

Everything You Need to Know

A Systematic Study of God

God's Revelation

God's Revelation is typically divided into two categories:

- _____ Revelation
- _____ Revelation

What is General Revelation?

"General" revelation is that disclosure of God that is available to all human beings through the created universe (nature) and in the inner nature of human beings (conscience).¹

1. The Cosmological Argument – the universe is an _____ that requires an adequate _____

To say that the cosmos came from nothing means it was self-created. This is a logical contradiction, because for something to be self-created it must exist and not exist at the same time in the same way. Furthermore, self-creation has never been scientifically demonstrated and observed.²

a. The Bible – Psalm 19:1-6, Romans 1:18-32

b. The Limitations

- i. Accessible to all, but _____ (Rom 1:18)
- ii. _____ in scope. It does not reveal anything about God's love or redemption.

2. The Teleological Argument – a universe with a _____ demands a _____

a. The Bible – Acts 14:15-17

b. The Limitations

- i. The place of _____ and chaos in this world
- ii. The observation of design says _____ about the designer

¹ James Leo Garrett Jr., [*Systematic Theology: Biblical, Historical, and Evangelical*](#), Fourth Edition., vol. 1 (Eugene, OR: Wipf & Stock, 2014), 51.

² Charles Caldwell Ryrie, [*Basic Theology: A Popular Systematic Guide to Understanding Biblical Truth*](#) (Chicago, IL: Moody Press, 1999), 32.

3. The Ontological Argument – it is more perfect to _____ than not to _____, therefore the most perfect being must exist
- a. The Limitations
 - i. Relies on the assumption that “existence” is a real predicate.
 - ii. Applied to anything other than God, and this argument strains credibility (for example, Plato’s “theory of recollection” in Meno)

What is revealed in General Revelation?

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

²⁰ 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)

¹⁷ Yet he has not left himself without testimony: He has shown kindness by giving you rain from heaven and crops in their seasons; he provides you with plenty of food and fills your hearts with joy.” (“Acts 14:17)

⁴⁵ that you may be children of your Father in heaven. He causes his sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous. (Matthew 5:45)

²⁸ ‘For in him we live and move and have our being.’^r As some of your own poets have said, ‘We are his offspring.’

²⁹ “Therefore since we are God’s offspring, we should not think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone—an image made by human design and skill. (Acts 17:28-29)