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Key points from group discussion on popular views on the existence of God...

*Reasons for belief that God exists:*

Orderliness of nature – evolution

Creation

Concept of right & wrong

Great Healer

Personal experience – spiritual gifts

Answered prayer – no other option

Bible record – eye witness – word of mouth

Love & personality should not exist in a random universe

Resurrection

Changes in people's lives

Great provider

*Reasons for belief that God does not exist:*

Presence of pain & suffering – natural disasters

Multiple religions cannot all be right

Cannot see him/her

Not scientifically proven

Implausibility of God, public opinion

Evolution – replaces need for creation

Inconvenience of belief – requires response

Pride wants to be in control

Inadequacy of language

Negative experiences in experience/history

Work of the devil

Free will v God's control

Unanswered prayer