Carbon Dioxide in the Atmosphere

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LIVING CREATURES !

Living creatures, including insects, marine creatures, birds, mammals, etc. all exhibit amazing instincts and abilities that defy evolution. In many cases their existence is dependant upon their special abilities. Consider the Australian Brush Turkey, Honey Bees, Giraffes, Woodpeckers, Monarch Butterflies, and Beavers as examples.

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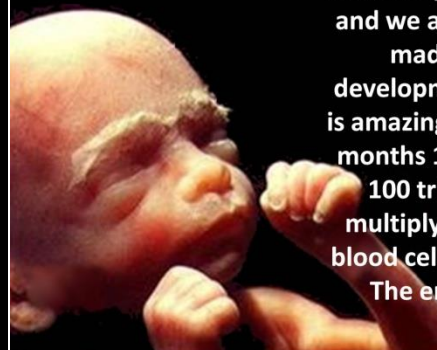
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THE HUMAN BODY (1)

Psalms 139:13-14 tells us that we were formed by God in our mother's womb and we are "fearfully & wonderfully made". Every aspect of the development of a baby in the womb is amazing. Consider the fact that in 9 months 1 cell multiplies into about 100 trillion cells. In addition to multiplying, the cells diversify into blood cells, bone cells, skin cells, etc. The entire process is amazing!

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Scientific Evidence That Confirms Creation (Cont.)

EVIDENCES OF A CREATOR - GOD THE HUMAN BODY (2)

"Design - Designer"
"Information - Intelligence"

The human body shows a multitude of design features that reflect what Psalm 139:13-14 says. Every one of the systems of the body (digestive, respiratory, etc.) function with staggering amounts of precision design. The organs of the body also are each incredible in function. The eyes & ears in particular cannot be explained by mere chance and time, but rather, point to a designer!

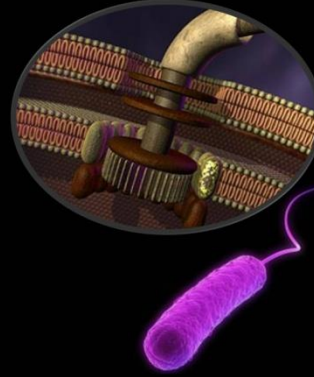


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EVIDENCES OF A CREATOR - GOD MICROSCOPIC WORLD !

"Design - Designer"
"Information - Intelligence"

The microscopic world reveals tremendous amounts of complex design that points to a designer. E.G. - The tail of a single celled bacteria (called a "flagellum") involves 40 different microscopic parts, each functioning with a specified purpose allowing the flagellum to move the bacteria in various directions. If even 1 of the parts were missing the flagellum could not function. (Irreducible Complexity)



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EVIDENCES OF A CREATOR - GOD THE HUMAN CELL (1)

"Design - Designer"
"Information - Intelligence"

The approximately 5 million parts of a Boeing 747 that work together to allow the jet to function show great amounts of undeniable design. The human cell actually has billions of parts that all work together to allow the cell to function, and the human body to live. The cell clearly shows evidence of a designer. The cell has manufacturing plants, power plants, transportation systems, a postal service, quality control systems, security systems, communication systems, etc.



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EVIDENCES OF A CREATOR - GOD THE HUMAN CELL (2)

"Design - Designer"
"Information - Intelligence"

The function of human cells clearly points to an intelligent designer! Consider the fact that on average, each of the 100 trillion cells of the human body produces 2,000 proteins per second! (The process of producing even 1 protein is nothing short of remarkable & amazing.) Also, on average, each of the 100 trillion cells of the body produces 10 million ATP energy molecules per second. (The ATP synthase motors producing ATP rotate at apx. 1,000 rpms!)

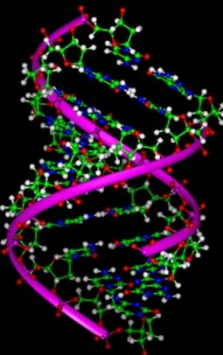


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EVIDENCES OF A CREATOR - GOD INFORMATION (DNA) (1)

"Design - Designer"
"Information - Intelligence"

Information is evidence of intelligence because it takes a source of intelligence to produce usable information. DNA, found in the cells of living creatures, (and living plants) is most densely packed source of information found in the known universe! The amount of information found in 1 gram of DNA is equivalent to the amount of information found in 1 trillion CDs!

