

Jesus said, "I am come a light into the world, that whosoever believeth on me should not abide in darkness."
John 12:46

Shining Light

Is anyone out there and are they speaking?

Have you ever looked up at the stars and wondered if we are alone? Is it possible that in this whole vast universe we are the only beings that have life. Why does life exist? Does it serve a purpose? Is it really just an accident of chance?

To call the existence of the universe an 'accident' raises many questions and answers none. The same is true of the 'Big Bang' theory. Where, for instance, did the raw materials come from? Not even a 'big bang' can make something out of nothing. The evolutionary idea is widespread; but just as weak; how can 'nothing' evolve into 'something' let alone earth's amazingly complex life forms?

The fundamental question is: "Is there a God?" If there is, then earth has a special purpose and place. If there is not, then searching for a purpose in life is pointless. Search a little and you'll find the evidence of God quite convincing.

The worlds were "framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear". God created the universe and the earth. This is reinforced by the amazing order and design seen everywhere and the laws which hold everything together. Mankind is perhaps the strongest evidence yet as he possesses personality, has a conscience, the ability to make intelligent choices, is capa-

ble of love and compassion, and can distinguish between right and wrong. Above all we have an instinct to worship; whether it be God or work, or socialising, etc.

These qualities aren't formed by chemical and genetic accidents and can't be explained that way. The clearest answer is that God "formed Man, dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and Man became a

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living soul"

So is He speaking? Firstly, God speaks through His creation. The sheer size of the universe and its amazing balance, variety and beauty reveal a lot about the God who made it, namely, awesome power, intelligence and imagination. Secondly, He speaks through words. Nearly 4,000 times the Bible says "And the Lord spoke". It came not "by the will of man, but holy men of God spake under the power of the Holy Spirit." In no other book can we find prophecies from men of God which were later fulfilled to the letter. No-one has ever disproved a single statement in the Bible, even after 2,000 years.. God is here and He is speaking directly to you.

"God having spoken in ... many ways formerly to the fathers in the prophets, at the end of these days has spoken to us in the person of the Son"

Hebrews 1v1-2

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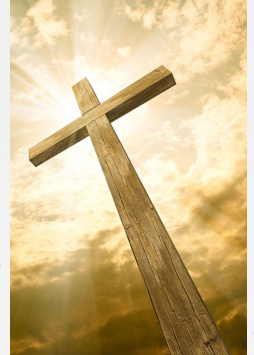
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WHAT IS GOD LIKE?

The Bible tells us that ...

- ◆ **God is personal**, i.e. He is a living person and not simply a 'thing' or influence.
- ◆ **God is one and He is spirit**. He has no dimensions but is everywhere in His universe always..
- ◆ **God is eternal**. He has no beginning and no end. He created time itself and is always present. He doesn't change with time. He is the "same yesterday, today and forever".
- ◆ **God is holy, just and perfect**. He is our judge, He has perfect knowledge of everything and His wisdom is beyond our understanding. He hates sin (see below)
- ◆ **God is sovereign**. There is nothing outside of His control and is the supreme ruler of the universe. There are no accidents or surprises with God nor can anyone prevent Him doing as He pleases.
- ◆ **God is all-powerful**. This does not mean that God can lie, or change, or make mistakes, or sin but that he can do anything He wishes consistent with His character.
- ◆ **God is love**. He works all things for what is best for His people. He gave His only begotten son, Jesus Christ, and through Him judged our sins so that we might not have to suffer for them.



We, as unsaved sinners, are debased (sin is every part of our nature), defiled from within and defiant (we deliberately disobey God). What a contrast between us and Him!

PUZZLES

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FIND THE
UNDERLINED
WORDS:



Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you (God) are with me. (Psalms 23 v 4)

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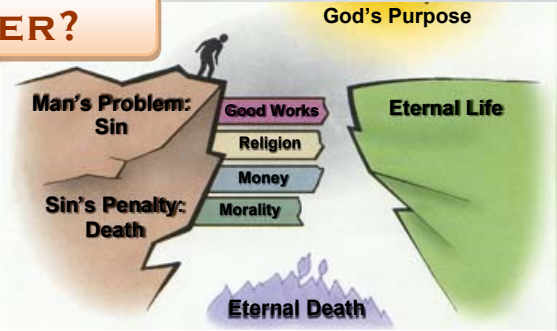
"Therefore having been justified on the principle of faith, we have peace towards God through our Lord Jesus Christ" Psalm 7v11

IS THERE AN ANSWER?

