

## What is the Definition of God?

Is there a God? Is God the God of the Bible? To address the question of "Is there a God" we must ask ourselves what the word "God" means. This is the reason that the Church of Reality doesn't just come out and declare that there is no possibility that God exists by any definition. We don't know - for example - why anything exists. Why is there something rather than nothing and how did it get here? We can't say that we know that there is no possibility that there is some higher being out there and that our entire universe might not be a piece of software running on some computer in a different universe. And - if you were to call that computer God - or call anything of that nature God - then God might exist. Some people have named their dog God - so God does exist. So - in the context of the widest definition of God as "something out there that's unknown" there might be a God. But if you get down to specific definitions of God - like the God described in the Christian and Jewish Bibles - no - that God doesn't exist.

If you define God as "The Universe" then God Exists. But if you are talking about the God of the Bible - No Way!

A common argument is that, "You can't say for sure that there's no higher intelligence anywhere in the universe and you don't know how that something somewhere created all this - and something can't come from nothing - and whatever the possibility of that something is - we'll call that God - and since you can't prove that the possibility doesn't exist - the Bible says .... " The flaw here is that they use a wide description of the possibility that God might exist - and then switch over to the Christian definition. But these are two very different things. The God as described in the Bible is a fictional character and is no more real than Santa Clause, the Tooth Fairy, the Boogie Man, or Jesus Christ. When you get down to describing God in specific terms - like in the Bible - you quickly see that this is ridiculous. But the fact that so many people believe in God shows that humans are herd animals and that our minds are imperfect and that we are very susceptible to the beliefs of other people. One of the disciplines of the Church of Reality is to see reality the way it really is and try to examine human mythology to determine if what people believe is true or not. And since the idea of God is central to all religions - then it's an issue that the Church of Reality must also address.