



Reasons for God

Resolving doubts. Renewing purpose.

The problem of evil



“While Christianity IS about faith, it is not a blind faith!”



7 "**Ask**, and it will be given to you;
seek, and you will find; **knock**,
and it will be opened to you.

Matthew 7:7-8



8 For everyone who asks receives, and
he who seeks finds, and to
him who knocks it will be opened

Matthew 7:7-8



19 They know the truth about God because he has made it obvious to them.

Romans 1 (NLT)



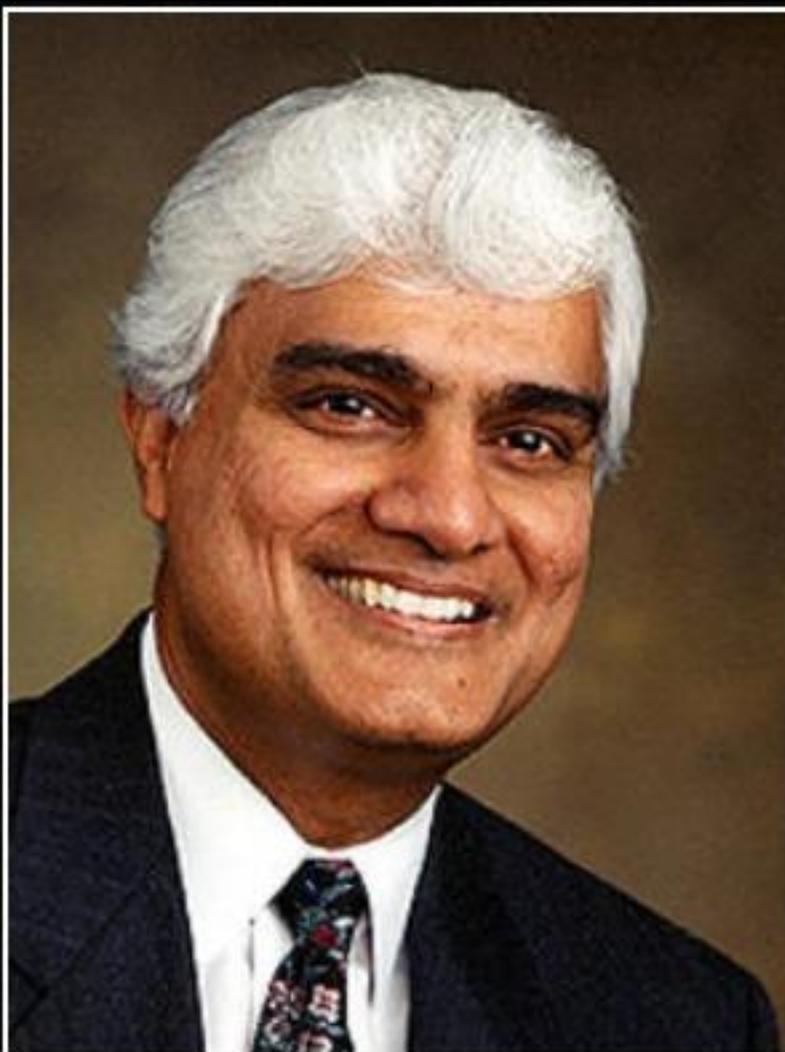
20 For ever since the world was created, people have seen the earth and sky. **Through everything God made, they can clearly see his invisible qualities**—his eternal power and divine nature.

Romans 1 (NLT)



**So they have no excuse
for not knowing God.**

Romans 1 (NLT)



A man rejects God neither because of intellectual demands nor because of the scarcity of evidence. A man rejects God because of a moral resistance that refuses to admit his need for God.

— *Ravi Zacharias* —

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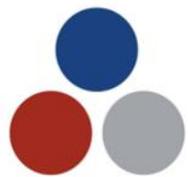
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Resurrection



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If Jesus rose from the dead, then He must be God!



Why is there something instead of nothing?



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What was the first cause?



