

Topics of discussion for God-Talk

The following is a list of topics for our show "God-Talk". The topics have been arranged in association with a central theme.

1. GOD

- a. Who is God
- b. What does God want from us
- c. God and Ned Flanders
- d. What is the 'image of God', do angels reflect the image of God
- e. Do rich people need God?
- f. Does suffering drive one closer to God
- g. Multiverse
- h. Who made God?
- i. Attributes of God
- j. What did Einstein think about God: Spinoza's God
- k. Deism
- l. Ontological argument for God's existence
- m. Why is God hidden
- n. Trinity
- o. If God is everywhere, is He in Hell
- p. Is God's wrath, reasonable

2. Astrophysics

- a. Dark matter, Dark Energy, the Big Bang, and God
- b. Is there 'design' in the universe
- c. Can the quantum vacuum explain creation
- d. How did the physical laws of the universe come into being?
- e. God particle
- f. The 'A' vs. 'B' theory of time
- g. Neanderthals
- h. Are there parallel dimensions? What are they? Could heaven be one?
- i. What is the speed of light?
- j. Is time travel possible- does God know the future
- k. Is our world, the best possible world?
- l. Does the universe have a cause
- m. Is the universe 'contingent'- if so on what?

3. The human soul

- a. death
- b. birth
- c. Abortion
- d. Other planets in the universe
- e. Can science explain everything- nature of the soul, right, wrong, good, bad, ethics and beauty
- f. Do animals have souls?
- g. Will we have memory of this life in heaven

4. Death - A description of the spiritual world

- a. What happens when we die
- b. If God is everywhere, why is there evil in the world
- c. Ghost, spirits, and out of body experiences

- d. Near-death experiences (NDEs)
 - e. What is consciousness? Is it the soul?
- 5. Family**
- a. Marriage: Husband and wife
 - b. Good parents, bad parents, and non-parents
 - c. Is sex before marriage a sin?
- 6. Biology**
- a. Abiogenesis- where did the first cell come from? How does life come from non-life
 - b. What is 'beauty' and how is it defined if there is no God
 - c. What is the purpose of life?
 - d. Alien life- if so did Jesus have to die more than once to save them?
 - e. What is eternity- is there 'time' in heaven
 - f. Does evolution square with Genesis
 - g. Was there a literal Adam & Eve?
 - h. The living cell: design or chance: what about chemical evolution? Is God necessary
- 7. Morality**
- a. What is 'the good' and how is goodness defined?
 - b. Is there objective morality? Is morality possible without God?
 - c. Do absolute properties, such as 'goodness' 'justice', and 'beauty' exist by themselves outside of God? Is there such a thing as absolute ideas or properties? How does science explain these?
 - d. What is happiness?
- 8. Evil & hell**
- a. How did Lucifer fall from grace
 - b. Why is there so much evil in the world?
 - c. Are there flaws in God's design? Viruses,, appendix, ..
- 9. Biblical Stories**
- a. Did the flood cover the whole earth?
 - b. Did the Israelites build the pyramids
 - c. Where is Noah's ark
 - d. How long were Adam & Eve in Eden?
 - e. What was the star of Bethlehem
 - f. Is there archeological evidence of the Exodus?
 - g. Seven deadly sins
 - h. The Fall- is there such thing as 'talking snakes'?
 - i. Miracles- how can miracles exist in a scientific world
 - j. Was Adam & Eve perfect, innocent or divine?
 - k. End of the world
- 10. Salvation**
- a. Different theories of atonement; how did Jesus' death save us?
 - b. Proof of the Resurrection
 - c. Sanctification- becoming more like Jesus
 - d. If you are saved, does it matter how you behave?
 - e. Is the church called to save the world?
 - f. God's sovereignty and human free will
 - g. Does God choose who will be saved?
 - h. Is it difficult for rich people to find God? 'Rich young Ruler'
 - i. Was Jesus always divine, even as a child?
 - j. What is eternal security

- k. Infinity, heaven, and hell
- l. In the end, will everyone go to heaven: Rob Bell's book: "Love Wins"

11. Mathematics

- a. Fine-tuning of the Universe
- b. Is there a 'theory of everything'
- c. Is 'mathematics' an argument for God's existence
- d. Do abstract objects exist (such as Platonic forms, like numbers or ideas) outside of God
- e. Where do numbers come from?

12. Canon and the early Church

- a. Canon
- b. Early Church- how did it form?
- c. Elders or Deacons?
- d. Conversion of St. Augustine
- e.

13. Kingdom of God

14. Process Theology

15. Is it reasonable to believe in 'Naturalism'

16. How do we know what we know- epistemology