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INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this research assignment is to provide evidences, discussion and examination of the events and situations surrounding details of God's (Yahweh) existence through theological and challenges. Consider, the conclusion that God created the heavens and the earth and humanity, with

His image for a specific purpose.

THE EXISTENCE OF GOD

Accorded to the Norman L. Geisler, who wrote the book, *Systematic Theology*,” wrote these words: “God created “In the beginning.” “God is eternal, but the world is not.” “The universe came to be, but God always was (actually, is).” The existence of God from the Bible says in the book of Genesis 1:1, “In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. The reason why this scripture is so important is that it establishes the Deity of God being the creator of both heavens and earth and it validates the Deity of God being, “Elohim. The Bible in Genesis 1:2-4 explains the condition of the heavens and earth stating in verse 2: the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters. Verse 3: And God said, Let there be light; and there was light. Verse 4; And God saw the light, that it was good: and God divided the light from the darkness. Right here we can understand the God formed the light and divided from the darkness that covered the whole earth. In order words, he formed nothing out of nothing. Geisler states,” Both time and space were created with the universe with the creation of the universe being exnihilo.” The word create means (bara) which is used in connection with three great events: 1. The creation of matter, 2. Living things and 3. Human beings. The question, “What was God’s reason for creation?” He did not really needs us. I’m reminded of the scripture in Psalm 8:3-4 that says, “When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers... what is man that you are mindful of him, the son of man that you care for him?” God created the world and us in it because he loves us (Jeremiah

31:3). He created for his purpose and to worship Him. Then He created us to fulfill His eternal plan. During a study by Pew Research Center's 2014 Religious Landscape Study. When asked if they believe in "God or a universal spirit." The study showed that 89% of U.S. adults say yes-which is down from 92% from the previous study done in 2007. Nearly one-in-ten (9%) now say they don't believe in God, up from 5% in 2007. When it comes to the certainty of God:63% of Americans are absolutely certain that God exists, down 8% from 2007. So what is happening that less people are believing in God? But it also shows that everyone believe in some type of higher being, power or authority greater than themselves.

1. Norman L. Geisler, *Systematic Theology*, Vol.1, Bethany House, Minneapolis, Minnesota, 2011, *The Origin of Material Creation*, pg 628-629.
2. www.christianitytoday.com/iyf/advice/faithdoubt/why/did-god-create-man.html.
3. www.pewresearch.org/fact-tank/2015/11/04/americans-faith-in-god-may-be-eroding/

THESIS STATEMENT

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theological and challenges.

IN THE BEGINNING GOD

As I study the Word of God that was inspired by God. I realized that the greatest evidence to prove or write about Him existence, would be Christ

Himself. Scripture says this about the Savior of the world: Hebrews 3:4-“For every house is built by someone, but the builder of all things is God.” And in Romans 1:18-20-“For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men who suppress the truth in unrighteous, because that which is known about God is evident within them, for God made it evident to them. For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes, His eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly seen, being understood through what has been made, so that they are without excuse.”

Through the voice of God, God declared creation to be with just His voice says, “Let There Be.” According to the Logos of God in Genesis 1, the first “Let There Be,” was light and then He divided the light from the darkness. Here He was able to call light day and darkness night. Next, with His voice, God said, “Let there be a firmament in the midst of the waters and let it divide the waters from the waters. Which let’s us know that the heaven and earth was darkness and under water. God’s voice continued to speak the heavens and the earth into existence with just His voice.”

1. <https://bible.knowing-jesus.com/topics/proofs-God-s-existence>

CHALLENGES SURROUNDING CREATION

There has always been different stories surrounding creation and who created the world. There are mythologies including the one from China, “that begin with the splitting in two of a cosmic egg.” The Chinese and the Germanic version see this growing of a giant whose limbs eventually form

