

EVIDENCE OF GOD IN THE WORLD AROUND US

Note to the speaker:

Creation and the Bible provide evidence of God's existence. Additionally, the dramatic changes made by some who have come to know and serve Jehovah point to wisdom and power beyond any human source. Motivate listeners to act on this evidence and to accept Jehovah's guidance in their life

IT IS IMPORTANT TO EXAMINE EVIDENCE OF GOD'S EXISTENCE (2 min.)

Many people doubt the existence of God or reject his existence outright

Nevertheless, there is much evidence for the existence of a Creator

Whether we believe in the existence of God profoundly affects the meaning of our lives (*g* 3/15 4 ¶1-4)

CREATION GIVES EVIDENCE OF A CREATOR (14 min.)

The orderliness of the physical world gives evidence of a purposeful Designer

An orderly system cannot come into existence on its own [**Read Hebrews 3:4**]

Tremendous energy was used to bring the universe into existence

The universe is highly organized (*w11* 2/15 6-7 ¶5-7)

Jehovah God is the Source of both the energy and the orderliness we see in the universe (Isa 40:26, 28)

The physical properties of the universe are fine-tuned to support life (*g* 12/09 5-7; *ct* 17-21)

Anything that is fine-tuned requires an intelligent person to do the tuning

Our solar system and the earth are precisely located and designed to support life (*w13* 10/15 8 ¶6-7; *ct* 22-24; *lc* 4-7)

The origin and complexity of living things cannot reasonably be attributed to chance (*g* 1/15 4-5)

Scientists cannot explain how the complex molecules (i.e. RNA and proteins) needed for a cell to live and replicate came to exist simultaneously (*lf* 4-7)

Evolutionists claim that more complex life forms arose from simpler ones

In reality, no living cells are simple (*lf* 8-12)

The marvelous information storage capacity of DNA points to a Designer (Ps 139:14-16; *g* 11/11 4-6; *lf* 15-17)

CREATION REVEALS GOD'S QUALITIES (5 min.)

Observing creation can give us insight into the personality of Jehovah God [**Read Romans 1:20**]

Jehovah's *wisdom* can be seen in the natural cycles that renew the earth (*w13* 10/15 8-9 ¶8-9; *lc* 8-9)

God's *justice* is reflected in the conscience that he placed in all humans (Ro 2:14, 15; *w07* 10/15 20-21 ¶5-8)

Jehovah's foremost quality is *love*

Although many ignore God or deny his existence, his love is evident in how he provides for all (Ac 14:16, 17)

THE BIBLE GIVES EVIDENCE OF A DIVINE AUTHOR (7 min.)

The Bible's record of accurate prophecy gives evidence of God's existence (Isa 46:9, 10)

Details of the conquest of Babylon were prophesied some 200 years in advance (*g* 11/07 9)

The timing of Jesus' appearance as Messiah and details of his earthly life were accurately foretold (*g* 7/12 22-24)

Unlike other ancient books, the Bible is accurate when it touches on scientific matters (*g* 2/11 22-23)

The Bible's wise counsel has the power to transform people [See the *Watchtower* series "The Bible Changes Lives"]

This shows that we have a caring Creator who has communicated with mankind (Isa 48:17, 18)

LET THE CREATOR GUIDE YOUR LIFE (2 min.)

By learning and applying Bible principles, you can personally benefit from Jehovah's guidance (Ps 19:7-11)

In the near future, Jehovah will end wickedness and restore the earth, accomplishing his original purpose (Re 21:5)

Now is the time to come to know Jehovah and learn to do his will

Those who do so can enjoy everlasting blessings

[Adhere closely to the outlined material, and observe the indicated timing of each section. Not all cited texts need to be read or commented on. See *Ministry School* book, pages 52-55, 166-169]