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## 1 Peter 3:15

Your heart should be holy and set apart for the Lord God. Always be ready to tell everyone who asks you why you believe as you do. Be gentle as you speak and show respect. ~ New Life Version

In 1<sup>st</sup> Pet. 3:15 there are five words that speak to each of us. "Always be ready to tell." to tell that person the reason why we have the hope we have.

This verse says several things:

1. We should be **ready**.
2. We are to give **reason**.
3. We should be **obedient**.

Questions are things that come our way every day, and the questions and / or objections that an unbeliever can raise are not usually trivial ones. They often cut deep to the heart of our Christian faith, and challenge our very foundations.

**Jude verse 22** *Be helpful to all who may have doubts.* **23** *Rescue any who need to be saved, as you would rescue someone from a fire. ...*

## But how do we respond to their questions?

**Prov 26:4** *Don't answer the foolish arguments of fools, or you will become as foolish as they are.* ~ NLT

There are four basic and different reasons on the existence of God.

I will cover three of them tonight.

The technical name for each reason is cosmological, teleological, axiological.

Now let's break them down for what they mean and are.

1. The word Cosmos means **creation**.
2. The word Telos which means **purpose** is on the reason for **design**.
3. The word Axios means **judgment**, which is the **moral law**

## So let's take a look at #1 **Creation** /cosmos

Here is the basic idea behind this reason:

Since there is a universe it must have been caused by something beyond itself.

Two different discussions with the same conclusion.

- A) The universe is limited because it had a beginning and that the beginning was caused by **something** else.

**"A sound explanation may exist for the explosive birth of our universe; but if it does, science cannot find out what the explanation is. The scientist's pursuit of the past ends in the moment of creation."**

~ Robert Jastrow, founder-director of NASA's Goddard Institute of Space Studies.

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B) The universe needs a cause for **existence** right now!

## Originating cause of creation

**Gen. 1:1** *First this: God created the Heavens and Earth—all you see, all you don't see. ~ Mess*

## Continuing cause of creation

**Col 1:15-17** *We look at this Son and see the God who cannot be seen. We look at this Son and see God's original purpose in everything created. For everything, absolutely everything, above and below, visible and invisible, rank after rank after rank of angels—everything got started in him and finds its purpose in him. He was there before any of it came into existence and holds it all together right up to this moment.~ Mess*

**Our second reason is on the basis of **design**.** (Telos=purpose → design)

It implies that there is an **intelligent** designer

## **Ps 139:13-16**

*Oh yes, you shaped me first inside, then out; you formed me in my mother's womb.  
I thank you, High God—you're breathtaking! Body and soul, I am marvelously made!  
I worship in adoration—what a creation!  
You know me inside and out, you know every bone in my body;  
You know exactly how I was made, bit by bit, how I was sculpted from nothing into something.  
Like an open book, you watched me grow from conception to birth;  
all the stages of my life were spread out before you,  
The days of my life all prepared before I'd even lived one day. ~ Mess*

**We now go on to our final reason on “Does God Exist?”**

## **Axios meaning **judgment**.**

Leads us into a discussion on the moral order of the universe rather than the physical order.

The reason of this is simply put;

The cause of the universe must be **moral**, in addition to being all powerful and intelligent.

- A moral law does not portray what **is**;  
A moral law imposes or advises what **ought** to be.

**If there were no moral law, there would be no more **right** or **wrong** value judgements.**

**Rom1:19-20** *But the basic reality of God is plain enough. Open your eyes and there it is! By taking a long and thoughtful look at what God has created, people have always been able to see what their eyes as such can't see: eternal power, for instance, and the mystery of his divine being. So nobody has a good excuse. ~Mess*