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The Bible does not present any argument for the existence of God; it takes the *FACT* of God for granted. God is the infinite and perfect Spirit in Whom all things have their source, support, and end.

The Word of God reveals God to us. Because God is infinitely beyond our human comprehension, the Bible often “couches” God in human language.

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## WHO MADE GOD?

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**Answer:** No one! God is eternal. The fact that we cannot grasp this does not make it not so. (We may not understand how electricity makes the lights work — but why sit around in the dark until we figure it out!!)

Look up: *Hebrews 11:6*. Those that come to God must \_\_\_\_\_  
that He \_\_\_\_.

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## HOW DO WE KNOW THERE IS A GOD?

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A number of reasons are given in the Bible to show how we can know there is a God.

A. The Fact Of Universal Belief Proves There Is A God.

Man has a “religious nature” which is unique to man. All men in all ages and in all civilizations have manifested a belief in some higher Being. Most times this belief is perverted — but it demonstrates that there is some higher being.

Look up: *Romans 2:14,15*. These verses teach that even those who have never heard of the Lord have His law written in their \_\_\_\_\_.

B. The Fact That Everything Must Have A Cause Proves There Is A God.

Man is an intelligent being; therefore his Cause must also be intelligent. Man has personality; thus his Cause could not be impersonal.

C. The Fact Of Intricate Design In The Universe Proves There Is A God.

A watch not only requires a watchmaker, but also a designer and a purpose.

Look up: *Psalms 139:14*. How does the human body prove there is a God?

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D. The Whole Of Creation Proves There Is A God.

Look up: *Psalm 19:1*.

What do the heavens declare? \_\_\_\_\_

Look up: *Romans 1:20*. What two invisible things about God are seen and understood through creation?

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E. The Events Of History Prove There Is A God.

Many times God has intervened in human history, and His hand is often seen in the rise and fall of nations. See: *Psalm 75:6,7*.

F. The Bible Says There Is A God.

If there is a God, it is most reasonable to expect Him to reveal Himself to man. This He has done — first through creation, but in detail through His Word. Look up *Genesis 1:1*. The Bible begins with God — not philosophical arguments for His existence.

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## HOW MANY GODS ARE THERE ?

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A. Look up: *Deuteronomy 6:4*; *Isaiah 45:5*; and *I Timothy 2:5*.

There is only \_ \_ \_ God.

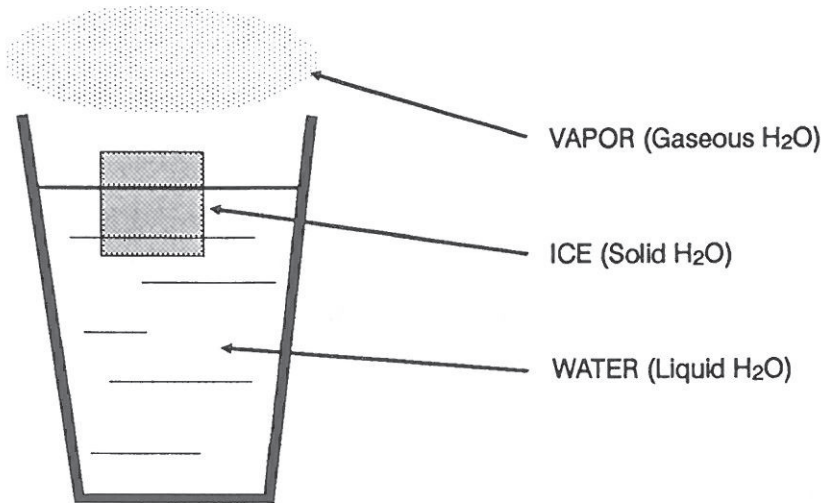
B. Look up: *Matthew 28:19* and *I John 5:7*.

This One God eternally, equally, and essentially exists as \_\_\_\_\_ Persons:

- The F \_\_\_\_\_ ,
- The S \_\_\_\_\_ ,
- The H \_\_\_\_\_ G \_\_\_\_\_ .

This is known as the doctrine of the *TRINITY* — the Bible teaches there is **one** God, but **three** Persons in the Godhead.