There is a tremendous contrast between God and ourselves. When we consider God we can only come to the conclusion that it is impossible to bridge the gap between us. A just and holy God must punish sin. However God is love and so He also loves us and longs to forgive us. How can a sinner be pardoned when God's holy character demands the sinner's spiritual and physical death? Only God could solve that problem, and He did so in the person of Jesus Christ.

God was "manifest in flesh" in the person of Jesus. While he was a man He remained fully God and the Bible says that "in Him dwelt all the fulness of the Godhead". He is the only one of whom God the Father could say "This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased". He kept God's law in every detail and therefore was not subject to death (the punishment for sin).

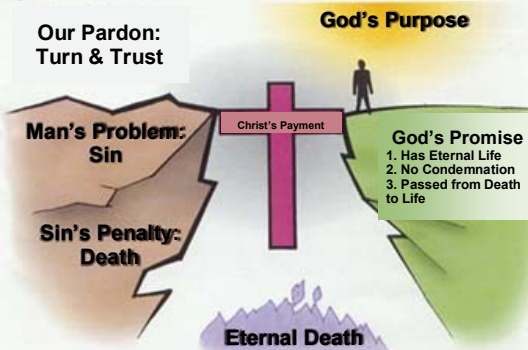
He deliberately laid down His life when He had no need to die, so that we might have salvation through faith in Him.



Good works, religion, money, 'good-living' can't bridge the gap between God and us. Only faith in Jesus Christ will satisfy God.

Perhaps before going any further it may be helpful to come up with a working definition of faith. Faith is not "belief without proof." This is the definition that many sceptics give faith. This definition creates the openings to strange Sects or Cults. That's not what "faith in Christ" should be defined as. Faith is not belief without proof or belief despite the evidence; rather, faith is a complete trust or confidence in someone or something. That trust or confidence we have in someone is built up over time as He proves himself faithful time and time again. We want you to have it too.

Christianity is based on faith in God and in His Son, Jesus Christ. God has provided us with His Word, as a testimony of His faithfulness to His people all throughout history. Christianity is faith in the person and work of Jesus Christ. His life was one of perfect righteousness according to the revealed Law of God, His death was an atoning sacrifice for the sins of His people, and He was raised to life three days after His death. When we place our faith and trust in Christ alone for our salvation, God takes our sin and places it on the cross of Christ and rewards us, by grace, with the perfect righteousness of Christ. That, in a nutshell, is the Christian message.



To accept the Lord Jesus Christ as your Saviour simply pray! Tell him you know you are a sinner and that you're sorry for your sins and ask him to save you from those sins. He will take your sins and remove every one of them! Jesus said "*him that comes to me I will in no wise cast out.*" John 6v37. Make him your Saviour today!

"Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son a propitiation for our sins." 1 John 4v10

AN OPPORTUNITY SEIZED ...



During World War 2 a soldier was lying on the battlefield severely wounded and thought that he was going to die. He called out "Is there a Christian near who will come and tell me how to be saved before I die?"

A little distance away there was a Christian man who was so badly wounded in his chest that he could not call out to the other. So he gently and persistently rolled himself over and over until he reached the side of the poor fellow. There he told him the sweet story of the God who "so loved the world that He gave His only-begotten Son that whosoever believes in Him shall not perish but have everlasting life".

The man joyfully received the life-giving news and trusted Jesus and His work on Calvary's cross for the salvation of his soul.

After that the two men lost consciousness. The efforts of the Christian in rolling over had been too much for his remaining strength and he passed through death to his Saviour. The other man made a remarkable recovery and took over the work of pointing to Jesus - the Saviour of sinners and the Saviour of the world.

Where do you stand with God if you were suddenly faced with death? He is able and willing to forgive every sin. Ask Him for His forgiveness now.

Years I spent in vanity and pride,
Caring not my Lord was crucified,
Knowing not it was for me He died
On Calvary.

Mercy there was great, and grace was free;
Pardon there was multiplied to me;
There my burdened soul found liberty
At Calvary.

Oh, the love that drew salvation's plan!
Oh, the grace that brought it down to man!
Oh, the mighty gulf that God did span
At Calvary!

William R. Newell

You are invited to ...

***"For we do not preach
ourselves, but Christ Je-
sus"***

2 Corinthians 4:5