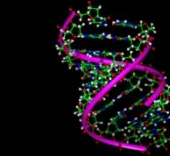


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EVIDENCES OF A CREATOR - GOD INFORMATION (DNA) (2)

"Design - Designer"
"Information - Intelligence"

An illustration of how information points to a source of intelligence is seen by considering 3 simple words written in the sand; "I love you". Any person who would see these 3 words scratched in the sand would instinctively know that someone with intelligence had been there and had scratched the words in the sand. In the same way, the information in DNA tells us clearly that an intelligent being has placed the information there for a purpose.



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Confirming Evidence That The Bible is God's Word

The Bible - God's Word!

The Bible was written by apx. 40 different authors over a period of more than 1500 years. Still, the unity of the message of the Bible is amazing. God's plan of creation & redemption from sin is consistently seen from Genesis - Revelation. Jesus Christ is the central character throughout. He is seen in the O.T. by prophecies, types & shadows. He is revealed clearly in the N.T. God's original plan in Genesis 1 & 2 is fulfilled in Revelation 21 & 22, redeemed man with God.

Internal Unity



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The Bible - God's Word!

Though we do not have any of the original manuscripts of the Bible, we do have ancient copies of the original manuscripts that were written within 125 years of the originals. Great care was taken in the copying process to ensure accuracy. The number of manuscript copies of the Bible compared to other ancient writings such as Caesar's Gallic Wars & Homer's Iliad is vastly greater. Also, the copies of Bible manuscripts are much closer in time to the originals than that of the copies of other ancient writings. The Dead Sea Scrolls confirmed the accuracy of the manuscript copies.

Bibliographical Evidence



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The Bible - God's Word!

Archaeological findings, as well as other historical documents continue to confirm the Bible's account of history. People, places and events are confirmed and continue to be confirmed as Archaeological exploration continues. Nelson Glueck, noted Archaeologist has said, "It may be stated categorically that no Archaeological study has ever contradicted a Biblical reference!"

Archaeology & History



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The Bible - God's Word!

There are numerous medical facts found in the Bible that have now been confirmed by modern medicine. Three of them to consider are (1) The danger of germs in causing disease (found in many places in the O.T. law - Exodus through Deuteronomy)(Written apx. 3500 years ago) - (2) 8th Day chosen for circumcision (Lev. 12:3) & (3) Life is in the Blood (Lev. 17:11)

Medical Facts



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The Bible - God's Word!

There are scientific facts in the Bible, now confirmed by modern science. For example Is. 40:22 reveals that the earth is round & that the heavens are being stretched out. Also, Job 38:31 speaks of star constellations, "the Pleiades" & "Orion". The Bible reveals that the stars of "Pleiades" are gravitationally bound while the stars of "Orion" are not.

Scientific Facts



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The Bible - God's Word!

The Bible includes detailed prophecies concerning the destruction of ancient cities such as Petra, Tyre and Babylon. History books and encyclopedias reveal the accuracy of these Biblical prophecies which not only spoke of the destruction of these cities in general but in some cases gave details of how they would be destroyed.

Fulfilled Prophecy (a)



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Confirming Evidence That The Bible is God's Word (Cont.)

The Bible - God's Word!

The Bible includes prophecies of the World Empires from the time of Daniel (apx. 600 B.C.) through today. In Daniel 2, 7 & 8 the Bible prophesies that there would be (1) the Babylonian Empire, (2) the Medo-Persian Empire, (3) the Greek Empire, and (4) the Roman Empire. It also speaks of an End Time World Empire that is now referred to often as "The New World Order."

Fulfilled

Prophecy (b)



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The Bible - God's Word!

The Bible includes over 300 Messianic prophecies in the O.T. that are fulfilled by Jesus Christ in the N.T. through His birth, life, ministry, death & resurrection. These fulfilled prophecies attest to the fact that the Bible is the Word of God & are another example of the unity of the message throughout the Bible. They also confirm that Jesus Christ is the Messiah!

Fulfilled

Prophecy (c)



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The Bible - God's Word!

The Bible includes amazing prophecies concerning the scattering of the Jewish people into the nations of the world (e.g. – Deut. 28:64) and the regathering of the Jewish people from the nations of the world back to Israel in the last days. (e.g. – Ez. 36:23-24 & Ez. 37:21-22) It is also prophesied that the land will become fruitful again (Ez. 36:6-12) & Israel will become a nation (Is. 66:8)

Fulfilled

Prophecy (d)



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The Bible - God's Word!

