

# 10 Things

I believe about God and the Bible.



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## Beauty

We appreciate the beauty of things, and we have an inbuilt ability to see patterns and a desire to create things. I believe this is so that we can appreciate and respond with respect and praise for the Creator.

## Life guidance and morality

(e.g. Galatians 5:16-23)

I believe the natural human desire is to please himself or herself first, and without explicit moral guidance we would live in chaos. The morality of Bible encourages putting others first, with special priority given to those can't give back or even support themselves.



## The history of Christianity accurately predicted

(e.g. Rev 11-12; 1 Tim 4)

After the rise of Christianity in the 1st century, churches began to divide over differences of belief in doctrine and practice. As well as being predicted broadly beforehand, there were specific doctrines and practices which were predicted would corrupt, and did so.

## God's character

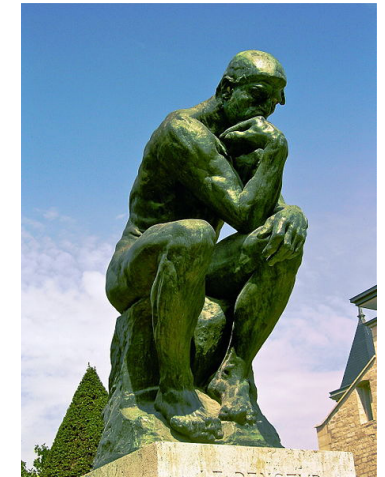
God as described by the Bible is omnipotent, omniscient, and merciful. He has created us for His own pleasure and yet gives us both the opportunity and the freedom of choice to fulfil our purpose and be rewarded even if we fail to serve perfectly.

## "I think, therefore I am"

That I am conscious of myself and seem to be able to make decisions independent of causality tells me there must be more to everything than just the physical. I believe that it is not possible to make a computer program that is self aware the way we are.

## Gives life meaning (purpose and hope)

I desire to continue to exist, and my existence needs a point. Why live if nothing is achieved by it? The Bible not only gives purpose to life but it also gives hope that existence doesn't have to end after mortal life.



## Archaeology verifies its historical accounts

(e.g. Hezekiah's tunnel, Tyre)

Many archaeological discoveries that are fairly recent confirm the events as they are described in the Bible, which supports its credibility as a historical record.

## Hygiene before its time

Well before the science of hygiene as we know it today, the Hebrews were using healthy practices that encouraged cleanliness and avoided spreading disease.



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## Israel

(e.g. Deut 28-30)

The Bible was written by Jews about Jews, paints an unflattering picture of Jews, and correctly predicts their future. The nation still exists, in spite of attempts to wipe them out.



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## Empires around Jerusalem accurately fulfilled prophecy

(e.g. Daniel's image/beasts)

The rise and fall of empires around Israel was correctly predicted hundreds of years before, even when the prophecies contained very specific details.

10 things is an arbitrary number. There are more that could be discussed like the history of the manuscripts, the internal consistency, etc. Note that nowhere do I say what I *don't* believe in – that's a different exercise. I have looked into other things to believe in but have found this to be the most convincing and desirable to me.

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