While we cannot comprehend this, we can explain it somewhat by using an illustration of a *glass of iced water*:



As can be seen, there is but *ONE* essence ( $H_2O$ ) existing in *THREE* distinct phases. Each phase may exist separately, or with another, or all together.

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## WHAT IS GOD?

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There are 4 statements in the Bible telling us what God IS.

- A. God Is \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ . *John 4:24* (Divine Essence).
- B. God Is \_ \_ \_ \_ . *I John 4:8* (Divine Compassion).
- C. God Is \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ . *I John 1:5* (Divine Holiness).
- D. God Is A \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ . *Hebrews 12:29* (Divine Righteousness).
- E. The Bible Also Teaches That God Is A Person (i.e., He has personality).
  - 1. *John 3:16* . God L \_ \_ \_ S.
  - 2. *Proverbs 6:16* . God H \_ \_ \_ S.
  - 3. *Genesis 6:6* . God G \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ S.
  - 4. *Deuteronomy 6:15* . God is J \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ S.
  - 5. *I Kings 11:9* . God can be A \_ \_ \_ Y.
  - 6. *I Peter 5:7* . God C \_ \_ \_ S.



All these are the characteristics of personality. (There are some who think God is just an impersonal "Force" or that He is in all of "Nature.")

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## WHAT IS GOD LIKE?

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If we look at the Creation of God, we would know Him to be Mighty, Glorious, and Majestic, but it is through the *Bible* that God reveals Himself completely.

No man will ever be able to comprehend the essence of God (what He is). It is only through His **attributes** that God makes Himself known to finite man.

A. God Is All Knowing (Omniscient).

1. Read: *Psalm 139:1-4*. List five things God knows about you.

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2. Read: *I John 3:20*. What does this verse say God knows? \_ \_ \_ \_

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B. God Is All Powerful (Omnipotent).

1. Read: *Job 42:2*. What can God do? \_ \_ \_ \_ \_

2. Read: *Matthew 19:26*. What are all things with God?

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C. God Is Everywhere (Omnipresent).

Read: *Psalm 139:7-17*.

What is your conclusion regarding the question, "Where is God?"

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D. God Is Eternal.

1. Look up: *Exodus 3:14*. What is the Name of God? " \_ \_ \_ \_ ."  
Notice this does not say "I Was," or "I Will Be," — both of which would imply either a beginning or an ending.

2. Look up: *Psalm 90:2*. This verse tells us God extends:

from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

E. God Is Unchanging (Immutable).

Read: *Malachi 3:6*.

F. God Is Holy.

Look up: *Psalm 99:9*. Why should we exalt the Lord and worship Him?

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G. God Is Love.

Look up: *Romans 5:8*. How did God commend (prove) His love toward you and me? \_\_\_\_\_

H. God Is Gracious.

1. "Grace" means "undeserved favor."

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2. We are S\_\_\_\_\_ by Grace. *Ephesians 2:8*
3. We are *TAUGHT* by Grace. *Titus 2:11,12*
4. We are *KEPT* by Grace. *II Corinthians 12:9*

I. God Is Truth.

1. Look up: *Titus 1:2*. What is it that God cannot do? \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Look up: *Isaiah 40:8*. What is it about God that will stand forever?

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## **WHAT IS GOD CALLED?**

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There are three primary Hebrew words used to designate "God" in the Old Testament.

- A. "Elohim" — which is translated "God" in our English Bible. (The Greek equivalent in the New Testament is "theos.") This speaks of God's greatness.
- B. "Adonai" — which is translated "Lord" in our English Bible. This means that God is the Master.

C. "Jehovah" – which is translated "LORD" in our English Bible.

*(To distinguish "Jehovah" from "Adonai," the translators of the Authorized, King James Bible had it printed in capital letters.)*

The meaning of "Jehovah" was given in *Exodus 3:13,14* : "I AM THAT I AM" – "The Self-Existent One Who Reveals Himself."

The word "Jesus" is the Greek form of the Hebrew "Joshua," and literally means "Jehovah-Saviour."

The New Testament clearly teaches that Jesus *IS* Jehovah. Write out *John 8:58*.

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#### **READING ASSIGNMENT:**

Read *Psalms 19; 139; and 147*.

#### **MEMORIZATION:**

Try to commit to memory *Hebrews 11:6*.