



Monotheistic Proofs for the Existence of God in Christianity, Islam and African Religion: Counter to the Rise of Atheism in Contemporary Time

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Abstract

Prior to contemporary invention of the doctrine of atheism, monotheism is believed to prove the existence of God among the three religions especially in Nigeria. Atheism is a contemporary world doctrine that denied the existence of God. The paper is aimed at reawakening the faith of adherents of the three religions here on the need to guard against the erroneous and deluding teachings of atheism which posed challenge to authentic faith in the existence of God. The paper made use of comparative, prescriptive and analytic methods. Data were collected mainly from relevant books. The paper discovered that atheism is a strong and dangerous view wide spreading like wild fire across the globe, which misled people to debunk the proofs that God really exist. The paper makes a clarion call to the adherents of Christianity, Islam and African Religion to uphold tenaciously on the belief and existence of God, and not to be misled by the erroneous and unfounded view of the atheists that God did not exist. Religious leaders in the three religions here should serve strong protectors or defenders of the monotheistic proof of the existence of God among their adherents. They should also guard against the erroneous teachings of atheism at all times.

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Introduction

Religion is a sacred institution that recognizes the belief in the Holy. Religion is being viewed differently by people based on their perception of the phenomenon. Religion is a sacred affirming reality which has God as its sacred object of worship. Thus, religion is a reality which has experience of the Holy-Something which is untouchable but awe-inspiring, which has ultimate meaning: the source of Ultimate Reality (Adasu 12). Religion is a doubly rich and complex phenomenon. It has been the most vital and pervasive feature of human life. Nigeria is a pluralistic society, where God exist, and who is seen as primal, supreme in power, knowledge and moral worth, who created all other existing beings out of nothing (Evans and Manis 37).

Religions have become contemporary phenomenon. However, in the past, there was no any pronounced statement that God did not exist, but in the 17-18 centuries we have scholars, with versions of views denying the existence of God, which is making a serious faith damage among people of the world that he actually does not exist. These Atheists put their statements as compendium of truth denying the real existence of God. In this paper, a comparative approach is going to be used to sample the monotheistic views of God existence as a barricade to curtail continual raise of the atheistic teaching in

winning more disciples from among Christianity, Islam and African Religion.

It is worth knowing that, denying monotheistic existence of God is considered an impossible and a fallacious task that must be discarded in other to save the true acknowledge of the monotheistic existence of Him from being denied by Atheists. This paper attempts to proffer ways to safeguard monotheistic existence of God's existence as obtainable in Christianity, Islam and African Religion with the view of salvaging the existence of God from being diluted, rubbished or denied to exist. Thus, God is the sole object and sacred object of worship who has no equal and no contender, and which is a proof of his existence on the mind and physical realities (Smart 22). Thus, God is in himself self-existing, and through him all things were made, and even when Atheists denied that he "God" does not exist, at least in them, they should know that also they did not create themselves but owed their existence from one who exist.

God is also seen as an eternal existing spirit (Evans and Manis 41). It is worth reiterating that, the monotheistic proof of the existence of God, who is been referred to as infinite, limited less, because he is known in mind from eternal, he is power, goodness, life and strength and the eternal mystery of life. That God exist is an undeniable fact which is been accepted

by Christian, Islam and African Religion right from the past and present. However, the reality of God is everybody's concerned reality, because God is worshiped in the three religions at all times.

His creatures in the three religions acknowledge that he exists because he is the giver of life and creator of the world. Hence, to the acclaimed manifestation of God in human reason and physical things which he created, summed to attest that his concept of existence was taken by the Atheists for granted, even though he really exist but tgey denied. The proof of God's existence was taken by the Atheists for granted, even though such divine and creative reality is inscribed and exist on the human minds and in the universe which he created, and which cannot be denied by the adherents of Christianity, Islam and African Religion. It is interesting to know that the reality of God is every body's concerned reality, and God's existence proof he is the Ultimate Reality with the deepest and highest meanings and the foundation ground of the totality of reality (Iroegbu 39).

