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Two Questions:

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**In light of other religions,
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Cosmological argument for God:

Every origin explanation needs pre-existing:

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 - 2. Matter (what)**
 - 3. Time (when)**
 - 4. Space (where)**
 - 5. Intent (why)**
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- 6. A process (how)**

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Atheistic big bang theory:

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**Cosmological argument for God:
Judeo-Christian big bang theory:**

Genesis 1:1;3

**In the beginning (when) God (who) created (why)
the heavens (where) and the earth (what).
Then God said, “Let there be light”;
and there was light (how).**

Cosmological argument summary:

Whatever begins to exist has a cause. The universe began to exist. Therefore, the universe has a cause. The universe's cause must be a transcendent cause beyond the universe. This uncaused, transcendent, eternal, autonomous, all-powerful Creator is what we call "God."

Teleological argument for God:

Our existence depends upon a complex and interdependent balance of fine-tuned conditions that cannot be altered in order for life to come into existence in the past, for life to exist right now, and for life to continue to exist in the future.



Teleological argument summary:

Because of the complexity, interdependence, and fine-tuning of our surroundings, the odds of the universe, planets and people coming into existence by chance are virtually zero.

References:

The Case for a Creator by Lee Strobel

On Guard by William Lane Craig

I Don't Have Enough Faith to Be an Atheist
by Frank Turek & Norman Geisler



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**The Bible didn't create Christianity;
Christianity created the Bible.**

The 6 E's that show Jesus' story is reliable:

1. Early Testimony. 1 Cor. 15:3-6

2. Eyewitness testimony. Luke 3:1-2; 1 John 1:1-4

3. Embarrassing testimony.

4. Excruciating testimony.

5. Expected testimony. Psalm 22; Isaiah 53

6. Extra-biblical testimony.

References:

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Evidence that Demands a Verdict

by Josh McDowell

Reasonable Faith by William Lane Craig





**Did you know
that your faith
is reasonable?**