

Prepared: Why I Believe in God

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1 Peter 3:15

But in your hearts set apart Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect.

I believe in God because of...

1. FIRST CAUSE

Genesis 1:1a In the beginning God!!

Psalms 102:25-26

25 In the beginning you laid the foundations of the earth, and the heavens are the work of your hands. 26 They will perish, but you remain...

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2. INTELLIGENT DESIGN

Genesis 1:1a In the beginning God created...

Romans 1:20

For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities-his eternal power and divine nature-have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that men are without excuse.

Psalms 19:1

The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands.

Ephesians 2:10

For we are God's workmanship (masterpiece)...

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3. REASONING & MORALITY

Romans 7:18

... For I have the desire to do what is good, but I cannot carry it out.

Romans 2:15

... the requirements of the law are written on their hearts...

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4. RISK & REWARD

Proverbs 14:12

There is a way that seems right to a man, but in the end it leads to death.

Psalms 53:1

The fool says in his heart, "There is no God."

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5. JESUS' RESURRECTION

1 Corinthians 15:3-8

3 ... Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, 4 that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day... 5... 6 After that, he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers at the same time, most of whom are still living ...

John 20:28

Thomas said to [Jesus], "My Lord and my God!"

Hebrews 1:3

The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of his being,

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6. HE CHANGED MY LIFE

1 Corinthians 15:10

[God's] grace to me was not without effect.