The paper shall elucidate basic concepts like Christianity, Islam and African Religion, Monotheism and Atheism. It shall also examine the origin of Monotheism and Atheism, monotheistic concept of God in Christianity, Islam and African Religion would also be discussed. The paper shall also look at monotheistic concept of God in Christianity, Islam and African Religion in a comparative manner. Furthermore, origin and Nature of Atheism, samples of contemporary Atheistic Scholars and their views on the existence of God would be examined, and away forward.

Christianity: Christianity was established in Palestine. Christianity, has through the work of Jesus Christ, and that of his disciples, grown and becomes a Universal witness to the extent that is now rated as having largest adherents among the world religions (Anyacho 180). In another assertion, Hornby, 8th edition also puts that "Christianity is the religion that is based on the teachings of Jesus Christ and the belief that he was the son of God" (249). Gbenda further opines that "Christianity is a religion generated by faith in Jesus Christ who was born between band of BCE at Bethlehem and who once lived in Palestine" (7).

Islam: Etymologically, the root "slm" in Arabia means to be in peace to be an integral whole from this root comes Islam, meaning to surrender to God's law and thus to be an integral whole the (Elliade 303). Islam is founded by Muhammed about 570 A.D. He belongs to the tribe of the Quraysh infallible word of God. Islam is an intensely monotheistic religion founded by Prophet Mohammed. The word "Islam" meaning "complete submission to the will of Allah" represents the doctrine preached by Prophet Mohammed to his followers, the Muslims. The religion started by the prophet in 7 century AD in Arabia is now one of the world largest religions (Anyacho 221).

African Religion: African Religion is the indigenous religion of the African people that has been handed down to succeeding generations to ensure its continuity. It is also the ancestral religion of the African people which is as old as its existence. Sarwuan also enthused that "African Religion is part of the African Culture which has no founder; it arose from the way of life within the traditional African society" (3). Anyacho also reiterate that African Religion to mean "a religion that was founded by the forbears of Africans and it is not a borrowed religion but evolved gradually through the years from the practices and experiences of the forebears (242). In another definition, African Religion is that which evolves the totality of life of the African (Oborji 13). Adasu

also asserts that "African Religion is one which resulted from the sustaining faith of the forefathers of the present Africans" (14). In Gaiya's opinion also "African Religion is defined as an institutionalized system of symbols, beliefs, value, practices, which are focused on Questions to ultimate meaning to different African societies" (2).

Atheism: Atheism simple means the denial of the existence of God. In another similar thought, Atheism totally denies the existence of God or believes positively that God does not exist (Elue 64). Evans and Manis reiterated similarly also that "Atheism is a world view that denies the existence of God" (37).

Religion: Religion is an institution of belief in the divine. It has been define also to denote man's experience, awareness, attitude, recognition concept and understanding of the existence of the super natural or the multiplicity of spiritual beings and his relationship or interaction with them (Gbenda 6). Religion in summary is the relationship between the sacred and the profane. It is also an institution where there is a contact between the Holy and the profane.

Origin of Monotheism

Right from man's beginning, there was the general idea of God, which is innate in him, and which remains undeniable but attestable. There was the assumption that man was living in a world that is made and directed by a great force, divine, powerful, un-seen, ubiquitous who manifests his deeds in the things he created in the cosmos. Thus, man, who is an infinite, dependent being owned his existence from the supreme force of existence called God. This great force is a force beyond man's imagination (Elue 65). God's origin and nature remain knowable to him because, he is a Superior Force whom other forces depend on him for their existence, and who remains always a mystery.

All rational thinking beings owed their existence to the monotheistic God whom they experience in their rational and physical interactions in the cosmos. God is further seen as the entire mystery of eternal life. Also, he is himself an existing reality, who owed his existence to no body, but to himself. His fore knowledge is self-sufficient and that is why he cannot be known of what he is made up of. Thus, every professing rational creature owed his being from the creator God, who exists outside time and no one dictates for him what to do and when to do his things. Plato also called him *Theos* meaning God, and Aristotle "unmoved mover". Hence, the concept of God is not something that people can just erase. He has manifested his own very idea in the corporeal and in corporeal substances man experiences in life.

