



because
Knowing God
is of supreme
importance.



Apologetics With **Steve**

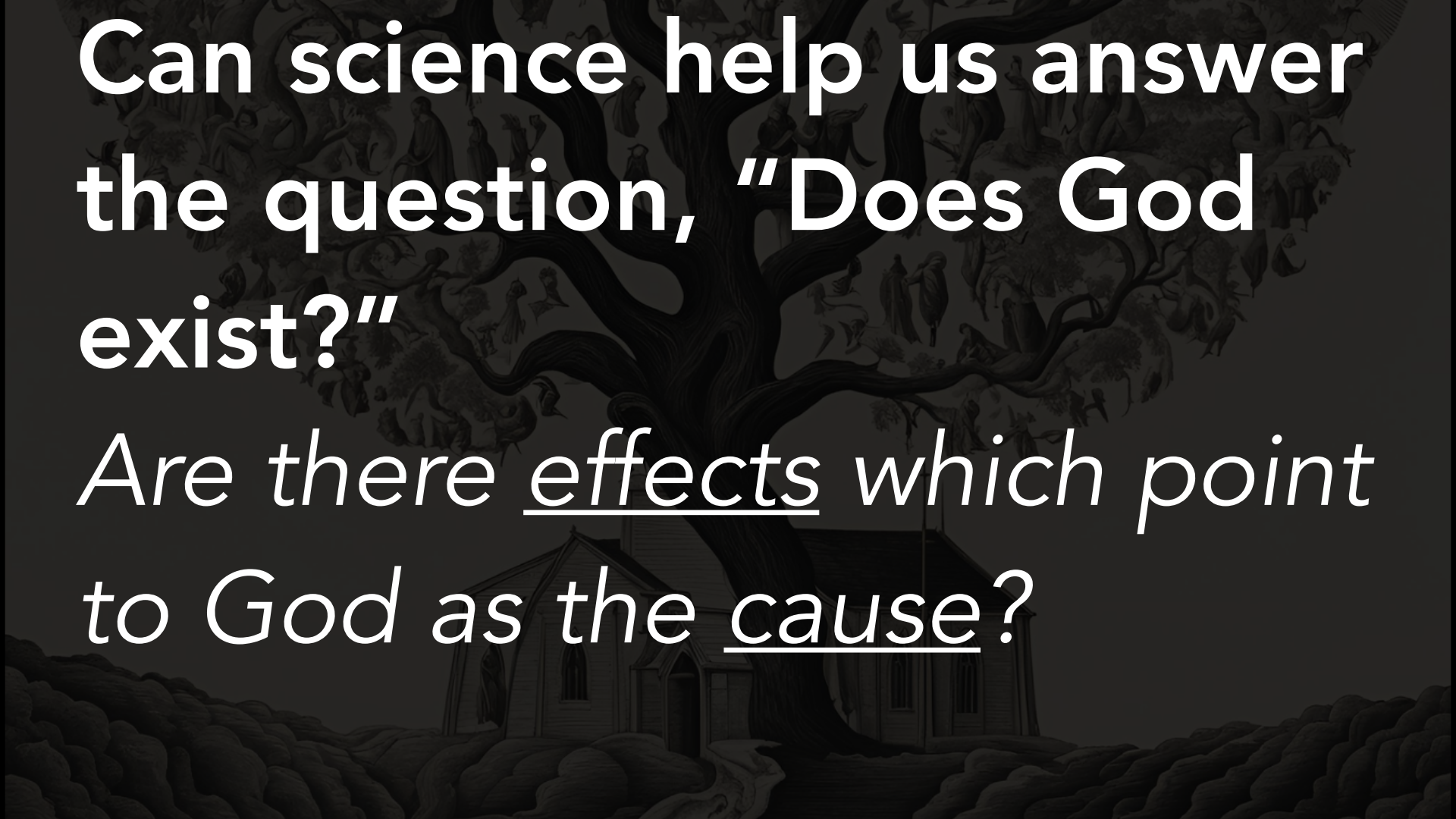
Lesson #2

What's the evidence that God exists?

Is science about cause and effect?

✦ AI Overview

Yes, science is about cause and effect, which is a central theme in all scientific disciplines. Cause and effect is the idea that actions or events (causes) produce certain outcomes or results (effects). [🔗](#)



Can science help us answer
the question, "Does God
exist?"

*Are there effects which point
to God as the cause?*

God is the best explanation for:

1. The beginning of the universe
2. The fine-tuning of the universe
3. The existence of objective morality
4. The existence of anything at all

Kalam Cosmological Argument

*God is the best explanation for
the beginning of the universe*

1. Whatever begins to exist has a cause.
2. The universe began to exist.
3. Therefore, the universe has a cause.

The Teleological Argument

*God is the best explanation for
the fine-tuning of the universe*

1. The fine tuning of the universe is due to either necessity, chance, or design.
2. The fine tuning of the universe is not due to necessity, nor chance.
3. Therefore, it is due to design.

The Moral Argument

*God is the best explanation for
the existence of objective morality.*

1. If God does not exist, then objective moral values and duties do not exist.
2. Objective moral values and duties do exist.
3. Therefore, God exists.

Leibniz' Contingency Argument

*God is the best explanation for
the existence of anything at all.*

1. Everything that exists has an explanation for its existence, either in the necessity of its nature, or in an external cause.
2. If the universe has an explanation of its existence, that explanation is God.
3. The universe exists.
4. The explanation of the universe's existence is God.

What is a properly basic belief?

✦ AI Overview

A properly basic belief is **a belief that is considered to be justified without the need for other beliefs to justify it**. It is a foundational belief that is part of a person's belief system and is not based on other beliefs. [🔗](#)

Is belief in God properly basic?

✦ AI Overview

Yes, philosopher Alvin Plantinga argues that belief in God can be a properly basic belief. Plantinga's view is that belief in God can be rational and basic, and have the same intellectual status as other beliefs about the world. [🔗](#)

Explanation

Definition	A properly basic belief is a belief that is basic and rational, meaning it is not inferred from any other belief.
Plantinga's argument	Plantinga argues that belief in God can be properly basic because it can be based on experiences, which are a form of evidence. He also argues that a cognitive mechanism called the <i>sensus divinitatis</i> produces beliefs about God, and that this mechanism is designed to produce true beliefs.
Objections	One common objection to Plantinga's argument is that it seems to imply that almost any belief could be properly basic.

Some other examples of properly basic beliefs include: I see a tree, I am in pain, and I had breakfast this morning. [🔗](#)

Closing Summary:

Believing in the existence of God is rational and reasonable. There are both scientific and philosophical reasons to believe in the existence of God.

Outline:

1. Intro: What is apologetics? What is worldview?
2. **Does God exist? (Is theism true?) What is the evidence?**
3. Is the Bible historically reliable? What is the evidence?
4. Did Jesus really die and rise from the dead? What is the evidence?
5. Is Jesus God? Is the Bible God's Word? (In other words: Is Christianity true?) What is the evidence?

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