Kalam Cosmological Argument

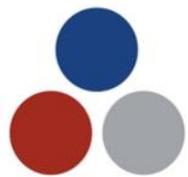
- *Whatever begins to exist has a cause*
- *The universe began to exist*
- *Therefore, the universe has a cause*



*If the universe had a beginning, then one moment there was nothing and the next there was something. **To deny the existence of God, one would have to believe that nothing created something.***

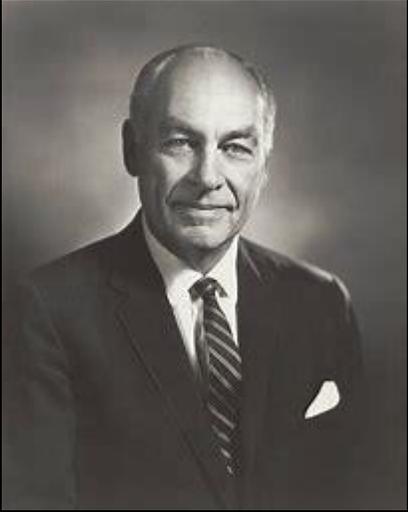


*Our world
looks like it
was
designed*



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A design implies a designer



I could prove God statistically.
Take the human body alone - the
chances that all the functions of
an individual would just happen
is a statistical monstrosity.

- George Gallup

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Who is Jesus?



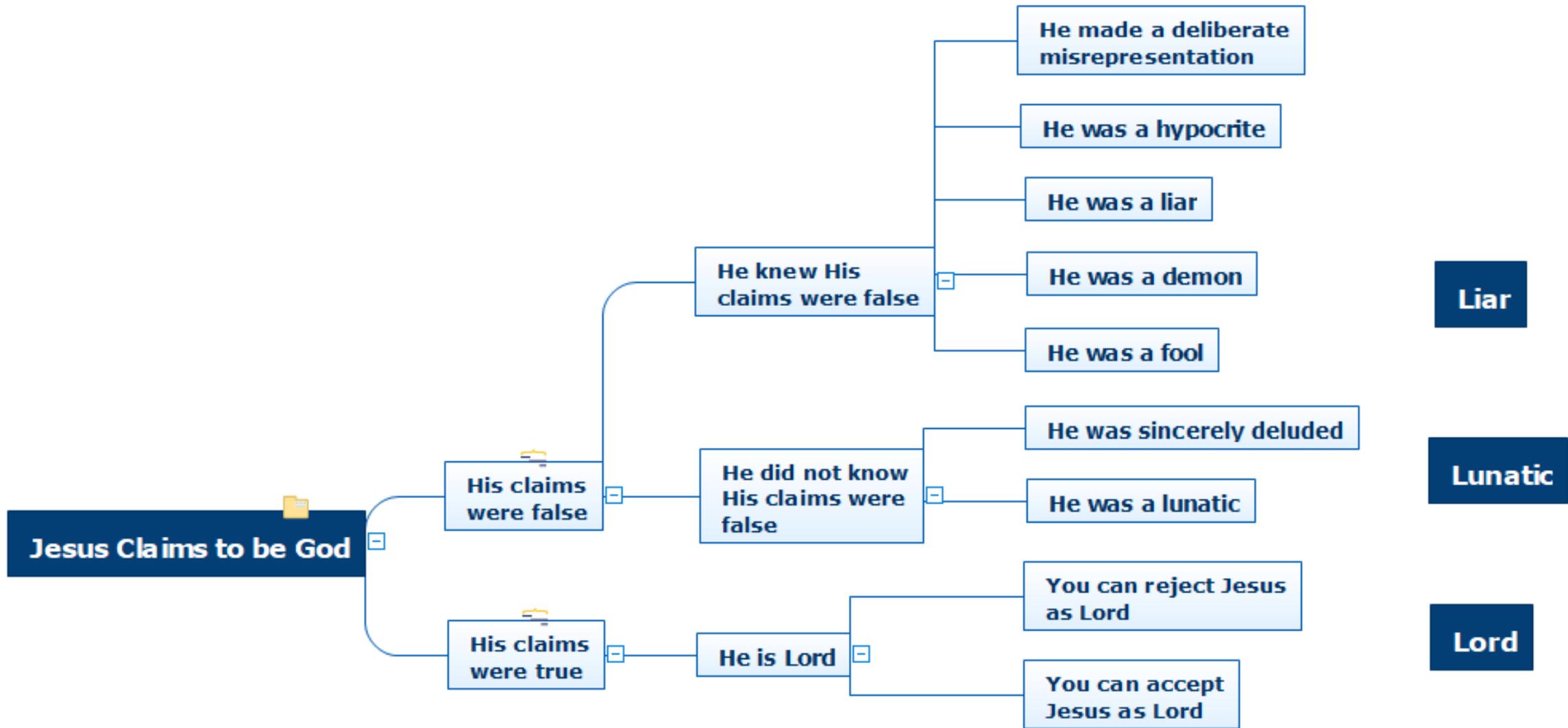
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Lord, Liar of Lunatic