All existing beings owed their existence from the Superior Force, which is not dependent on any force but independent of himself. God is a mysterious force that exists, and his nature and existence remained a mystery in the sight of all that he created, and that is why all creations stand in awe of his marvelous creation in the Universe. Thus, his very idea qualifies that he definitely exist. The real essence and existence of God remained hidden and mysterious to all religions in the world. One of the greatest mysteries that have engulfed man since the time of creation is the nature, origin and existence of God. Amidst these mysteries which man cannot unravel, lie in the monotheistic proof of God's existence.

However, no any evidence could be made by any radical thinker to convince the world not to know the monotheistic concept of God's existence. Thus, inferences are only deduced or made that rational and empirical experiences

summed up that God is one and his existence is in himself, which reveals himself in the things he created so that they will know him. The origin of monotheism is in God himself, who himself is self-giving, and whose nature and definition is in himself because, he is monotheistic and that he exists only in himself and manifest in rational and physical experiences of men. Monotheistic origin, is solely belongs to the Supreme, eternal, sacred and infinite God.

Monotheistic Concepts of God's Existence in Christianity, Islam and African Religion

The three religions here upheld the monotheistic concept and proof of God's existence which is undeniable. These three religions tenaciously see and uphold God as the only ruler and controller of the whole universe (Anyacho 184). Thus, God is been described as a Super Being because he exist with undeniable attributes such as holy, righteous, kind, loving, merciful, all powerful, ever present and ever knowing etc. The Holy Bible also asserts to fact that God is one in this repertoire: Hear, O Israel the Lord our God is one (Deuteronomy 6:4). Without God or the idea of the Holy or sacred, there would be no religion talk more to proof his existence as the centre of all religious life, beliefs and practices and by these, he definitely cannot be said not to exist (Gbenda 25). The men, women, earth, heaven, vegetable, planets, inanimate objects, animals, fishes and he gives life, and he himself is existing and is the source of life that is necessary for men to seek and emulate his attributes that he really exist form the time immoral (World Affairs 23). The Christian Holy Bible also reiterates on the existence of God without mincing word in this manner:

In the beginning was the word and word was with God, and the word was God. Through him all things were made without him nothing was made that has been made in him was life, and that life was the light of men (John 1:2-4). The Supreme Being has not been existence as been purported by Atheists. The knowledge of God requires the knowledge of God's name, who is been addressed in Exodus 3:14 – 16 as "I am who I am" He is "Emmanuel" (God with us) (Isaiah 7:14).

Kwesi and Ellingworth also wrote interestingly about God's existence in this manner:

All attributes of God properly define him in terms of what God has done, what God is doing and what God is saying to each people in their own native context, which is God self-disclosure in the Bible and of our faith is the first instance the world grasped something about his revelation (11-12).

The Holy Bible is sacred composition of the word of God written by men under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. It is a faith compendium for Christian's instruction. It vehemently reiterates that the idea of the reality of God's existence is so fundamental that those who study can hardly conclude that "only the fool would say in his heart that there is no God" (Psalm 14:1, 14:1, 53:1). Hence, of all the affirmative proofs given by the Holy Bible, they point to the authentic fact that, Christianity affirmed and recognized the monotheistic proofs of God' existence. In our simple catechism, we used to be asked: who is God? "Our reply was this: "God is our Loving Father the maker of heaven and earth" which confirms God exist really.

Where is God? "God is everywhere; we cannot see him for he is a spirit" All these proofs bear witness that God really exist. In affirming the existence of God also, St. Augustine summarily buttress in this manner "Thou hast made for us for thy self O Lord and our hearts are restless untill they rest in

you". Also Psalm 53:1 also reaffirmed that "It is only the fool who says in his heart there is no God".

