

## Outline

### Introduction

*"...anyone who comes to God must believe that He exists..." Hebrews 11:6*

*"I Am" sent you." Exodus 3:14*

*<sup>16</sup> For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes: first to the Jew, then to the Gentile. <sup>17</sup> For in the gospel the righteousness of God is revealed—a righteousness that is by faith from first to last just as it is written: "The righteous will live by faith."*

*<sup>18</sup> The wrath of God is being revealed from heaven against all the godlessness and wickedness of people, who suppress the truth by their wickedness, <sup>19</sup> since what may be known about God is plain to them, because God has made it plain to them. <sup>20</sup> 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 people are without excuse.*

*<sup>21</sup> For although they knew God, they neither glorified him as God nor gave thanks to him, but their thinking became futile and their foolish hearts were darkened. <sup>22</sup> Although they claimed to be wise, they became fools <sup>23</sup> and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images made to look like a mortal human being and birds and animals and reptiles.*

*<sup>24</sup> Therefore God gave them over in the sinful desires of their hearts to sexual impurity for the degrading of their bodies with one another. <sup>25</sup> They exchanged the truth about God for a lie and worshiped and served created things rather than the Creator—who is forever praised. Amen.*

#### I. Look at Creation.

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### The Cosmological Argument

### The teleological Argument

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### The Big Bang Theory

*"Let there be light, and there was light!"* Genesis 1:3

*"The Creator and the Cosmos"* by Hugh Ross, PH.D

### II. Look Within!

*"For although they knew God..."* (vs. 20)

*"I always lived as if there was a God even though I kept telling myself there was no God. The British media tells us that only stupid people believe in God. The truth is materialistic atheism (That's the belief that the only thing that exists is this material world) is a totally irrational creed that people believe without any critical analysis.*

*What I came to realize is everyone actually knows there is a God. We, myself included, say some things are right and others are wrong. We insist on fighting for justice. We insist on fighting for certain causes. We insist on certain beliefs and values. If there was no God, then there is no basis for talking this way. If there is no God everything you insist on is just your opinion and why should we listen to you or anyone?*

*The truth we live as if there is a God, there is truth. We live with a purpose when we claim creation was an accident and we have no purpose. We contradict the very thing we tout. Our lives betray us. Deep down we know God exists." ~ A.M. Wilson*

*"Where did my belief about God come from if there really was no God? What was I comparing my view of God with? I realized that the reason I was angry with a God who created a cruel world was because I believed in a God that was good. If there was truly no God then who am I angry with? If all this is an accident, then the cruel world is what we got from blind chance. I should just accept it and move on! But I couldn't. My soul revealed what I really believed in: a God that was good and that's what you see in the God of the Bible. My belief about God that kept me from faith in God actually proved the existence of God for me!" ~ C. S. Lewis*

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### III. Look at the Lies You Are Telling Yourself.

*"I want atheism to be true and am made uneasy by the fact that some of the most intelligent and well-informed people I know are religious believers. It isn't just that I don't believe in God and, naturally, I hope that I'm right in my belief. It's that I hope there is no God! I don't want there to be a God; I don't want the universe to be like that. I'm curious to see if there is anyone who can genuinely be indifferent as to whether or not there is a God! ~ Thomas Nagel, Professor of Philosophy and Law, New York University.*

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### IV. Look to Jesus.

*"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind... The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth." John 1:1-4, 14*

*"He (Jesus) is the exact representation of God's being." Colossians 1:15*

*"For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him..." Colossians 1:19*