

**Review: David Watson, *Is Anyone There?*, Hodder and Staughton,  
London, UK, 1979 (1986 edn.)**

Pages: 121

**There Has to Be!**

This presents a simple apologetic of Christianity, which sometimes is more effective than complex and intellectual arguments. That doesn't mean the contents are wrong, but just detailed enough to show philosophy, science, history, and the finality of death all legitimately point to God.

Unfortunately, the author compromises with Deep Time philosophy and Evolutionism, dismissing them as compatible with Christianity and so irrelevant. Nothing could be further from the truth as these are a great stumbling block to evangelism.

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**I) Is Anyone There? (pp. 1-21)**

Underwater plant life produces 90% of the world's oxygen.

Between 1962 and 1970, 85K drums of radioactive waste were dumped off the east and west coasts of the U.S.

**II) Look at the Facts (pp. 22-35)**

The human eye has 137M photoreceptor cells.

One neuron in the brain can act as a communications point for 200 connections.

The oldest manuscript of Tacitus is 800 years after the fact.

**III) Jesus of Nazareth (pp. 36-45)**

Philosophers like notions of God as: “the Eternal Consciousness”; “Ground of Our Being”; “Infinite Principle”; and “Cosmic Force”.

#### **IV) Crossroads (pp. 46-62)**

#### **V) Dead or Alive (pp. 63-74)**

Death is the final crisis in life.

Dabbling in the occult is like playing with an unexploded bomb.

Death may be said to be physical, spiritual, and eternal.

The resurrection of Christ is evidenced by the:

1. Explosive early growth of the church.
2. NT document itself.
3. Empty tomb.
4. Resurrection appearances.
5. Unbroken tradition of the Lord’s Supper across two thousand years.
6. Personal testimony of millions of believers across the ages.

#### **VI) Doubts and Difficulties (pp. 75-86)**

Answers to some objections to God’s existence are:

1. One can never fully understand God, so at times must admit “I don’t know”. People do this all the time when they have no answer to a question).
2. Suffering was never part of God’s original creation.
3. Suffering can sometimes bring valuable lessons and character growth otherwise impossible to learn.

4. Everything is uncertain, and in the end all will be lost at death.

There are so-called “professional seekers”.

**VII) God With Us (pp. 87-95)**

**VIII) How Can I Find God? (pp. 96-106)**

**IX) A Lasting Relationship (pp. 107-121)**

Things which hinder Christian growth are: the devil; doubt; disobedience; fear; pride; loneliness; and self-pity.