The very idea of God and his oneness for humanity centre – in accordance with the words of the Holy Al-Qur'an which captures thus "I have not created inn and man but that they should worship me" (Al-Qur'an 51:56). Thus, God is a universal and sacred existence and sacred object of worship in the totality of all aspects as one complex moral responsibility. The permanent recognition and worship of God is the purpose why humanity was created is to worship he that exist and always. Hence, God's oneness must be reflected in our striving towards coordination and unification of the various aspects of our life (6). Thus the concept of God, existence is a clear fact started in the Al-Qur'an, and Mohammed concept of God as preached is that, there is only one God Allah. (Anyacho377) who is the author of life, and all creatures acknowledges that he exists, which cannot be denied. Islam is a religion of clear dogma and simple with deep vigour experience.

The belief in "Allah" referred to as God, who is believed to be the creator of heaven and earth and all that inhabits them is real and ever existing phenomenon. He is one and indivisible, and the belief in one God is contained in the Shahada which is commonly experience in the prologue as "Laa illaha illa Allah" means: there is no god but God (Anyacho 227). God's proof of his existence is reiterated in the attribute given him in the Holy Al'-Qur'an thus:

- i) Ar-Raham (The Beneficent)
- ii) Ar-Rahim (Merciful)
- iii) Malik, (Master owner of the judge day)
- iv) Rabb (Lord)
- v) As-Salem (the peace)
- vi) Al-Chafur (the forgiving one)
- vii) Al-Hakam (the judge)
- viii) Al-Alim (the all-knowing).

All these attributes point to the authentic proof of the belief and in existence of the monotheistic God (228). However, Islam sees God (Allah) as all powerful and all knowing, the creator, source and one who ordained and is the real judge of the universe. God in Islam is strictly singular fawhid. (Al-Quran 7:54). Allah is the only God and same God worship in Christianity and Judaism (Al-Quran 29:46). All these scriptural chapters and verses in the Holy Quran affirmed the existence of God who must be worshiped by his creatures every now and then. God's own created creatures, owed him due worship and adoration because he is an existing and powerful God. In Islamic spiritual terms, God sense of existence with every person before the world was created that they will recognize him as he Allah said:

When your Lord took out the offspring from the loins of the children of Adam and made them bear witness about themselves, He said, 'am I not your God? And replied, yes. We bear witness. So you cannot say on the day of resurrection, we were not aware of this (Al'-Qur'an 7:172).

The monotheistic proof of God's existence in the Al'-Quran and Sunnah is straight forward, easy to comprehend and this logical being supported by sound human reasoning. Everything in the universe that has beginning must have a course. The universe began to exist, therefore the beginning of the universe must have being cause by something the only such cause must be an uncaused or God. African Religion which has no founder, reformers nor scriptural book but upholds tenaciously the divine revelation of God. God is believed to be the originator and Supreme source of life

(Oborji 59). He is viewed ultimately as the prime originator and sustainer of the universe.

Furthermore, the African world view on its part conceptualizes God as God of life and they celebrate life, whom God is recognized as its source (71). The concept of the Supreme Being (monotheism) is one of the vital proofs that exist in Africa Religion. Thus, the proof of God existence in African Religion is not vague but something that is real and will forever remain. Furthermore, there is a general wide spread belief in God who is believed to be the Supreme and the overall Lord whom Mumuye called *Kpanti Laa*, Igbo (*Chineke*) Kona (*Kuruman*), Jukun (*Shidon*), Edo and Efik Abasi (*Osanoboa*), Tiv (*Aondo*). This belief in the existence of God is as old as African content (Anyacho 245). Nyazing similarly asserts that "the sole object of worship is God whom the Mumuye called *Kpanti Laa* who has no equal and no contender "(22). Hence from the mere mention of his name inspire reverence and when need arises, prayers are made to him at designated sacred places of worship.

In another manner, Oborji enthused that "the most vital ideas of religions among Africans is the idea of God, which Africans belief is the author of life" (13). Hence, monotheistic belief and proof of God existence is a universal phenomenon, which is encapsulated in Africa Religion without doubt. African belief in a Supreme God presupposes or is tantamount to the Judaic belief in an Almighty God-as expressed in the Old Testament. Hence, it is tantamount to Christian belief in the triune God-that is of the New Testament (Adasu23). God is also the origin and sustainer of all things, and African knowledge of Him is expressed also in proverbs, songs, prayers, names, which are easy to remember and pass on to other people from generation to generation.

