

Mr. G Video – Other Evidences of God’s Existence

So far we’ve covered the teleological, the cosmological, and the moral arguments for God’s existence. There are a number of other evidences one could give for God’s existence. We’re going to briefly mention five of them in this video which I personally find compelling.

The first I’m going to call the “Eternity in their Hearts” argument. I take that title from Ecclesiastes 3:11, where it says that God “has put eternity in their hearts” (NKJV). The basis of this evidence is the fact that the vast majority of human cultures, human religions, have an idea of a supreme Higher Being. Even if they worship multiple gods or goddesses, most cultures either have or had in the past a concept of one supreme God. Actually, research just over the past 50 years or so has changed scholars’ thinking about this subject. It used to be taught that societies were evolving from belief in many gods to belief in one God, and maybe eventually to a belief in no god, some might say. But more recent research has shown that from earliest times in nearly all societies there was a belief in one God, and it seems over time as people rejected that for various reasons it “devolved” we could say into belief in multiple gods or lesser beings. Monotheism predates polytheism, or heathenism. Even today anthropological research has shown that a belief in a High God is basically universal even among remote tribal peoples.

So, mankind has this nearly universal concept of one God as all powerful, all-knowing, morally perfect, independent, and eternal. Where does this concept come from? Doesn’t seem like pure biology could have much to do with it. And it seems it could not just come from society or education, because it exists all over the world among radically different cultures with different levels of civilization and education. Rather it makes the most sense to acknowledge that God, who created mankind, has put this awareness of Himself in their hearts and minds.

Another evidence for God which is pretty amazing if you think about it is the esthetic argument, or the argument from the existence of beauty. We know that the world is full of beautiful things. We’re amazed at beauty in creation, like sunsets, mountains, the seas, the different colors of birds, etc. And we can appreciate beauty in art created by humans, or the beauty of poetry, the beauty of sound and meaning. Where does our sense of beauty come from? How do we know that something is beautiful? How can we create things that are beautiful? It’s not a practical, survival thing that would have anything to do with our biology. It would seem that it must be something that God has placed in us.

A similar evidence is the existence of humor. Where does the sense of humor come from? Again, it seems beyond the influence of biology and survival. I believe that also must be something that our Creator has given us.

Another evidence that is more subjective, and harder to prove and verify, is the fact that we sometimes see radically changed lives in those who come to believe in God, especially those who follow Jesus Christ. When I say changed life I mean changed for the better, sometimes

dramatically. This is easiest to see in those who come to belief in Christ as adults. We often can see sudden and complete reversal of a person's life direction, rejecting of things identified as evil and taking on qualities we would identify as good, as well as oftentimes new joy, peace, and purpose in life, seemingly much more quickly than would be expected in the course of normal human development and change. This may not be especially convincing to a sceptic until they see someone they are close to transformed before their eyes.

The last evidence I wanted to mention is kind of like the previous one in that it's a bit hard to prove, and may not be convincing to sceptics until they see it; that is the evidence of miracles. I have in mind either miracles that happen seemingly in response to specific prayer, or just unexpected miracles that happen in the life of a believer. Now there are different definitions of miracle, and we need to be careful to differentiate between actual physically impossible things clearly happening, and things that could be called just really cool coincidences. I believe that there's good evidence for both of these kinds of things. Yes, I believe there are a lot of fakes out there, and a lot of exaggeration, but in our family and in other people we've known we've seen pretty impossible things happen, and also so many of the "coincidences" that it becomes no longer plausible that they are just coincidences. We believe that God still does miracles and still takes care of His children in miraculous ways, on His terms, not ours, and that this is good evidence for God's existence when combined with the other evidences.

We're going to wrap it up here; I'm sure there are other good evidences out there. You can be thinking about if there's anything you can come up with that would be helpful to someone in seeing that the evidence for God is pretty overwhelming.