

The Existence of God

"I AM who AM"

(Ex. 3:14)

Consider the following statement:

We can know that God exists through our ability to reason.

Keeping the above statement in mind, read and meditate on the following passages:

Sacred Scripture:

Ex 3:1-15	God reveals His name to Moses: "I AM"
Ex 34:5-7	God is merciful, gracious, steadfast, faithful, and forgiving
Dt 6:4	God is one
Ps 119:160	God is truth
Ps 135:6	God is almighty
Wis 13:1-5	God is the author and source of beauty and goodness in all created things
Jer 31:3	God's love is eternal and everlasting
Jer 32:17	For God, who created everything, nothing is impossible
Hb 1:12	God is eternal and holy
Rom 1:18-32	God can be known even without Divine Revelation, and denying God's existence leads to darkened minds and sinful lives
I Jn 4:8	God is love

Catechism:

CCC 27-30	The Desire for God
CCC 31-35	Ways of Coming to Know God
CCC 36-38	The Knowledge of God According to the Church
CCC 39-43	How Can We Speak About God?
CCC 198-202	I Believe in One God
CCC 203-212	God Reveals His Name
CCC 214-221	God, "He Who Is," Is Truth and Love
CCC 222-227	The Implications of Faith in One God
CCC 268-274	God is almighty and infinite; nothing, is impossible to God

Key Terms:

<u>First cause</u> -	The initial cause of all things which is itself uncaused; God is the First Cause
<u>Immanent</u> -	God is intimately near us.
<u>Reason</u> -	The use of the mind to discern truth or the compatibility of things or ideas.
<u>Transcendent</u> -	God is above and outside all of creation; all ideas and speech about God cannot fully understand or describe Him