Everybody knows of God's existence almost by instinct and even children know him to exist (Mbiti 29). His attribute like omniscience (one who is all knowing), omnipotent (one who Almighty), omnipresence (one who is everywhere). All this attribute point to the very fact that God exist in African Religion, and He is the one who has a will which governs the universe and the fortunes of mankind (37). The Monotheistic belief in God's existence is realizable in African institutionalize system of worship of the Ultimate Reality in different African societies (Gaiya 2). Names like *La'aroba*, *Da'anaki*, *Nzala* (in Mumuye meaning; God never sleeps, God gave, I thank God). *Maduabuchi* and *Chidimma* in Igbo (Man cannot be God and God is good), in Tiv-Aondohemba and Aondona (God is great and God knows). These names proved also the monotheistic view hold dearly in African Religion, which is a die heart concept in the hearts and on their lips of the adherents of the three religions here, which proves that God exist.

Hence, there are deep religious philosophies on the use of expressions bearing the existence of God. This concept even though was not written but is verbally expressed and written down for moral proofs that God exist, and his existence is undeniable. God is also being seen to be the focal and holy object of worship in African Religion because, he is being referred to exist with realistic attributes as enlisted by Rahner to include infinite, limited less, he is known in mind from eternity, he is power, good, life and strength and finally the eternal mystery of life (7-11). The proof of God's existence cannot be annihilated in Christianity, Islam and African Religion. Hence, every existing being owes his existence from an all-encompassing Supreme Being, whose existence is attested without any doubt in professing monotheistic religions. Thus, God's existence as seen and proven from the

assertions of the trio religions here unanimously without mincing words that, not even the atheists can persuade the adherence of these religions to follow in their ideology by dying the monotheistic proofs of God's existence. Furthermore, African conception of God has the prime place in their religious tradition (Oborji 63), and the African world view also conceptualizes God as God of life, and they celebrate God as its originator (71).

The concept of the proof of God's existence in African Religion is not a strange thing neither God is a stranger but is something that has been there before the creation of humanity. The existence of African Religion owed its origin and authenticity from the existence of one and only God of creation and morality, who is a powerful and moral agent that is worshipped at all times. Hence, his existence is approved in the innate knowledge and experiences of the people were ever they are, they carry with their religion which has God as a sacred existing object of worship, and who cannot be compared with any mortal existing being alive or death.

God's existence is an undying vitality fluid that runs through the veins of Africans; in their consciousness and experiences, and which cannot be said to exist as the atheists profoundly claimed. The existence of the sacred or holy is the very idea encrypted in African religion, which has evidence of God's existence whom other beings consider as supreme who commands moral living in their relationship with him and their fellows in the society (Gbenda 1). The central idea of African Religion is established on the proof of the existence of God. Hence, the activity aspect of a people is given assurance of the presence and activity of God in every part of their life (Magesa 32). It is worth reiterating further that, the world is a dear manifestation of God's power and benevolence which is the summary of monotheistic proof of his divine existence and benevolence in the lives of his creatures that cannot be disputed.

Earlier Proofs of God's Existence

There are earlier proofs of the existence of God. These views bear the hallmarks of God's existence even without reading from the Holy Scriptures; Bible and Quran). Hence, these earlier proofs are affirmative that God's existence has been as older than those proven he exist. It is interesting to observe that, these monotheistic proofs of the existence of God existed prior to the creation of the world are going to be expound below:

Ontological Argument

Ontological argument in St. Anselm's work *proslogium*' a prior (reason) vividly proves that God really exist. Hence, every concept or idea of God implies his reality that beings are able to clearly conceive of him to exist, and which implies that God actually exist. Anselm further reiterated that, human beings have the very idea of God's existence in their minds as evidence he really exist (1033-1109). Thus, to deny that God did not exist proves that he exist in the mind of the fools (Evans and Manis 63).