The Bible includes detailed prophecies concerning the end times (or last days) that are being fulfilled before our eyes. Of these (increase of immorality, wars & rumors of wars, movement toward a new world order, attention to Jerusalem, etc.) the most specific seems to be the use of the number 666 (Rev. 13:16-18) which is now used in the Universal Product Code on products.

Fulfilled

Prophecy (e)



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The Bible - God's Word!

The changed lives of millions and millions of people who have accepted and followed the message of the Bible bears witness to the Bible being the Word of God. For centuries, including today, people all around the world give testimony of the dramatic change (for the good) that they have experienced when obeying the words of Scripture and putting their faith in Jesus Christ!

Changed

Lives



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The Bible - God's Word!

The Bible has been attacked by kings, emperors and "intellectual" skeptics for centuries but has stood through every attack. All the while, the Bible has continued to be the undisputed leader when it comes to the number of copies produced and distributed, year after year after year!

Indestructibility

& Distribution



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Jesus Christ (His Deity)(Historicity)(Etc.)

The Person of Jesus Christ

The Cornerstone!



Jesus Christ is said to be the Cornerstone that the church is built upon in numerous passages. Along with this, He is said to be the Stone that the builders rejected & the Stone of Stumbling!

**Psalm 118:22-23, 1 Peter 2:6-8
Acts 4:10-12, Luke 20:17-18**

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The Person of Jesus Christ

His Deity (Pt.1)



Jesus Christ is presented in the Gospel of John as God! His deity is expressed in the 1st verse, "In the beginning was the Word, & the Word was with God, & the Word was God!" His deity is also seen through the 23 "I Am" Statements in John's Gospel.

**John 1:1, John 20:31
John 8:24, John 8:58**

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The Person of Jesus Christ

His Deity (Pt.2)



Jesus Christ is presented as Lord & God throughout the N.T. Note - Rom. 10 refers to Jesus as the fulfillment of Joel's prophecy about "The LORD". Other N.T. passages show Jesus as having deity & receiving worship!

**Phil. 2:5-8, Titus 2:13, Heb. 1:6-8
Joel 2:32 & Rom. 10:9-10, Col. 2:9**

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The Person of Jesus Christ

Our Great High Priest



In the book of Hebrews Jesus Christ is presented as our Great Eternal High Priest! He is seen as both the blood sacrifice and the High Priest Who offers His blood for us in heaven. He is author of our faith & of the New Covenant between God & His people!

The Book of Hebrews

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The Person of Jesus Christ

Only Way of Salvation



Jesus Christ is clearly seen in the Bible as the only way of Salvation! Numerous passages speak of this. Also, Jesus Christ is the focus of all the Bible; in the O.T. by types, shadows & prophecies, and in the N.T. by direct statements.

**John 14:6, 1 Timothy 2:5-6
Acts 4:12, John 10:9-10**

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The Person of Jesus Christ

God Incarnate!



Jesus Christ is fully God but He also became fully man so He might be the sacrifice for our sin and our Great High Priest forever. As God Incarnate He became "Immanuel" which is "God with us". While here in the flesh He laid aside His deity.

**Matt. 1:23, Phil 2:5-8
Heb. 2:14-18, Is. 9:6-7**

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Jesus Christ (His Deity)(Historicity)(Etc.)(Cont.)

The Person of Jesus Christ

The Christ (Messiah)



Jesus fulfilled all of the O.T. messianic prophecies (over 300 of them) showing that He is "Messiah" (Hebrew) or "Christ" (Greek). This means that He is the "Anointed One" Who would bring salvation & victory!

Is. 53, Is. 9:6-7, Ps. 22, Is. 7:14
John 20:31, Matt. 16:13-17

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The Person of Jesus Christ

The Lamb of God



Jesus is introduced by John the Baptist in John 1 as "The Lamb of God Who takes away the sins of the world". The book of Revelation applied the term "The Lamb" to Jesus 9xs including a reference to the "Marriage Supper of the Lamb".

John 1:29 & 36, Rev. 5:6 & 6:9
Rev. 7:17 & 19:9 & 21:23

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The Person of Jesus Christ

Conquering (Victorious) King



Jesus has defeated Satan through His death & resurrection. Hebrews says He destroyed him who had the power of death. He has conquered death. He sits at the right hand of the Father awaiting final victory over all of His enemies.

