



# GOD'S NOT DEAD

1. IS GOD JUST AN ILLUSION?
2. WHY IS THERE SOMETHING RATHER THAN NOTHING?
3. IF GOD IS GOOD, WHY THE CORONAVIRUS?
4. IS THE RESURRECTION OF JESUS FACT OR FICTION?
5. HOW IS JESUS THE ONLY WAY?

# WHY IS THERE SOMETHING RATHER THAN NOTHING?

## Sermon outline

- Why is this important?
- 1 - 2 - 3 - 4 - 5 grid for truth
- Genes 1-3 & Romans 1-3



## **Why is it important?**

Romans 1:20

For ever since the world was created, people have seen the earth and sky. Through everything God made, they can clearly see his invisible qualities—his eternal power and divine nature. So they have no excuse for not knowing God.

**When you look at creation, you see God's work.**

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## **Determining truth**

Ravi Zacharias ([Listen to Ravi explain Science vs Faith](#))

1 - 2 - 3 - 4 - 5 grid of determining truth

### **1 Ultimate Goal:**

Truth

### **2 Tests for truth:**

Coherence

Correspondence

### **3 Ways to test you theory:**

Logical consistency

Empirical adequacy

Experiential relevance



## **4 Worldview Questions**

Origin

Meaning

Morality

Destiny

## **5 Academic disciplines to determine coherence**

God (Theology)

Knowledge (Epistemology)

Reality (Metaphysics)

Morality (Ethics)

Humanity (Anthropology)



<b>Genesis 1-3</b>	<b>Romans 1-3</b>
<p>Genesis 1:1 In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.</p>	<p>Romans 1:4 Resurrection</p>
<p>Genesis 1:2-26 Systematic creation of the world</p>	<p>Romans 1:20 For ever since the world was created, people have seen the earth and sky. Through everything God made, they can clearly see his invisible qualities —his eternal power and divine nature. So they have no excuse for not knowing God.</p>
<p>Genesis 3:7-19 Sin, immorality and curse</p>	<p>Romans 1:21-32 Results of turning from God</p>
<p>Genesis 3:15 Promise of restoration</p>	<p>Romans 2:4 Don't you see how wonderfully kind, tolerant, and patient God is with you? Does this mean nothing to you? Can't you see that his kindness is intended to turn you from your sin?</p> <p>Romans 3:30 There is only one God, and he makes people right with himself only by faith, whether they are Jews or Gentiles.</p>



“Has anyone provided proof of God’s inexistence? Not even close.

Has quantum cosmology explained the emergence of the universe or why it is here? Not even close.

Have our sciences explained why our universe seems to be fine-tuned to allow for the existence of life? Not even close.

Are physicists and biologists willing to believe in anything so long as it is not religious thought? Close enough.

Has rationalism and moral thought provided us with an understanding of what is good, what is right, and what is moral? Not close enough.

Has secularism in the terrible 20th century been a force for good? Not even close, to being close.

Is there a narrow and oppressive orthodoxy in the sciences? Close enough.

Does anything in the sciences or their philosophy justify the claim that religious belief is irrational? Not even in the ball park.

Is scientific atheism a frivolous exercise in intellectual contempt? Dead on.”

— David Berlinski, *The Devil's Delusion: Atheism and Its Scientific Pretensions*