Cosmological Argument

By this, it implies the very own existence of God from the existence of the cosmos or universe. They are otherwise known as first cause argument because they attempt to infer that most exist as the First or Ultimate Cause of the universe.

Teleological Argument

This is an argument from design and existence of the cosmos. The arrangement of sun, moon, stars, skies, rivers, mountains, trees, creatures point to the fact that the universe was created by a mighty designer (God). Looking at the beautiful arrangement and an unfolding event in the universe, it points to the Ultimate Reality (God as the designer). St Thomas Aquinas proposed motion, design, contingency and causality. God is the designer of the cosmos, he is that person that sets things in motion, he is the mighty designer of the universe, the reason for the relationship between things that happen, and reason behind them happening, he is responsible for event that might happen or not.

Moral Argument

Plato asserts sources of all reality and truth is the form of the good. God is a moral being, and his creatures must live moral lives. God is a moral being who infused the identity of morality in men right from birth. He is in fact the moral source of all goodness and abundance life. The idea of morality has been part of God and it has been also infused in men right from creation. Hence, morality is the basis of one of the proofs for this earlier proofs on the existence of God, which can be said to be current even as people think or consider God is ever existing in himself and he has made his own existence real in the mind of his creatures and the universe.

God's existence is a proof that the living and the non-living bear testimony that he really exists and it will be impossible to adumbrate these proofs above and still deny that he does not exist. Morality which is the sense of right and wrong actions originated from God who is a moral being, and he commands men to live moral life. Omoregbe reiterates similarly that "God will punish all those who disobey his command by living immoral lives and will reward virtuous people who obey him by living moral lives" (Ethics a Systematic and Historical Study 25). On moral argument, God's existence is proven without doubt as one who is moral and will want his creatures to live moral lives. This is a clear proof of the existence of God.

Origin of Atheism

A brief survey through the history of man's development will vividly showcase that atheism, in its very own complex found is completely a rising contemporary invention. However, such an ideological view never arose before (Elue 64). Since the creation of man in the universe, man has always directed his reflections of his existence and that of the cosmic universe to God. However, with the recent denial of God's existence, it clearly points to the fact that, atheism is a recent contemporary advancement due to intellectualism and scientism which engulfed man and changes his mood of believing with secularization been the true definer of contemporary thought system.

In the past, every living creature, even the Ionian philosophers, did not deny that the world was not created by a super and independent force. However, they recognised that God exist and is responsible for bring every existing being in the universe. Hence, with the rise of intellectualism and secularism, man's thought started diverting and disclaiming that God does not exist which is a recent assertion been made by atheistic schools, founders and followers which many of such deniable concept of monotheism are put down in the writings of these philosophers or scholars, which kept misdirecting and distorting the belief that God exist. Thus, the doctrine of the denial of God's existence gave philosophers

like Fredrick Nietzsche, Jean Stuart Mills, Soren Kierkegaard, Martin Buber, Karl Max; Sigmund Fred among others gave serious rise in cementing the origin and nature of atheism today. It is also a clear pointer that, atheism is a neophyte world ideology which asserts emphatically the denial of the existence of God because of the rise in intellectualism, scientism and secularization. Hence, the origin and nature of atheism is a current issue because, the concept did not exist prior to monotheism.

Contemporary Atheism in the Light of Some Philosophers

The Categorical denial of the existence of God has been championed due to the rise in philosophical thinkers. Thus, some of these views of atheistic philosophers are examined below:

Fredrick Nietzsche: He was born in 1844 and a song of a Lutheran Pastor, who announce to the whole world that God is dead. Says Nietzsche and his dead has set men free. The dead of God is man's liberation for man is now free from his oppressive commands and prohibiting, which are obstacles to human development (Omoregbe, *A Philosophical Look at Religion* 169). Thus, the atheism of Nietzsche is a peculiar one. He did not simple say that God does not exist, but that God is dead (170) God is oppressing people, now that he is dead; people are free to go about unchain. One who is dead cannot be said to exist.

