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How do I know that God is real?

The existence of God has been debated for centuries. Although there is much evidence that there must be one and only one true God, yet people doubt because of their own experiences, because of statements from well educated men, because of their own desires. Yet we know that God IS and that God MUST BE!

1.	What evidence is there that there must be a God?		
	Psalm 90:1-2	Job 38:4-6	
	Psalm 19:1-4	Acts 14:15-17	
	Romans 1:19-22	John 3:19-21	

There are so many "infallible proofs" not only of the necessary reality of God but also of the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ that the only reason people doubt His existence is because they deliberately choose to do so. The first proof of the reality of God is that we do in fact exist. We know that nothing can arise from nothing so there must have been something that preexists time. That which existed before time is God. At the beginning of creation only God was there and only God COULD know what actually happened and He chose to tell us EXACTLY what He did to bring us into existence. God continues to show His existence by sustaining us with food, water, and the like. In reality, even the most ardent atheist knows that God does exist, but they willingly choose to suppress that thought in order to continue doing their evil deeds.

2.	What would happen if there was not a God?	
	Hebrews 1:1-3	Psalm 14:1-4
	Genesis 2:16-17	Genesis 6:5
	Psalm 75:3-12	

Without God, there would be no possible way for the world and all that is in it to be sustained. It would collapse and cease to exist. If there were no God, then there would be no such thing as good or evil. There would be personal choices but there would be nothing that is evil because it is evil. The fact that people proclaim that there is no God because of the existence of wicked behavior only serves to prove the existence of God. Without God, there would be nothing that could be used in order to identify the reality of evil. Furthermore the only reason we can communicate is because of God's sustaining power. God created the rules of the universe and God sustains the rules of the universe. Without God, the wickedness of man would be without bounds because there would be no boundaries.

 3. Why can't I sense the existence of God?
 Job 23:8-10
 Job 23:14-16

 Jeremiah 29:11-14
 Isaiah 59:1-2

 Psalm 139:7-12
 Isaiah 59:1-2

Sometimes we cannot sense the existence of God because we are under some sort of trial that we might pursue drawing closer to Him. Sometimes we cannot sense the existence of God because we

are not looking for Him. If we earnestly do search for Him, then we will find Him as He has promised. Sometimes we cannot sense the presence and existence of God because of unconfessed sin. In reality, He is always very near to us.

4. Why do some experts reject the possibility of there being a God?

Romans 1:18	Romans 1:22
Romans 1:32	2 Peter 3:3-5
John 3:19-21	

So called experts and intellectuals reject the possibility of there being a God mainly because they desire to do so. They know the truth of God's existence but willingly and ignorantly suppress the truth because to acknowledge the truth of God existence, presence, nature, and character, they would have to admit that they are hopeless and helpless sinners who need to repent and believe God. They would rather live in ignorance and the sinful darkness in order to enjoy the pleasures of sin rather than the glorious presence of God.