**WAS HE CRAZY,
A PATHOLOGICAL LIAR,
OR THE SON OF GOD?**





C.S Lewis

“I am trying here to prevent anyone saying the really foolish thing that people often say about Him: I’m ready to accept Jesus as a great moral teacher, but I don’t accept his claim to be God. That is the one thing we must not say.”



C.S Lewis

...You must make your choice. Either this man was, and is, the Son of God, or else a madman or something worse. You can shut him up for a fool, you can spit at him and kill him as a demon or you can fall at his feet and call him Lord and God,

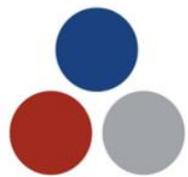


C.S Lewis

but let us not come with any patronizing nonsense about his being a great human teacher. He has not left that open to us. He did not intend to."



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Why is anything good or bad?



***If there is a God, then
why is there all of this
evil in the world?***



- *If God is good, then He must not be powerful*
- *If God is powerful, then He must not be good*
- *Therefore, either God is not good, or not powerful*



What would God have to do to eliminate the possibility of evil in our world?



20 For there is not a just
man on earth who does
good And does not sin

Ecclesiastes 7:20



**For all have sinned and
fallen short of the glory of God**

Romans 3:23



- 1. God would need to remove all of those who do evil***
- 2. God would have to remove free will***





C.S Lewis

“God created things which had free will. That means creatures which can go wrong or right. Some people think they can imagine a creature which was free but had no possibility of going wrong, but I can't.



C.S Lewis

If a thing is free to be good it's also free to be bad. And free will is what has made evil possible. Why, then, did God give them free will?



C.S Lewis

*Because **free will**, though it makes evil possible, is also the only thing that makes possible any love or goodness or joy worth having.*



C.S Lewis

A world of automata -of creatures that worked like machines- would hardly be worth creating.



If there is a God, then why is there evil in the world

***If God created
everything, then He
must have created evil***



31 Then God saw everything that He had made, and indeed it was very good...

Genesis 1:31



God did not create evil. God created the opportunity for evil when He gave us a free will.



***God made evil
possible.***

***Man made evil
actual.***



*If there is a God, then why is there evil in the world?
If God created everything, then He must have created evil*

*Can we be good without
God?*



*If there is no God,
what basis remains
for **objective** good or
bad?*

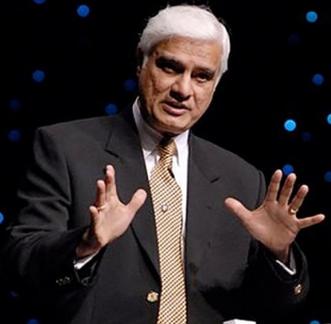


***If you believe anything is
wrong or unfair, then you
believe in objective moral
truth***



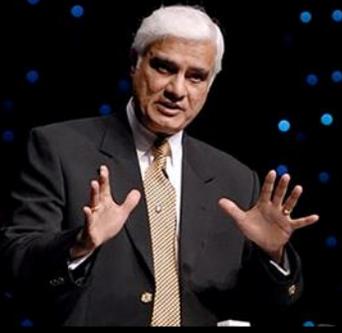
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*When you say there is
evil, aren't you
admitting there is
good?*