Karl Max: He gave a denouncing of interpretation of religion as opium of the people; the poor, oppressed proletariat. There is no God but man. In his view, man who looked for a super human being in the fantastic reality of heaven and found nothing there but the reflection of himself will no longer be disposed to find but resemblance of him, only in an inhuman being where he seeks and must seek his true reality (Iroegbu 9).

Sigmund Fred (1856-1939): He buttresses that, religion pushes a nonexistent God in the bid to avoid the crude for reality here and now (Fred 4).

Ayer, A.J.: He was a Logical Positivist, whose views represent the conviction of all the people in this form: And if God is a metaphysical term, then it cannot be even probable that a God exist. To say that God exist is to make a metaphysical statement which cannot be either true or false.

Stuart Mills: He vehemently denied the existence of God based on disaster, misfortunes like earth quake, child birth during birth, volcanic erosion, sickness, suffering which are unstoppable in human phenomenal life. He says "if God exist there won't be all these sad events or occurrences.

Hans Kung: His denial of the existence of God was put down in his write up Anthropological Atheism. This is the species of atheism that replace God with man (Iroegbu 47).

Hegel: He also in theory of dialectical progression of the spirit he ascends (*Geist*) that there is no God but philosophy systematize, reasoning. This view point to a clear denial of the existence of God.

Feuerbach: He argues also that, there is no absolutely perfect being, first cause or ultimate origin of things. In his words "the divine being is nothing else than the human being; for the theory of God cannot be defined and consequently cannot be known by man (Descartes 65-66).

From these sampled views on the denial of God's existence, it is clear that, these views bear the minds as expressed by the authors, who are known as renowned atheists. For these Atheists, God's existence is totally a waste of time and should be debunked as x-rayed by their categories views.

Recommendations

- i) Amidst the dreadful teachings of Atheism in contemporary time, the paper makes the following submissions:
- ii) Christianity, Islam and African Religions should uphold the monotheistic view of the existence of God in order to save its faithful from the deluding doctrine of atheism, which denies the existence of God.
- iii) God exist, and those who doubt or dispute his existence should reflect in-worldly and out-worldly and come to the conclusion by accepting the view of monotheism that he really exist, and that He is the primary and sacred object of worship found in the three religions here.
- iv) The trio religions here should learn to give credence to the existence of God as responsible for creating the universe and all it contains without been convinced by atheists to denied such a holy and affirmative reality.
- v) All hands must be on deck among the Christians, Muslims and African Religionists to rise up to the challenges of condemning the rise of Atheism in contemporary time.
- vi) Religious leaders should stand in defense of their faiths, which is established on the true, only and living God. Thus, they should teach their followers on the need not to entertain Atheistic views because they delude and damage the true and realistic concept of God's existence among his creatures.

Conclusion

God's existence as attest by the three religions here vividly concretized and uphold the believe in the existence of the ultimate being as the Supreme maker of the universe, who is upheld tenaciously. Despite the atheistic campaign against the monotheistic existence of God, God really exist. There is needed to physically stand in defense of monotheism which is a polar opposite of Atheism. By virtue of the Atheists denying monotheistic existence of God, Christianity, Islam and African Religion from the concept of God points to the fact that he exist and he is worship at all times by his creatures. Thus, the ultimate reality, unmoved mover, first cause, therefore reality exist. Thus, the existence of God is the bedrock of proving the authenticity of His existence as true and sacred object of worship in Christianity, Islam and African Religion.

However, denying God's existence is the greatest mistake the Atheists make, which is culpable of suppressing the truth for been attested and accepted (Elue 65). No Atheistic assertions can make the concept of God's existence in Christianity, Islam and African Religion to be annihilated or denied. Hence, God's existence is real and does not require people to say that he does not exist in thought and reality. Christianity, Islam and African Religion should not condescend to change their monotheistic views on the true existence of God by following the Atheists, who denied such an existing reality. In the excavation of the monotheistic proof of the existence of God, God exist and Atheists should have a rethink by debunking their earlier claims and acknowledge the existence of God without mincing any word.

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