

## CAN WE PROVE GOD EXISTS?

(Pss. 14:1; 53:1; Rom. 1:20-23, 28)

### I. The Necessity of FAITH

- A. The unredeemed HATE GOD (Rom. 3:10-18, 23)
- B. FACTUAL evidence alone CANNOT be PERSUASIVE

### II. The PHILOSOPHICAL Proofs for the Existence of God

- A. Argument from *teleology*: that ORDER and DESIGN in nature indicates PURPOSE and requires a DESIGNER
- B. Argument from *cosmology*: that the existence of MOTION implies a PRIME MOVER
- C. Argument from *ontology*: the existence of the IDEA of God CANNOT BE EXPLAINED unless God exists
- D. Argument from *aesthetics*: standards for RELATIVE beauty and truth implies the existence of an ABSOLUTE standard by which both must be compared
- E. Argument from *volition*: human ability to make CHOICES implies the existence of an infinite and absolute WILL or CHOOSER
- F. Argument from *morality*: awareness of distinction between RIGHT and WRONG can be explained only by the existence of an ABSOLUTE standard as the arbiter of moral actions

### III. The Evidence from CAUSATION

- A. Observes a principle of CAUSE and EFFECT
  - 1. Every phenomenon is an EFFECT
  - 2. Every effect must have a CAUSE adequate to produce it
  - 3. Every CAUSE is itself an EFFECT that had its own antecedent CAUSE
  
- B. Logic demands that ALL observable phenomena are the result of one original FIRST CAUSE
  - 1. Must be both INFINITE and ETERNAL
  - 2. Must be both OMNIPOTENT and OMNIPRESENT
  - 3. Must be OMNISCIENT
  - 4. Must be PERSONAL: including CONSCIOUS, EMOTIONAL, and VOLITIONAL
  - 5. Must be MORAL and SPIRITUAL, JUST and LOVING

From Henry Morris, *Many Infallible Proofs*, page 112:

- 1. *The First Cause of limitless space must be infinite in extent.*
- 2. *The First Cause of endless time must be eternal in duration.*
- 3. *The First Cause of perpetual motion must be omnipotent in power.*
- 4. *The First Cause of unbounded variety must be omnipresent in phenomena.*
- 5. *The First Cause of infinite complexity must be omniscient in intelligence.*
- 6. *The First Cause of consciousness must be personal.*
- 7. *The First Cause of feeling must be emotional.*
- 8. *The First Cause of will must be volitional.*
- 9. *The First Cause of ethical values must be moral.*
- 10. *The First Cause of religious values must be spiritual.*
- 11. *The First Cause of beauty values must be aesthetic.*
- 12. *The First Cause of righteousness must be holy.*
- 13. *The First Cause of justice must be just.*
- 14. *The First Cause of love must be loving.*
- 15. *The First Cause of life must be living.*