Heb. 2:14, Col. 2:13-15, Rev. 19:11-21
1 Cor. 15:23-28, Eph. 1:20-22

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The Person of Jesus Christ

Life = Believing in Jesus!



The purpose of John's gospel is pronounced in John 20:31, "... that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His Name". Believing upon Jesus for salvation is seen in other scriptures also.

John 20:31, Romans 10:9-10
Acts 16:31, John 3:16

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The Person of Jesus Christ

Historical Person!



Some question if Jesus really lived on earth as the Bible declares. The life of Jesus is confirmed by Roman historians and the Jewish historian Josephus. The impact of Jesus upon people & nations is undeniable. Even our calendars date back to His birth! The gospels tell of His earthly life.

Luke 1:1-4, Acts 1:1-2

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The Person of Jesus Christ

Confirmed Resurrection!



Some question Jesus' bodily resurrection. There are many evidences of Jesus' resurrection. The bold witness of His disciples who had previously been fearful confirms the resurrection. They were willing now to die for their faith. The empty tomb, plus the rise of Christianity also confirm that He rose from the dead!

1 Corinthians 15:3-8

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Sharing the Plan of Salvation

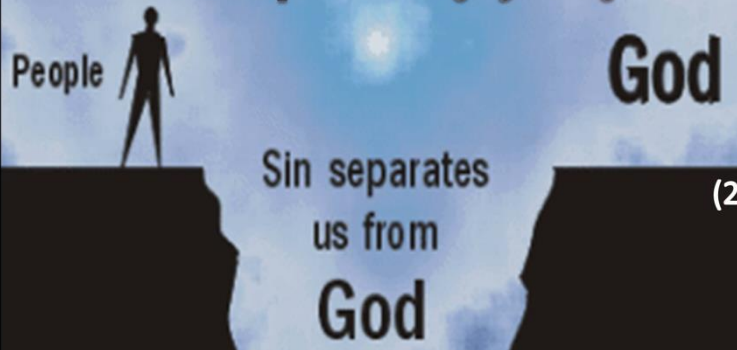
1 - Created in God's Image



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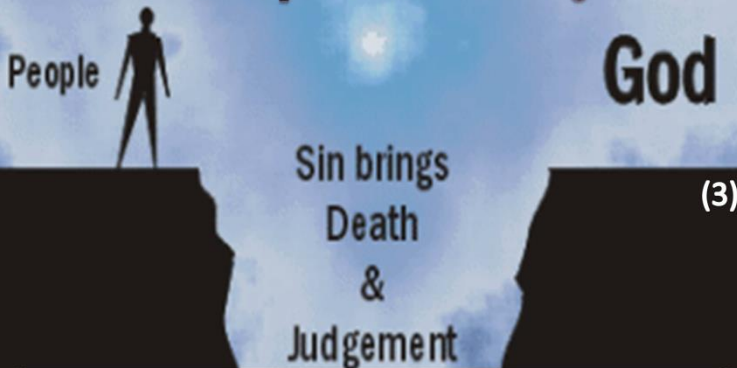
Genesis 1:27 (NASB) "God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them."

2 - Separation by Sin



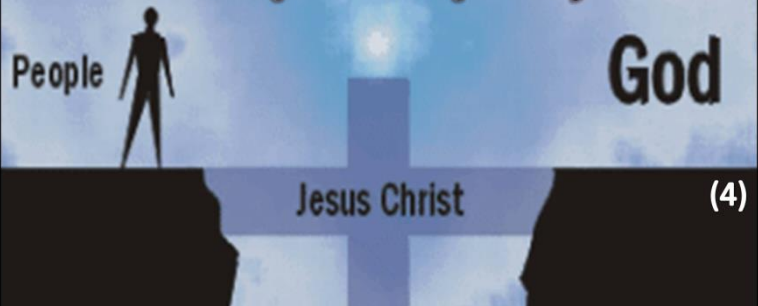
Romans 3:23 (NASB) "for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,"

