**One Page Apologetics (using science and reason)**

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**The world did not create itself.** *Science* says you can’t create something out of nothing, so something above the laws of science and nature created the known universe, the earth, all life, and us, something *supernatural (beyond nature)*. We can call this entity *God* or an *intelligent designer,* but we don’t have to define that yet. *Science* also proves the universe had a beginning, or a *big bang* or a *creation*, because it is currently known to be expanding in all directions, proving it had a start. This belief in the *supernatural* should not be a difficult belief, because it is required even for us to exist. If you are still not convinced, read the *Case for a Creator* by Lee Strobel, a former atheist.

**The *supernatural* is not a crazy talk**. 2 in 5 Americans believe ghosts exist, and 1 in 5 say they’ve actually seen a ghost. These are *supernatural* beings. 2 in 3 Americans say they’ve had at least one paranormal encounter, which is *supernatural* as well. *Atheism* states that there is no god that caused the world to exist and no spiritual world exists either. That seems like a stark contrast to the millions of Americans that have experienced part of the spiritual world and also fails to answer the question of how the world was created; it didn’t create itself. Also, I have a personal testimony in which I will swear to the reality of the spiritual world around us.

***Evolution* is assumed to be true today, so can we help define what it is?** *Microevolution* is the change within a species over a short period and has been proven true. *Macroevolution* is a major change from one species to another requiring long periods of time and is just a theory with very little to no proof at all. If it were true, we would find billions of interspecies fossils buried in the ground, but geologists claim only a handful of discoveries. These claims should be seen as exceptions instead of evidence of macroevolution. *Classic Darwinian Evolution* states that all life came from random and chaotic processes via natural selection and survival of the fittest, so we should observe total chaos in nature. However, what we observe today is an incredible amount of order and complexity in the universe, the earth, and ourselves. Do you have doubts about evolution? So did Darwin. Read about it in the book *Darwin’s Doubt* by Stephen Meyer. The fields of science that clearly point out this order and complexity are astronomy, biochemistry, physics, microbiology, mathematics, anatomy, and genetics. Many of these topics are explained in the book *Improbable Planet* by Hugh Ross.

**There are thousands of religions and thousands of gods, so which one is true?** They all cannot be true because they plainly contradict each other, so they are either all false or only one is true. Here is a brief look at 3 of the top 4 religions: *Buddhism* says the origin of life is impersonal, our existence is characterized by suffering, and our goal is a complete loss of self and connection to all things, so that we can achieve our goal of nothingness or Nirvana. *Hinduism* is a polytheistic worldview with a pantheon of gods, where we are reincarnated thousands of times in various life forms until we do good enough to be liberated from the cycle, and our soul gets to dissolve into Brahman. *Islam* believes in one god Allah, in which the ultimate purpose of life is to submit to him, an unknowable and transcendent god. The Koran was revealed to only one person, Muhammad, and it states you get to heaven by doing more good deeds than bad. Every religion requires some kind of *supernatural* belief, but which makes the most sense?

**Christianity offers the best evidence of belief** based on the historical accuracy of the Bible, the many prophetic verses coming true hundreds of years after they were written, the many recorded miracles of Jesus Christ, the willingness of his apostles to die for their faith, and the long line of martyrs that have followed. Christianity is the top religion with 2.5 billion followers worldwide. The resurrection of Jesus is the proof that he was who he said he was; the son of God. The resurrected Jesus appeared to over 500 people in the flesh. No other religion has a resurrected savior, has an ancient text with hundreds of prophecies fulfilled, or has a god that is both personal and knowable. Two good books that cover these topics and more are the *Case for Christ* by Lee Strobel, and *Why I Believe* by Chip Ingram.

**Near Death Experiences** (NDEs) by millions of people worldwide offer further support of a spiritual world and the existence of life after death. Polls suggest that over 4% of the population has had an NDE, that is 1 in 25 people, or 13 million Americans. While there are differences between individual experiences, the similarities are remarkable. Powerful and reasonable scientific evidence of NDEs can be found in the book *Imagine Heaven* by John Burke.

**Reason and morality.** All human beings have an innate sense of right and wrong, and that we ought to behave a certain way, and at the same time, they often do not behave in that way! This is a problem and also a reality. It shows that while most people think they are good people, they are actually not good, according to God’s standard. We all have told lies, we all have stolen something, even if small, we all have lusted and coveted in our hearts, we all have cheated in some way, and according to God’s perfect law, we fall short, and we are guilty. C.S. Lewis describes this universal moral law in more detail in his book *Mere Christianity*.

**The solution** to this problem is not just trying to be a better person. We will all continue to fall short. The solution is to believe in, completely trust, and rely on Jesus Christ, and his sacrifice and his righteousness, not our own. He died for our sins. This is the gospel. If Jesus really lived, died, and rose again, and the Bible is true, then this greatly affects you! The road to eternal separation from God is wide, and the road to eternal life with God is narrow, so please make sure you are on the right road! Talk to a Christian friend today!