

## *The Struggle Between Faith & Doubt* **Arguments Against God's Existence**

### **I. Introduction**

### **II. Arguments Against God's Existence**

- A. If believing in God is such a big deal to Him, why doesn't He make Himself more obvious?
  - 1. God's goal for the human race is not just to get people to be forced to admit that He exists!
  - 2. "No one can see God's face."
  - 3. James 2:19 (NAS) *You believe that God is one. You do well; the demons also believe, and shudder.*
  - 4. Jeremiah 29:13 (NAS) *'You will seek Me and find Me when you search for Me with all your heart.'*
- B. If Christianity is true, then why aren't Christians better advertisements?
  - 1. "Good people do good things, and bad people do bad things. But to get good people to do bad things, that takes religion." (Steven Weinberg)
  - 2. "Were these events, these horrible atrocities, were they the outcome of Jesus' teachings?"
  - 3. Evil in the world exists because of the darkness that's inside every human heart!
  - 4. Jeremiah 17:9 (NAS) *"The heart is more deceitful than all else and is desperately sick; who can understand it?"*
  - 5. The plan that Jesus has to change the world is not to assemble a group of great debaters, who can out-argue everybody else!
- C. If there really is an all-loving, all-powerful, all-good God Who oversees the entire universe, then why is there so much evil, suffering, and pain in the world?
  - 1. Mark 15:34b (NAS) *"My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?"*
  - 2. "You are the uniquely designed creation of a thoroughly good and unspeakably creative God. You are made in His image, with a capacity to reason, and to choose, and to love that sets you above all other life forms. God's aim in human history is the creation of an all-inclusive community of loving persons with Himself included as its primary Sustainer and most glorious Inhabitant. He is even now at work to bring this about. You have been invited, at great cost to God Himself, to be part of this radiant community. You will not only survive death, but you were made to bear an eternal weight of glory you cannot now even fathom, but you will one day know." (Dallas Willard)
  - 3. Things are not the way they're supposed to be!
  - 4. "Shalom" - - "All things the way that they're supposed to be."

### **III. Conclusion**