3 - Spiritual Death



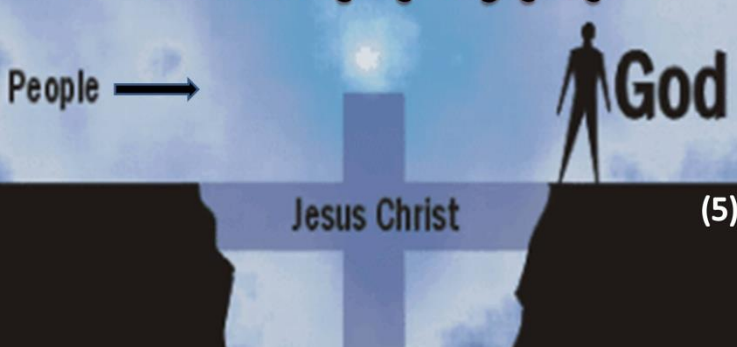
Romans 6:23 (NASB) "For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord."

4 - Christ is The Way



1 Peter 3:18 (NASB) "For Christ also died for sins once for all, the just for the unjust, so that He might bring us to God, having been put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit;"

5 - Salvation Through Christ



John 1:12 (NASB) "But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, even to those who believe in His name,"

These cards contain a very basic presentation of the gospel of Christ. This is one way of memorizing an outline of the gospel to share with others. The outline is simple, consisting of 5 points:

- (1) God created us in His image to have a personal relationship with Him!
- (2) All of us were separated from God because of our sin!
- (3) Sin brings spiritual death (separation from God) & judgment!
- (4) Christ paid the penalty for our sin & has made a way for us to be forgiven & restored in relationship with God!
- (5) We must repent of sin and receive Christ to be saved! (Jn 1:12)(Acts 2:38)(Rom. 10:9-10)

Answering the Questions of Skeptics & Seekers

Dealing With Questions & Statements of Skeptics

*If God is a loving God, why is there
So much suffering in the world?*

*** Man's sin brought
suffering into the world!
(Genesis 2:17)(Gen. 3:16-19)**

*** Altering the 6 literal days
of Creation in Genesis 1
takes away any answer for
'Why is there suffering in
the world?'**



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Dealing With Questions & Statements of Skeptics

*How can you say there is only
One Way to God?*

*** John 14:6**

*** God sending His Son to die
for the Sins of the world
makes no sense if there are
other ways to be brought
back to God!**

*** Other religions all based
on works**



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Dealing With Questions & Statements of Skeptics

How do you know that Jesus is God?

*** The Bible (especially the
Gospel of John tells us that
Jesus was/is God!**

**(John 1:1-3)(John 20:31)
(Isaiah 9:6)(Matthew 1:23)
(Phil. 2:5-8)(Titus 2:13)**

*** Creator of Everything
(John 1:3)(Hebrews 1:3)**



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Dealing With Questions & Statements of Skeptics

Aren't there contradictions in the Bible?

*** None of the so-called
"contradictions" of the Bible
affect the teaching of
the Scriptures**

*** Most are the result of 2
writers emphasizing things
that stood out to them**

*** Some are from writers with
different styles & readers**



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Dealing With Questions & Statements of Skeptics

How can there be 1 God in 3 Persons?

*** The Bible is clear that
there is 1 God (Deut. 6:4) in
the form of 3 persons
(John 15:26)(John 16:5-7)
(Genesis 1:26)(1 Peter 1:2)**

*** God, His thoughts & ways
are beyond us (Is. 55:8-9)**

*** (e.g. - One Egg, 3 Parts**



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Dealing With Questions & Statements of Skeptics

Can Science confirm God's existence?

*** Romans 1:19-20 tells us
that God has revealed Him-
self to us through the things
He has created!**

*** Science cannot prove God
and the supernatural but
it can confirm Him (& it)**

*** Science pioneers - Christians**



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Answering the Questions of Skeptics & Seekers (Cont.)

Dealing With Questions & Statements of Skeptics

Who made God?

- * **The Bible assumes the existence of God! (Gen. 1:1)**
- * **God is revealed in the Bible As the self-existent One – “I Am” – Exodus 3:15**
- * **Only 4 explanations of how Everything came into being (Eternal M & E)(M & E from Nothing) (Eternal God)(Created God)**



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Dealing With Questions & Statements of Skeptics

Is the story of Jesus a retelling of accounts of mythical god's like Mithras?

- * **These accusations involve faulty information**
- * **The accurate details of pre-existing myths do not line up with the details of the Biblical Jesus. Some of the myths came after Jesus.**



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Dealing With Questions & Statements of Skeptics

How do you know your Bible is an Accurate translation of the original?

