

“Is God Knowable?”

“The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge: but fools despise wisdom and instruction.” Proverbs 1:7

If there is no God

The world a chaotic accident
Life from nonlife
Persons from the impersonal
Minds from the mindless
Order from the orderless
Reason from the nonrational
Morality from the nonmoral
Information without a sender
Code from a nonprogrammer
Truth from an accident

If there is a God

The world created by a Creator
Life from ultimate life
Persons from the Superpersonal
Minds from the ultimate mind
Order from an Orderer
Reason from a rational Being
Morality from a moral Being
Information from a Sender
Code from a personal Programmer
Truth from ultimate Truth

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FOUR MAIN SOURCES OF HUMAN KNOWLEDGE

1. SCIENCE

“_____ has not seen...”

a. Examples:

b. Limitations:

2. TRADITION

“...nor _____ heard...”

a. Examples:

b. Limitations:

3. INTUITIVE

“...neither have entered into the _____ of man...”

a. Examples:

b. Limitations:

4. REVELATION

“But God hath _____ them unto us by his Spirit.”

a. Define:

b. Advantage:

THREE TYPES OF REVELATION

1. NATURAL

a. Creation:

b. Conscience:

2. SPECIAL

3. WRITTEN

a. Inspiration:

b. Advantage:

- Objective.
- A standard to check against.
- Preserves the original.
- Is Independent of the speaker and writer.
- Is mobile.

ONLY ONE APPROACH TO KNOWING GOD

1. FAITH

a. What faith is not:

b. What faith is: