

## THE JESUS PROOF

Christians like to use Jesus as an argument for God's existence. Jesus said that anybody who knew him would know the Father, God, meaning the existence of the Father and the Father's qualities.

If God could be proved as the Catholic Church insisted for centuries then what did Jesus need to come to prove his doctrines and his God by rising from the dead for? The quality of the evidence for the validity of Jesus' mission would be inferior to the proof for God so it would be wrong to honour Jesus as God or God's mouthpiece – in case we are trusting in a man not God. There would be no need to either.

To say Jesus proved God is to say his miracles did that. Miracles are not proof for God unless you can prove there is a God in the first place. And in that case they would not be needed and would be just God showing off if they happen. Miracles, assuming they prove anything, would only prove that something wants us to believe say in the Catholic Church not that there is a God. That something might want us to be deluded by Catholicism for some reason. You cannot rest upon miracles as evidence unless you prove there is a God and only the design argument can manage that. The other proofs might prove an intelligence but that is far from proving a God of love. If God is love and personal only that entitles him to be called God for an evil or uncaring God is not a free or supreme being. Only the design argument can attempt demonstrate his existence. The fact that the witnesses of miracles cannot prove God proves that no force would waste time with them.

Before a miracle can be accepted one has to know that free will exists first. So any miracle being who does not make sure we can prove free will before he does something is a deceiver.

There are attempts to argue that God probably exists for God probably raised Jesus from the dead. But if Jesus probably was seen alive after his body vanished from the tomb that does not mean he was probably resurrected. And if he was probably resurrected that does not mean that God probably did it.

To believe in Jesus is really just believing whoever wrote about him rather than him.

## WORKS CONSULTED

- A HISTORY OF GOD, Karen Armstrong, Mandarin, London, 1994
- A HISTORY OF PHILOSOPHY, VOL 6, PART II, KANT, Frederick Copleston SJ, Doubleday/Image, New York, 1964
- A PATH FROM ROME, Anthony Kenny Sidgwick & Jackson, London, 1985
- A SUMMARY OF CHRISTIAN DOCTRINE, Louis Berkhof, The Banner of Truth Trust, London, 1971
- AN INTELLIGENT PERSONS GUIDE TO CATHOLICISM, Alban McCoy, Continuum, London and New York, 1997
- AN INTRODUCTION TO PHILOSOPHICAL ANALYSIS, John Hospers, Routledge, London, 1992
- APOLOGETICS AND CATHOLIC DOCTRINE, Part 1, Most Rev M Sheehan DD, MH Gill, & Son, Dublin, 1954
- APOLOGETICS FOR THE PULPIT, Aloysius Roche, Burns Oates & Washbourne LTD, London, 1950
- AQUINAS, FC Copleston, Penguin Books, London, 1991
- ARGUING WITH GOD, Hugh Sylvester, IVP, London, 1971
- ASKING THEM QUESTIONS, Various, Oxford University Press, London, 1936
- BELIEVING IN GOD, PJ McGrath, Wolfhound Press, Dublin, 1995
- CONTROVERSY: THE HUMANIST CHRISTIAN ENCOUNTER, Hector Hawton, Pemberton Books, London, 1971
- CRITIQUES OF GOD, Edited by Peter A Angeles, Prometheus Books, New York, 1995
- DIALOGUES CONCERNING NATURAL RELIGION, David Hume, William Blackwood and Sons, Edinburgh and London, 1907
- DOES GOD EXIST? Brian Davies OP, Catholic Truth Society, London, 1982
- DOES GOD EXIST? Herbert W Armstrong, Worldwide Church of God, Pasadena, California, 1972
- DOING AWAY WITH GOD? Russell Stannard, Marshall Pickering, London, 1993
- GOD AND PHILOSOPHY, Antony Flew, Hutchinson, London, 1966
- GOD AND THE HUMAN CONDITION, F J Sheed, Sheed & Ward, London 1967
- GOD AND THE NEW PHYSICS, Paul Davies, Penguin Books, London, 1990
- GOD IS NOT GREAT, THE CASE AGAINST RELIGION, Christopher Hitchens, Atlantic Books, London, 2007
- GOD THE PROBLEM, Gordon D Kaufman, Harvard University Press, Cambridge, 1973
- HANDBOOK OF CHRISTIAN APOLOGETICS, Peter Kreeft and Ronald Tacelli, Monarch, East Sussex, 1995
- HISTORY OF PHILOSOPHY, VOL 2, Frederick Copleston SJ Westminster, Maryland, Newman, 1962
- HONEST TO GOD, John AT Robinson, SCM Press, London, 1963
- IN DEFENCE OF THE FAITH, Dave Hunt, Harvest House, Eugene Oregon, 1996
- IN SEARCH OF CERTAINTY, John Guest Regal Books, Ventura, California, 1983

