# God Questions #1: Is God Real?

Psalm 19:1-4

#### 1. The Teleological Argument: the existence of "stuff"

The law of **cause** and **effect** teaches us: For every effect, there has to be a cause.

### 2. The Cosmological Argument: the nature of "stuff"

- Also known as the Argument from Contingency, it states that nothing in the universe is **self-created** but is contingent (reliant) upon something else in order to exist.
- ➤ If all that exists is dependent, fragile, and temporary (law of entropy) who or what is responsible for all of these dependent objects and beings?

The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands. Psalm 19:1

For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities—his eternal power and divine nature—have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that people are without excuse.

Romans 1:20

#### 3. The Moral Argument: my sense of right and wrong

"My argument against God was that the universe seemed so cruel and unjust. But how had I got this idea of *just* and *unjust*? A man does not call a line crooked unless he has some idea of a straight line. What was I comparing this universe with when I called it unjust?"

C. S. Lewis in

## Mere Christianity

<sup>14</sup> Indeed, when Gentiles, who do not have the law, do by nature things required by the law, they are a law for themselves, even though they do not have the law. <sup>15</sup> They show that the requirements of the law are written on their hearts, their consciences also bearing witness, and their thoughts sometimes accusing them and at other times even defending them.

#### Romans 2:14-15

➤ We believe in an uncreated Creator who created all that exists. Non-Creationists believe the universe came about by random chance as molecules designed and evolved themselves into complex, living systems. Which view requires more faith?