

## How to Think About Evidence for God

While atheists often claim that there is no evidence for God, many Christians claim there is plenty of evidence. What is going on? How can there be so much disagreement? To address this issue, we will explore the nature of evidence both within science and also in more general, everyday scenarios. This will help to clarify not only the disagreement but also how evidence relates to faith and how there can be good evidence for God even if God's existence is not obvious.

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### I. Why so much disagreement about evidence for God?

#### A. Misconceptions about evidence

#### B. How to think about evidence

1. Evidence and explanation
2. Evidence and plausibility
3. Weighing up all the evidence

#### C. Evidence for God

1. What type of evidence could there be for God?
2. Can the evidence for God be explained away?
3. Weighing up evidence for God

## II. From evidence to faith

- A. How much evidence is needed?
- B. The value of evidence and the significance of faith

## III. Application: Why is God's existence not more obvious?

- A. Not obvious, but is there evidence?
- B. The value of knowing God personally
- C. Having the right attitude to evidence

## IV. Conclusion

### ***Suggested Readings:***

David Glass, *Atheism's New Clothes* (IVP/Apollos, 2012), chapters 2-4

- *How to Consider the Evidence for Theism*

<http://www.saintsandseptics.org/how-to-consider-the-evidence-for-theism/>

- *From Evidence to Faith*

<http://www.saintsandseptics.org/from-evidence-to-faith/>

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Paul Moser, *Why isn't God more obvious?* (RZIM, 2000)

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