

## Week 1: How Can a Rational Person Believe in God?

### BIG IDEA

It takes a lot of faith not to believe in God.

### INTRODUCTION

There are a few questions that almost everyone has asked about God. They are questions that are asked out loud and, perhaps more often, they are questions that arise in secret. They are questions that can keep us from developing a relationship with God if we don't find satisfying answers. Thankfully, such answers exist.



### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. **When and where did you have your most significant conversation about God?**
2. **This week, Brady noted that the Bible doesn't attempt to prove that there's a God. The Bible assumes there is a God.** Have you ever personally wrestled with whether God exists? What caused you to wrestle? Did you grow up in a home that encouraged you to believe or assumed that you believed?
3. **In a letter to early Christians living in Rome, a pastor named Paul wrote:**

"Since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities- his eternal power and divine nature- have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that people are without excuse." (Romans 1:20 NIV)

**Have you ever had a moment when you were struck with the beauty & design in creation?**

If so, describe the moment.

**To what did you attribute the beauty & design?** Evolution? Creation? Random chance? Something else?

4. **This weekend, Brady discussed something scientists call "the science of fine-tuning".** He noted that there are more than 30 different parameters of physics that are tuned in such a way that life is possible. If any one of these were adjusted at all, life wouldn't be possible on earth.

**Did any of the examples used this weekend surprise you?**

**Does it take more faith to believe in a designer behind the design or to believe that we are here because of a cosmic accident?**

**How does this observation interact with the theory of evolution?**

**Could it be possible that evolution, if true, was part of God's design?**

5. **Brady also discussed how different humans are from everything else in creation.** Though we share much of our genetic code with animals, humans are the only living things to come up with things like language, music, and the iPhone. The Bible offers a possible explanation for the uniqueness of humans.

“Then God said, ‘Let us make man in our image, in our likeness, and let them rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air and over every living creature that moves on the ground.’” (Genesis 1:26 NIV)

**How would you describe how humans are different than everything else in creation?**

**Do you believe it’s possible that these unique characteristics to evolve?** Do you believe that it is reasonable?

### **FINAL THOUGHTS**

It surprises many people to learn that a significant number of biologists, astronomers, and physicists believe in a Creator. To them, it takes more faith to believe that we are here by accident than to believe that the design points to a designer. This week, pay attention to the beauty, order, and design in creation. Open your eyes to possibility that the fingerprints of God surround us every day.

### **FOR MORE INFORMATION**

“The Case for a Creator” by Lee Strobel