

Give An Answer

I Pet. 3:13-16

- I Peter 3:15
 - But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and *be* ready always to *give* an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear: (cf. Phil. 1:17, Jude 3; Col. 4:4-6)

- Why Do You Believe In God?
 - The questioning of God's existence is nothing new. (Ex. 5:2-3; Dan. 3:15)
 - God has made himself known by ample and undeniable evidence. (Acts 14:17; Rom. 1:18-20)
 - *The existence of the material universe.*
 - Heb. 3:4 → (For every house is built by someone, but the builder of all things is God.) (ESV) (cf. Gen. 1:1; Job 38:4)
 - *The design and order manifesting purpose that is evident in God's creation.*
 - Gen. 1:14 → And God said, "Let there be lights in the expanse of the heavens to separate the day from the night. And let them be for signs and for seasons, and for days and years, (cf. Gen. 8:22; Ps. 139:14)
 - Distance of the sun from the earth. (93,000,000 mi.)
 - Distance of the moon from the earth. (240,000 mi.)
 - Rotation of earth @ 1,000 mph → day
 - Moon circling earth once every 28 days → month
 - Earth circles sun once every 365.26 days → year
 - Earth tilts 23.5 degrees at axis → seasons
 - Week? → Ex. 20:11
 - "To suppose that the eye with all its inimitable contrivances for adjusting the focus to different distances, for admitting different amounts of light, and for the correction of spherical and chromatic aberration, could have been formed by natural selection, seems, I freely confess, absurd in the highest degree." (Darwin, Charles. *The Origin of Species*)
 - *The existence of life.*
 - The Law of Biogenesis: Living things come only from other living things – life comes from life. Life does not spontaneously arise from non-living material.
 - Acts 17:25 → "...seeing he giveth to all life, and breath, and all things. (cf. Gen. 2:7)

- Why Do You Believe That The Bible Is The Word of God?
 - Consider the claims of God's word: (Heb. 1:1-3; II Tim. 3:16-17; Eph. 3:3-5)
 - Proofs to consider:
 - The remarkable unity and harmony of the Bible. (Gen. 3:24; Rev. 22:2)
 - The historical accuracy of the Bible as it deals with men, nations and events. (Lk. 1:4; 2:1-2; 3:1-2)
 - The text does not fear investigation:
 - Mark 15:21
 - Sargon, the Hittites, Belshazzar, etc.
 - The proof from fulfilled prophecy. (Isa. 41:21-23)
 - 21 Set forth your case, says the LORD; bring your proofs, says the King of Jacob. 22 Let them bring them, and tell us what is to happen. Tell us the former things, what they are, that we may consider them, that we may know their outcome; or declare to us the things to come. 23 Tell us what is to come hereafter, that we may know that you are gods; do good, or do harm, that we may be dismayed and terrified. 24 Behold, you are nothing, and your work is less than nothing; an abomination is he who chooses you.
 - The Bible contains 100's of examples of fulfilled prophecies – men, nations, the Messiah
 - The timeless relevancy of the Bible (Heb. 4:12-13; Js. 1:22-25)
 - Where did I come from? (Acts 17:26)
 - Why am I here? What is my purpose? (Eccl. 12:13)
 - Where am I going? (Matt. 25:46)

- Why Do You Believe That Jesus Is The Son of God?

➤ Proofs to consider:

- Jesus the Messiah, as the fulfillment of O.T. prophecy. (Lk. 24:26-27; 44)
- The sinless life of Jesus. (Jn. 8:46; I Pet. 2:22)
- The miracles that He performed. (Jn. 3:2; 11:47-50)
- His resurrection from the dead – the empty tomb.
 - Rom. 1:3-4 → concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh 4 and was declared to be the Son of God in power according to the Spirit of holiness by his resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord,
 - I Cor. 15:4-8 → 4 And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures: 5 And that he was seen of Cephas, then of the twelve: 6 After that, he was seen of above five hundred brethren at once; of whom the greater part remain unto this present, but some are fallen asleep. 7 After that, he was seen of James; then of all the apostles. 8 And last of all he was seen of me also, as of one born out of due time.
 - Acts 17:30-31 → The times of ignorance God overlooked, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent, 31 because he has fixed a day on which he will judge the world in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed; and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.”