

Proof of the Existence of God

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Discussion

- If an atheist came up to you and argued with you about the existence of God, what would you say?
- Come up with arguments for the Oneness of God



Decline of Religion in Modern Day

- Hazrat Khalifatul Masih II (ra) states, “Modernity has eradicated the concept of the Holy God from the hearts of most of our youth. Hundreds of college students, barristers and other such professionals are turning away from belief in His existence and every day their number increases. Moreover, the hearts of thousands of others are devoid of faith in God, though they do not publicly confess it from fear of societal repercussions.”
- Many individuals have gone astray, especially in the West, as they pursue materialistic gains rather than recognizing their Creator



“I Cannot See God so I do Not Believe in Him”

- Hazrat Khalifatul Masih II (ra) states, “Atheists primarily contend that they would believe in God if they could see Him. I have heard this argument many times before and it always surprises me since people perceive different types of physical properties through different senses.”
- He continues, “For example, the existence of the mind, intellect and memory is an accepted truth which no one in the world denies; yet has anyone ever seen the intellect, or heard, or tasted, or smelled it? How then was the intellect recognized and how was the existence of memory discerned? There is also strength: an ability which all beings, whether powerful or weak, possess to some degree. But, has anyone ever seen, heard, [smelled], touched or tasted it? Again, how then was the existence of strength established? **It can be easily understood from this, even by the most ignorant of people, that such phenomena are determined not through our senses, but by contemplating their effects.**”

لَا تُدْرِكُهُ الْأَبْصَارُ ۖ وَهُوَ يُدْرِكُ الْأَبْصَارَ ۗ وَهُوَ اللَّطِيفُ الْخَبِيرُ ﴿١٠٤﴾

“The being of Allah the Exalted is such that eyes cannot reach Him but He reaches the eyes.
And He is the Incomprehensible, the All-Aware”- Holy Quran Chapter 6, Verse 104



First Proof: Belief in One True God by All Major Religions

- Allah ta'ala says in Chapter 87, verses 15-20, “Verily, he truly prospers and succeeds who purifies himself, and proclaims the name of his Lord and who not only makes a verbal declaration but engages in worship to demonstrate his belief through his actions. But you prefer the life of this world, whereas the Hereafter is better and more lasting. And this is not an argument presented by the Holy Qur’an alone; rather this indeed is what is taught in the former Scriptures—thus the Scriptures of Abraham and Moses imparted this very same teaching to the world.”
- Hazrat Khalifatul Masih II (ra) states regarding this verse, “In truth, all world religions agree on the existence of a being who is the creator of the universe. While there may be differences in doctrines and beliefs because of geographical and circumstantial variances, all faiths universally accept the existence of God even if they diverge on the particulars, such as an understanding of His attributes.”



Second Proof: Testimony of the Righteous



- “People claim there is a city called London and we concur; geographers write America is a continent and we accept this truth; travelers say Siberia is a vast sparsely inhabited region and we do not deny this. Why? Because numerous people have given testimony in support of these facts. We believe them in spite of the fact that we are unaware of the circumstances of these people and whether they are tellers of truth or tellers of lies. On the other hand, those who give first-hand testimony of the existence of God Almighty are such that their honesty is as evident as daylight and they establish truth in the world at the cost of their wealth, their lives, their homeland and even their honor. It is grossly unfair to accept the assertions of travelers and geographers and at the same time refute the claims of such pious people. **If the existence of London can be established through the testimony of a few people, why cannot the existence of God be similarly authenticated through the testimony of thousands of righteous people?**” - *Hazrat Khalifatul Masih II (ra)*



Third and Fourth Proofs

Third Proof: Inherent Sense of Right and Wrong

- “Even atheists recognize adultery and falsehood as wrongs and do not hold up arrogance and jealousy as virtues. Why is this? After all, they do not adhere to any religious law. Instead their hearts are repulsed by certain things—and the heart is thus inclined because it recognizes it will face a reckoning for certain actions from a higher being, even if it is unable to articulate this sentiment.”

Fourth Proof: The Creator of Mankind

- “Thus if people ponder over the workings of the universe, it will bring them to the conclusion that all things are ultimately caused by God Who is the ultimate or first cause of everything and by Whose command everything occurs. Therefore, God reminds people of their initial state and says they have been created from something [as insignificant as] a sperm drop and the further back they trace their beginnings the more insignificant they become, therefore, they could not have been their own creators... It has to be accepted from this that they originated from an independent creator whose strength is absolute and whose powers are infinite.”



Fifth and Sixth Proofs

Fifth Proof: The Creator of the Universe

- “Even if it is hypothetically accepted that certain things arise from chance, the system and operations of the universe are such that no one can conclude they came into existence by themselves. Let us suppose for a moment the earth arbitrarily emerged from matter and humanity has its origins in chance, but even then, when one looks closely at human creation it is impossible to conclude that such a perfect genesis could emerge from a random cause.”



Sixth Proof: Humiliation and Misfortune of Disbelievers

- “The episode of Pharaoh is a manifest sign which demonstrates how those who disbelieve in God are always humiliated and shamed. Moreover, no atheist has ever succeeded in establishing a kingdom in the world [in any true sense]. On the contrary, those who have brought about great conquests in the world, reformed countries and created history, have always been those who believe in the existence of God.”



Seventh and Eighth Proofs

Seventh Proof: Success For the Believers

- “The seventh proof for the existence of Allah the Exalted is that those who believe and have faith in Him and are true in their convictions always achieve success, and despite the hostilities of others they are not afflicted by misfortune... Our master, the Prophet Muhammad (saw), excelled above all others in the world in his commitment to spreading the name of the Holy God... If God did not exist then who came to his aid? If all of this was caused by chance, there should have been at least one prophet who came to establish the eminence of God, but was disgraced by the world. However, all those who have come to elevate the name of God have met with honor and dignity.”

Eighth Proof: Acceptance of Prayer

- “Thus the acceptance of prayer is proof of the fact there exists a being that answers prayers. Moreover, this phenomenon is not restricted to a particular period of time, rather, such instances can be witnessed in all ages. Prayer finds fulfilment today just as it did in the past.”



Ninth and Tenth Proofs

Ninth Proof: Divine Revelations

- One example of a divine revelation is the story of Alexander Dowie, a Christian from America who claimed to be a prophet. The Promised Messiah (as) challenged him to a *mubahala* (prayer duel) in which he said that each person will pray to God that He causes the liar to die first, whoever it may be. Dowie's death was revealed to the Promised Messiah (as) in 1907, four years after the *mubahala* was issued, and Dowie died later that year.

Tenth Proof: Striving in the Way of God

- Allah ta'ala says in Chapter 29, Verse 70, "And as for those who strive in Our path- We will surely guide them in Our ways." Hazrat Khalifatul Masih II (ra) states, "All those who have acted in accordance with this verse have always benefited. Anyone who denies the existence of God Almighty ought to bear in mind that if He does indeed exist it places them in a great predicament. Hence, if in the hearts of some people there is a sincere desire to discover the truth, they ought to fall prostrate before God in prayer with full fervor and beseech Him... the Lord of all the worlds will certainly guide them, and they will quickly see God manifest His existence in a manner that will cleanse the filth of doubt and suspicion from their heart."



For More Information...

- Please refer to the book *Ten Proofs for the Existence of God* by Hazrat Mirza Bashir-ud-Din Mahmud Ahmad, Khalifatul Masih II (ra)

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