

GOD HAS MADE HIMSELF KNOWN

Open-Book Review - Final Cube: Is God Real?

Instructions: Complete this review as you work through the ThinkCube. Use the page to find each answer. The purpose is to understand the biblical case that God has made His existence known through creation, conscience, Scripture, and Jesus Christ - and that every person is accountable for how he or she responds.

Premise 1: The Bible Says the Existence of God Is Obvious

Romans 1 teaches that God has not left humanity without evidence of His existence. His invisible qualities, eternal power, and divine nature are revealed through what He has made. Scripture also points to conscience, the prophets and Scriptures, God's people, and ultimately Jesus Christ as witnesses through which God has made Himself known.

1. According to Romans 1:19-20, why are people without excuse for denying God?

- A. Everyone has personally witnessed a miracle
- B. God's eternal power and divine nature are evident through creation
- C. Everyone has read the Bible
- D. Religious leaders have proven every doctrine

2. What is meant by "natural revelation"?

- A. God revealing Himself only through prophets
- B. God's existence and attributes being made known through creation, conscience, and the world around us
- C. Knowledge available only to Christians
- D. A private revelation given to one person

3. Which of the following is presented as a witness to God's existence?

- A. Creation and conscience
- B. Prophets and Scripture
- C. Jesus Christ
- D. All of the above

4. What does the statement "God has never been without a witness" mean?

- A. Every person has seen God physically
- B. God has continually provided testimony to His reality throughout human history
- C. Every culture has possessed the complete Bible
- D. God only revealed Himself after the birth of Jesus

Premise 2: People Can Suppress the Evidence of God's Existence

Romans 1:18 describes people as suppressing the truth. The Greek idea behind the word is to hold back, restrain, hinder, or stifle something that is already present. The ThinkCube argues that unbelief is not always merely a lack of information; people may resist what the evidence implies because acknowledging God also means acknowledging His authority, moral standards, and our accountability to Him.

1. In Romans 1:18, what does it mean to "suppress" the truth?

- A. To investigate it carefully
- B. To hold back, restrain, or refuse to acknowledge it
- C. To forget something accidentally
- D. To prove it false

2. According to the ThinkCube, what truths are being suppressed?

- A. That God exists and His power and divine nature are evident
- B. That nature does not exist
- C. That morality is purely cultural
- D. That religious questions are unimportant

3. What is meant by "moral suppression"?

- A. Rejecting truth because acknowledging God confronts our behavior and accountability
- B. Forgetting a moral rule
- C. Disagreeing over a minor issue
- D. Being unable to understand evidence

4. What is meant by "volitional suppression"?

- A. A lack of intelligence
- B. A choice of the will to resist or reject what one recognizes
- C. A scientific objection
- D. A language barrier

Premise 3: God's Wrath and the Denial of His Existence

Romans 1 connects the suppression of truth with God's righteous judgment. God's wrath is not irrational rage; it is His holy opposition to sin and rebellion. The passage describes a present aspect of judgment in which God "gives people over" to the consequences of the life they choose, while Scripture also teaches a future and final judgment. Yet the Christian message does not end with wrath: God offers mercy and reconciliation through Jesus Christ.

1. In Romans 1, God's wrath is best understood as:

- A. Uncontrolled anger
- B. God's righteous and holy opposition to sin and rebellion
- C. Human frustration projected onto God
- D. A symbolic idea with no consequences

2. What does Romans 1 mean when it repeatedly says God "gave them over"?

- A. God forces people to sin
- B. God allows persistent rebels to pursue their chosen path and experience its consequences
- C. God immediately destroys everyone who sins
- D. God stops caring about humanity

3. How does the ThinkCube distinguish present and future wrath?

- A. Present wrath involves consequences and being given over; future wrath involves final judgment
- B. There is only present wrath
- C. There is only future wrath
- D. Present wrath is physical illness and future wrath is poverty

4. What is the Christian answer to God's judgment?

- A. Ignore the evidence
- B. Become morally perfect without God
- C. Turn to God in faith and receive the mercy He provides through Jesus Christ
- D. Assume judgment cannot happen

BE PREPARED TO SHARE

1. Someone says: "If God is real, why doesn't He make His existence obvious?" Using the material in this ThinkCube, explain the different ways Christianity says God has made Himself known.

2. Someone says: "I just don't see any evidence for God." Explain what Romans 1 means by both revelation and suppression, and why the Christian argument involves not only the evidence we encounter but also how we respond to it.
