

Series: Ready to Answer  
Lesson: 4 - What is God like?  
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*The Simplicity Principle:* When any two explanations are equal in other ways, the simpler one is more likely to be true.

Why believe God is a Creator, and not just a Builder?

Most of the ancient cultures of the world believed only in builder gods.

The Israelites were different.

Why believe God is perfect in all ways rather than a being more like us?

The idea of God who is perfect in all ways is very simple, because it leaves fewer unanswered questions than any other scheme.

Every limit raises a question.

With every limit is we set on some characteristic of God, we generate another question.

In addition to the argument from the Simplicity Principle, another argument for the perfection of God comes from our need to have a moral governor of the universe.

One final argument: to think of God as perfect in all ways makes God ultimate and independent in a way no limited God could be.

Who is the God of the Bible?

Based on the reasoning above, we have come to a picture of one personal God, the creator of everything else, perfect in power, knowledge, life-span and in every other way.

In the Bible, God is one

In the Bible, God is creator

In the Bible, God knows everything

In the Bible, God has all power

In the Bible, God is eternal

So the Israelites had a picture of God that was far ahead of its time. That picture of God was revealed to the tiny nation of Israel, and no one could have predicted that it would ever catch on. But since Jews, Christians and Muslims all believe in that basic idea of God, it is now the most common religious belief on the planet.