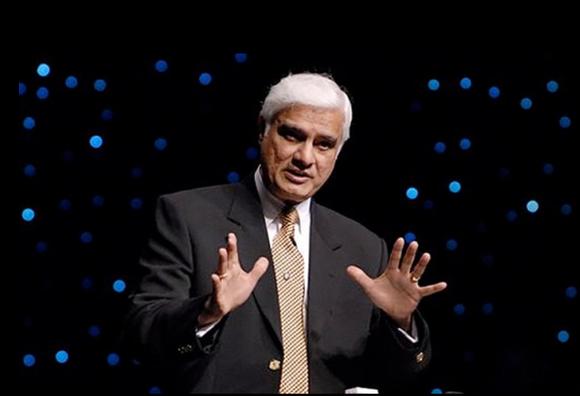
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*When you accept the
existence of goodness,
you must affirm a
moral law*



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*on the basis of which
to differentiate
between good and
evil.*



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*But when you admit to
a moral law, you must
posit a moral lawgiver.*



***Atheism fails to provide a
foundation for the moral
reality everyone of us
experiences everyday.***



William
Lane
Craig

1. *If there is no God, objective moral values and duties do not exist*
2. *But objective moral values and duties do exist*
3. *Therefore, there is a God*



*If there is a God, then why is there evil in the world?
If God created everything, then He must have created evil
Can we be good without God?*

*God has written a law in
our hearts*



14 (Indeed, when Gentiles, who do not have the law, **do by nature things required by the law**, they are a law for themselves, even though they do not have the law.

Romans 2:14,15



15 They show that **the requirements of the law are written on their hearts, their consciences also bearing witness, and their thoughts sometimes accusing them and at other times even defending them.)**

Romans 2:14,15



My argument against God was that the universe seemed so cruel and unjust. But how had I got this idea of just and unjust? A man does not call a line crooked unless he has some idea of a straight line. What was I comparing this universe with when I called it unjust?

(C. S. Lewis)

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Evil is not permanent



**2 But as for me, my feet had almost
stumbled; My steps had nearly
slipped. 3 For I was envious of the
boastful, When I saw the prosperity of
the wicked.**

Psalm 73



**4 For there are no pangs in their
death, But their strength is firm. 5
They are not in trouble as other men,
Nor are they plagued like other men.**

Psalm 73



6 Therefore pride serves as their necklace; Violence covers them like a garment. 7 Their eyes bulge with abundance; They have more than heart could wish.

Psalm 73



8 They scoff and speak wickedly concerning oppression; They speak loftily. 9 They set their mouth against the heavens, And their tongue walks through the earth.

Psalm 73



**10 Therefore his people return here,
And waters of a full cup are drained
by them. 11 And they say, "How does
God know? And is there knowledge in
the Most High?"**

Psalm 73



**12 Behold, these are the ungodly,
Who are always at ease; They
increase in riches. 13 Surely I have
cleansed my heart in vain, And
washed my hands in innocence.**

Psalm 73



**14 For all day long I have been
plagued, And chastened every
morning. 15 If I had said, "I will speak
thus," Behold, I would have been
untrue to the generation of Your
children.**

Psalm 73



**16 When I thought how to understand
this, It was too painful for me-- 17
Until I went into the sanctuary of God;
Then I understood their end.**

Psalm 73



4 And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away."

Revelation 21:4,5

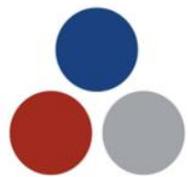


5 Then He who sat on the throne said, "Behold, I make all things new." And He said to me, "Write, for these words are true and faithful."

Revelation 21:4,5



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5 But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; The chastisement for our peace was upon Him, And by His stripes we are healed.

Isaiah 53:5,6



**6 All we like sheep have gone astray;
We have turned, every one, to his
own way;**

Isaiah 53:5,6

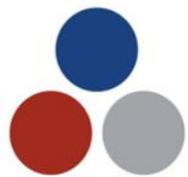


**And the Lord has laid on Him the
iniquity of us all.**

Isaiah 53:5,6



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