

What are some Christian beliefs about how the world was made?

The Design Argument

William Paley: The Watch and the Watchmaker

If you came upon a stone in an uninhabited place, you could reasonably say that it had been there since the beginning of time.

If you came upon a watch in an uninhabited place, you could not say that it had come to be there by chance.

The complexity of its mechanism would make you say it had a designer.

The universe is far more complex than a watch, so if a watch needs a watchmaker, the universe needs a universe maker.

As the only being that could design the universe would be God, it follows that God must exist.



In summary:

1. Anything that has been designed needs a designer.
2. There is evidence the world has been designed (laws of science, eye, human body, food chain, DNA).
3. If the world has been designed it must have a designer.
4. The only possible designer of something as complex as the world is God because God is **omnipotent** (all powerful).
5. Therefore the appearance of design proves God exists.

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Where is there any evidence that God exists?



What people believe affects how they live and behave

Sikh people believe that we have a duty to help others. They offer food to anyone who comes into their temple. They wear symbols to remind them of their duty.

Buddhists believe that real happiness comes from being happy with what you have rather than constantly wanting more stuff. They have 8 rules to follow in life – rules such as . . . “Be aware of the words that you speak” Once you can follow these 8 simple rules you will find happiness.

Hindus believe in reincarnation. This is the idea that after we die, we come back as a plant, animal or person – depending on how good or bad we were in life.

Christians believe in forgiveness. Jesus forgave the people who tortured and crucified him. He told us to forgive others and ask God for forgiveness.

Jewish people believe that in order to live good lives they have to follow 613 rules in their holy book about how they dress, eat, behave and worship.

Muslims show commitment to Allah in every aspect of their lives – praying 5 times a day, learning the Qur’an and wearing modest clothing.

Isaac Newton

The scientist **Isaac Newton** used the **thumb print** as evidence of the existence of God because each person has an individual and unique thumb print. He argued that this pointed to a designer rather than random chance.
He said:

“In the absence of any other proof, the thumb alone would convince me of God’s existence.”

What does Science say about Creation?

According to Science, the world was created billions of years ago as a result of the ‘Big Bang.’ Everything came about as a result of chance and evolution. God was not involved in this creation, as He does not exist.

The 6 main world religions are:

- Islam
- Buddhism
- Sikhism
- Judaism
- Christianity
- Hinduism

The main religion in the UK is Christianity – there are 27.5 million.

Christianity is also the largest religion in the world - there are 2.4 billion Christians in the world.