

Why I Believe  
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So many people have so many different religious ideas and opinions. Why do I think I'm right in believing in God and in believing Christianity holds the truth?

1. I believe that the way that people argue suggests that God exists.

When we argue, we say things like, "That's not right! That's not good! You're not being fair!" What we are doing is appealing to a standard that is independent and objective and higher than you and I. We appeal to the idea that there is such a thing as right and wrong.

Romans 2:15 *(Gentiles who do not have God's law) who show the work of the law written in their hearts, their conscience also bearing witness, and between themselves their thoughts accusing or else excusing them.*

Every person knows two things:

1. There is a way we ought to behave.
2. We don't live up to our own standards.

- Do you agree that everyone has a sense of right and wrong, even though there may be disagreement about the definitions? (Example: Some people think it is the right thing to do to kill Christians.)
- Considering Romans 2:15, are your thoughts more likely to accuse or excuse you?

2. I believe the existence of human beings as personal creatures, argues for the existence of God.

The sheer existence of persons, or personal beings that reason and think and love tells us there is a God.

G. K. Chesterton said one of the reasons he became convinced about Christianity is because it captures the fullness and the mystery and the contradiction and the paradox of life...especially of persons.

The paradox of people is seen in scripture:

Genesis 1:27 *So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.*

Jeremiah 17:9 *The heart is deceitful above all things and desperately wicked.*

1 John 3:2 *Beloved, now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is.*

- Do you feel the paradox within yourself of being a child of God and yet having a deceitful heart? In what ways can you see it?
- Do you see evidence of becoming more like Jesus as you see Him as He is and understand Him better?

3. When you look at persons, they all have this desire to have purpose and meaning in their life, to have significance.

I believe that this drive for purpose and meaning and significance is another evidence for the existence of God.

Ephesians 1:4 *Just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love.*

Ephesians 2:10 *For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.*

- Have you found meaning for your life in God?
- Do you know God's purpose for your life? Do you seek His direction in decisions you make?