

Dear God...How do I know You are real?

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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.

We know that God is real 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...

2. **INTELLIGENT DESIGN**

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

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)...

3. **REASONING & MORALITY**

Romans 7:18-25

18... For I have the desire to do what is good, but I cannot carry it out. 19 For what I do is not the good I want to do; no, the evil I do not want to do — this I keep on doing. 19-23... 24 What a wretched man I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? 25 Thanks be to God — through Jesus Christ our Lord!

4. **RISK & REWARD**

Psalms 53:1

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

Proverbs 14:12

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

5. **JESUS**

Matthew 1:23

"The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel"—which means, "God with us."

John 1:14

[God] became flesh and made his dwelling among us

John 10:30

"I and the Father are one."

John 20:27-29

27 Then [Jesus] said to Thomas, "Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe." 28 Thomas said to him, "My Lord and my God!" 29 Then Jesus told him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

6. **HE TRANSFORMED MY LIFE**

1 Corinthians 15:10

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

1 Peter 3:15

... Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have.