JESUS HYPOTHESES, V. Messori, St Paul Publications, Slough, 1977  
NEW CATHOLIC ENCYCLOPEDIA, The Catholic University of America and the McGraw-Hill Book Company, Inc., Washington, District of Columbia, 1967  
ON THE TRUTH OF THE CATHOLIC FAITH, BOOK ONE, GOD, St Thomas Aquinas, Image Doubleday and Co, New York, 1961  
OXFORD DICTIONARY OF PHILOSOPHY, Simon Blackburn, Oxford University Press, Oxford, 1996  
PHILOSOPHY AND THE CHRISTIAN FAITH, Colin Brown, IVP, London, 1973  
RADIO REPLIES, Vol 1, Frs Rumble and Carty, Radio Replies Press, St Paul, Minnesota, 1938  
RADIO REPLIES, Vol 2, Frs Rumble and Carty, Radio Replies Press, St Paul, Minnesota, 1940  
RADIO REPLIES, Vol 3, Frs Rumble and Carty, Radio Replies Press, St Paul, Minnesota, 1942  
REASON AND RELIGION, Anthony Kenny, Basil Blackwell Ltd, Oxford, 1987  
SALVIFICI DOLORIS, Pope John Paul II, Catholic Truth Society, London, 1984  
TAKING LEAVE OF GOD, Don Cupitt, SCM Press, London, 1980  
The Cambridge Companion to Atheism, Edited by Michael Martin, Cambridge University Press, New York, 2007  
THE CASE AGAINST GOD, Gerald Priestland, Collins, Fount Paperbacks, London, 1984  
THE CONCEPT OF GOD, Ronald H Nash, Zondervan, Grand Rapids, Michigan, 1983  
The Future of Atheism, Alister McGrath and Daniel Dennett, SPCK, London, 2008  
THE HONEST TO GOD DEBATE Edited by David L Edwards, Westminster Press, Philadelphia, 1963  
THE KINDNESS OF GOD, EJ Cuskelly MSC, Mercier Press, Cork, 1965  
THE LANGUAGE OF BELIEF, A SCIENTIST PRESENTS EVIDENCE FOR BELIEF, Francis S Collins, Free Press, New York, 2006  
THE PUZZLE OF GOD, Peter Vardy, Collins, London, 1990  
THE REALITY OF GOD AND THE PROBLEM OF EVIL, Brian Davies, Continuum, London-New York, 2006  
THE RECONSTRUCTION OF BELIEF, Charles Gore DD, John Murray, London, 1930  
THE TRUTH OF CHRISTIANITY, WH Turton, Wells Gardner, Darton & Co Ltd, London, 1905  
UNBLIND FAITH, Michael J Langford, SCM, London, 1982  
WHAT DO EXISTENTIALISTS BELIEVE? Richard Appignanesi, Granta Books, London, 2006  
WHAT IS FAITH? Anthony Kenny, Oxford University Press, Oxford, 1992  
WHY DOES GOD? Domenico Grasso, St Paul, Bucks, 1970

## THE WEB

[www.colorado.edu/philosophy/wes/Tooley2.html](http://www.colorado.edu/philosophy/wes/Tooley2.html)

THE ARGUMENT FROM EVIL AND THE EXISTENCE OF GOD by Michael Tooley.

<http://www.nd.edu/~rpotter/courses/finitism.htm>

FINITISM AND THE PROBLEM OF EVIL, R Dennis Potter,

[www.ffrf.org/fttoday/august97/barker.html](http://www.ffrf.org/fttoday/august97/barker.html)

THE FREE WILL ARGUMENT FOR THE NON-EXISTENCE OF GOD by Dan Barker