the observable world. Many of the stories start with the earth and water or gods, animals or people emerge from the earth, In Australians see a crab or tortoise, dive into a primeval ocean which is a period called, "The time of dreaming." Egyptian mythology can evolve into great complexity. The Mesopotamia creation story survived on clay tablets found in Ashurbanipal's library, in sage known as, "Emuma elish." So as we can see there are many believable and unbelievable stories surrounding the creation story. The story about man becoming human from an animal called the Ape or monkeys has been around and is still very popular in many countries and sciences. But there may be many different ideas on how the world and the universe was formed, but God (Yahweh) is the one who being the creator of all things. Because He was before anything was made, formed or created. God existences has no year, no time or no number, for God is God. The plan of God was to create heaven and earth for man to dwell in and to also make man in His likeness. "To have fellowship with Him through the exercise of that image." He also wanted man to be created to worship Him as Yahweh and to tell others about the God of eternal life through salvation. Accorded to Bible.org, "God give us free choice and God has perfectly provided for us so that we can be reconciled to Him, walk with Him and even overcome sin's power through the finished work of Christ on the cross and the many blessing we have in Him." The sad thing I see in this creation story and the existences of God the Father, is this. God loved us so much that He came to create a place for man to dwell in out of His love, compassion and want to

see us made free in Him. It was His plan for man to have no sin in the first place. But Adam and Eve was the first humans to be created in God's image with the freedom to like a sin free, care free life and live forever, but disobediences came into the earth in the garden and changed mankind's course forever. Now man has to work to make a living and women have to suffer in child-bearing. Sin came into being from the beginning of creation. For the viewpoint of other theologians accorded to Systematic Theology by Louis Berkhof, he writes, "A place of the Doctrine of God works on dogmatic or systematic theology generally begin with the doctrine of God." "Berkhof also states two presuppositions, (1) that God exists, and (2) that He has revealed Himself in His divine Word." In the early ancient church, Bishops, Fathers and Christians were murdered for believing in the existence of God. Some were put in prison and others exile from their homeland. In all of my studies it is still hard to believe that even today in the 21th century, mankind is still trying to proof the existences of a Holy God. And believe it or not, wars over God's land in the Middle East is still taking place today. In the book called, *The Earth History of God, Yahweh and the other Deities in Ancient Israel* by Mark S. Smith, Smith starts with a study of the beginning of "God," with the understanding of deity in western traditions that reaches back to the God of Israel. He does write a book of the history of Israelite religion, but this book this book holds the history of God with the understanding of what deity means that shaped Judaism, Christianity, and

Islam faith to come to know the creator being Yahweh, the beginning and the end.

1. Mark S. Smith, *The Early History of God, Yahweh and the Other Deities in Ancient Israel*, (William B. Eerdmans Publishing Company, 2002) pg X
2. [Hhths://bible.org/question/what-purpose-did-god-create-world](https://bible.org/question/what-purpose-did-god-create-world)

DOCUMENTATION THAT PROOF GOD EXIST

The one true person or power that can proof His existences in the earth and under the earth is God Himself. God's word and the teaching from His only begotten Son being one with the Father or Godhead is the evidence that proofs who God is. When we see the moon, stars, feel the wind, that's God. When we hear a new baby being birth into the world, that's God. When we can feel the love of a Savior through His Son give His life for us to have life in Him through salvation that is God. There is no other God besides Him, there is not anyone that can create a whole universe out of nothing and it breathes life and make after he breath His breathe in us, we became a living soul. In the early church many false gods came to be and people worship their small little (g) god. But all of their gods and religious practices could not survive the God of Israel, Yahweh. For he is all God, all seeing and all doing, for He is the Great I AM.

CONCLUSION RESTART THESIS

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KEY POINTS

- In the beginning God
- God created the heavens and the earth. He is the creator of all things
- God's reason for being is to bring us to Him, to have fellowship and to worship and believe on Him
- Many challenges still surround the question of God existences
- The Ancient early history church and the Middle East is still fighting over Yahweh being the deity
- A poll shows the decline in Americans who believe in God or some higher being
- God does exist and He is the creator of you and me.

RHETORICAL QUESTION

My question to ask would be, "what would God the Father of everything needs to know to get a nation to believe He is God and He is the one from the beginning who created the whole universe and made us in His image. On top of all of that He give up His only Son who died for the sins of the world caused by me and you. What else would the GREAT I AM need to do for you to say yes, I believe God is God?"

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7. The Holy Bible, King James Version, Genesis 1:1-4, Psalms 8:34,

Jeremiah 3:13 Hebrew 3:4 and Romans 1:18-20.