- * **Bibliographical Evidence provides more assurance than with any other ancient writings**
- * **Dead Sea Scrolls provide confirmation of accuracy**



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Dealing With Questions & Statements of Skeptics

Can you prove that Jesus really lived?

- * **Historians, including Josephus refer to details of the life of Jesus.**
- * **The world has been greatly impacted by Jesus. (Nations, Hospitals, Calendar, Etc.)**
- * **Turn the question around!**



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Dealing With Questions & Statements of Skeptics

Aren't all Religions basically the same?

- * **Religions are very different in their views on (Nature of God)(Nature of Man)(Eternity)(Salvation)(Incarnation)(Etc.)**
- * **Only Christianity focuses on God's work of salvation (All others – Man's Works)**
- * **“Grace” sets Christianity apart**



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Dealing With Questions & Statements of Skeptics

Why so much evil done in God's Name?

- * **No one, following the teachings of Christ could resort to evil methods**
- * **Many who call themselves “Christian” are not followers of Christ. Those who do evil at the supposed direction of “the church” or “Christianity” are not following Christ. True Christians have often the victims of violence**



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Answering the Questions of Skeptics & Seekers (Cont.)

Only 4 Possibilities for the Origin of All Things	
1	Matter & Energy are eternal and had no beginning. Though Matter & Energy have changed over vast amounts of time there was no original source of them.
2	Matter & Energy are not eternal but had a beginning. Though not created, designed or purposed, Matter & Energy somehow came into existence out of <u>nothing</u> with no creator.
3	God is Eternal, Self Existent and Creator of all things! (According to the Bible this Eternal God created everything in 6 days & Revealed Himself through that which He made.)
4	God is the Creator of all things but He is not Eternal. In this proposal the origin of God is a mystery with no answer. Any answer would only lead to a greater question.

Supplement for Question #7 **(7A)**

Author	Written	Earliest Copies	Time Span	# of copies
Caesar	100-44 B.C.	A.D. 900	1,000 yrs.	10
Plato (<i>Tetralogies</i>)	427-347 B.C.	A.D. 900	1,200 yrs.	7
Thucydides	460-400 B.C.	A.D. 900	1,300 yrs.	8
Sophocles	496-406 B.C.	A.D. 1,000	1,400 yrs.	100
Catullus	54 B.C.	A.D. 1,550	1,600 yrs.	3
Euripides	480-406 B.C.	A.D. 1,100	1,500 yrs.	9
Aristotle	384-322 B.C.	A.D. 1,100	1,400 yrs.	5
THE SECOND RUNNER UP.....				
Homer (<i>Iliad</i>)	750-700 B.C.	200 B.C.	500 yrs.	643
AND THE WINNER IS.....				
God (<i>The N.T.</i>)	A.D. 40-100	A.D. 125	25 yrs.	24,000+

Supplement for Question #9 **(9A)**

Supplement for Question #11 **(11A)**
Extra Question & Answer

	HINDUISM	BUDDHISM	ISLAM	CHRISTIANITY
ULTIMATE REALITY	Impersonal essence; Or many gods	No God; or Impersonal "Buddha essence"	A Creator Who is unknowable	A Creator Who is personal & Who has made Himself known
THE NATURE OF HUMANITY	Divine in our essence	No personal essence	Created by God, but nothing about him is at all like God	Created by God in His image and likeness
HUMANITY'S PROBLEM	Trapped in reincarnations in an illusory world, due to ignorance and karma	Trapped in reincarnations in a world of suffering, due to desire and karma	Under the judgment of Allah, due to failure to keep the Law	Under God's judgment due to sinful rebellion
SALVATION	Deliverance from the world through knowledge, works, or devotion	Deliverance from the world of suffering through the cessation of desire (by own works, or "divine" help)	Deliverance from judgment through obedience to the Law	Deliverance from judgment by faith in God's gracious provision of salvation through Jesus Christ
FINAL STATE	Merging with ultimate reality, or heavenly bliss in the presence of the gods	Extinction of suffering, desire, and individuality (<i>Nirvana</i>)	Paradise or Hell	Heaven or Hell

If God is All Good & All Powerful how can Evil exist?



- * Human Will & Authority given in Genesis 1&2
- * The existence of Satan & man's yielding to him
- * Romans 8:18-25 – Eternal lesson to avoid evil
- * Evil is the absence of Good