

Love God With Your Mind Part 3

Romans 1:19-23

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Bottom Line:

Our faith in Christ is a rational faith based on historical, scientific and biblical realities that should strengthen our convictions and increase our ability to boldly share our faith with those who might be skeptical and unbelieving.

1. ***“Hold your head up high intellectually as a follower of Christ.***
2 Corinthians 10:5-6; Acts 17:22-31

2. ***Be encouraged and strengthened knowing that the evidence for our faith is powerful and plentiful.*** 2 Corinthians 10:5-6

A. Clearly and lovingly share evidence (arguments) for the existence of God:

1) The existence of matter and life point to God? (The cosmological argument):

The universe could not exist on its own so there must have been a first cause (uncaused cause) that brought it into being.

Note: For many years, life on this planet was thought to have originated by spontaneous generation (the emergence of life from inanimate matter- Abiogenesis). Spontaneous generation has NEVER been observed or induced (& has been virtually rejected by all scientists).

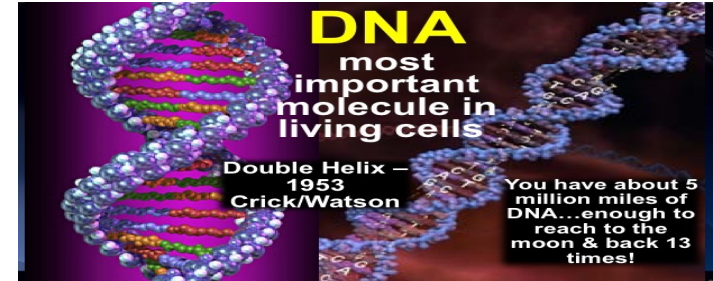
2) The amazing complexity (and design) found in nature points to God? (The teleological argument)

Complexity & design leads on to the conclusion that a great “Intelligent Designer” (God) exists.



3) The existence and nature of _____ points to the existence of God?

DNA contains awesome amounts of information. Complex information demands an intelligent source.



4) The lack of _____ in the fossil record points to a creator God.

- All main kinds of living creatures were in the very early Cambrian Period (referred to as the “Cambrian Explosion of Life”):
- 1) Animals with backbones (example...fish).
- 2) Animals without backbones (examples....shellfish, starfish).
- “The ‘Cambrian explosion’ destroys the idea that all living things evolved from simple ancestors.”

5) The presence of _____ points to the existence of an amazingly ingenious God.



6) The _____ and _____ of believing in God is very compelling.

