

A Sermon Proving God Exists

Sermon by Rev. Minister Angela Smith of COPE for August 2nd, 2020 (and beyond)

John 1:1 KJV "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God." In other words, God is the Word and the Word is God. "God is the original definition of good." Source: <https://www.lifeway.com/en/articles/sermon-god-goodness-psalm-145-107> "Word" is defined by Oxford Languages via Google as "a single distinct meaningful element of speech or writing, used with others (or sometimes alone) to form a sentence and typically shown with a space on either side when written or printed", "a person's account of the truth, especially when it differs from that of another person" and "the text or spoken part of a play, opera, or other performed piece; a script." Many understand words to be symbolic of what the words represent in terms of meaning. So, words themselves are intangible, but exist and are recognized/recognizable by those who are familiar with human language and meaning. Another definition, "GOD (2): Ancient Germanic, Anglo-Saxon Germanic element meaning "good"." Source: <https://www.behindthename.com/elements/usage/anglo-saxon> Dictionary.com defines "Good" as: "morally excellent; virtuous; righteous; pious:", "satisfactory in quality, quantity, or degree:", "of high quality; excellent.", "profit or advantage; worth; benefit:", "excellence or merit; kindness:", "(used as an expression of approval or satisfaction):", "not spoiled or tainted; edible; palatable:", "reliable; dependable; responsible:", "sound or valid:", "genuine; not counterfeit:" and a few other definitions which I don't believe will be necessary to prove that the above are mostly intangible qualities that one still recognizes as existing. I in turn also believe that Truth (that which is genuine, reliable, sound, and valid) and all the Virtues (including those above and more like honesty, diligence, humbleness, modesty, generosity, etc) are the many names by which God is known or recognized.

So, if you do not believe in Truth and Virtue, you don't believe in God. In other words, if you don't believe in God, some people understand that to mean you don't believe in Truth and Virtue so assume you are Luciferian, Satanic, or just a criminal of some sort. So, to avoid sounding like a criminal or someone devoid of any goodness whatsoever, when someone asks if you believe in God, perhaps say "God is Good" or "if applying the Ancient Germanic, Anglo-Saxon meaning, sure", if you otherwise claim to be atheist or agnostic. That would be more honest than denying all that is good by denying God to all who believe that all Good is God. It's similar to what some mean by "Namaste". Some understand that to mean the humanity in me recognizes the humanity in you. Some understand that to mean the divinity in me recognizes the divinity in you. How about "the truth and virtue in me" recognizes "the truth and virtue in you" or really tries and sometimes people make it so difficult because they deceive and cause vicious unspeakable harm to children or worse?

I believe I've effectively proven God exists to anyone who isn't in denial about the existence of Good as defined above here or where your understanding of what is Good can be found. Above is my subjective and objective understanding of what "Good" means. Good has meaning. God means Good. Stop trying to destroy meaning. All those trying to destroy meaning will be destroyed by destruction because destruction will

continue to have fucking meaning even if there are few survivors of any and all destruction until those who find meaning in that stop or are stopped. If destruction is the destiny you choose, don't expect others to join you and be prepared for opposition. Not everyone will understand this entire paragraph, but, those that do will hopefully be smiling right about now. That last sentence made more sense before I added to this paragraph, smiling yet? I hope so. God bless you.

By the way, if you read this entire sermon then you exhibited diligence and patience which are two virtues. So, you just proved to be at least a little good or godly from my perspective. But, if you disagree, that's cool because I'm a Wycliffite and I both welcome and expect that to one degree or another depending on subject or topic. However, if you deny the existence of Good in my presence, I'll be very insulted and concerned for you at the same time. Everyone should recognize Good in our lives, and that's my opinion. I'd be insulted that you don't recognize me as having any truth or virtues and/or concerned that you've never experienced anything Good ever so don't know Good. And, it would be hard for me to believe that anyone reading this never experienced one good thing so we'd have to discuss meaning and see if the communication breakdown was occurring around that.

If you don't believe in God after having read to this point, please e-mail me at rev@cope.church and ask for the Prometheus-themed Mystery Bonus Blessing (if that is still active by the time you read this, it will be for a while and will announce when those blessings are exhausted). I'll send it to you if you ask for it and provide your mailing address. At the time I'm writing this, there are 2,496 left (started with 2500).

There are opportunities to send messages, receive mystery bonus blessings, and more with or without donating available now on our "Pass the Basket" page at <https://www.cope.church/basket.htm> . Thank You.

"And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." John 8:32 KJV Willful blindness is an abomination.

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