

Why Do I Believe in God?

It is a question that we all must answer, if not to others, then to ourselves. Telling people what makes us believe in the God of the Bible; Jesus, the son of God and the Holy Spirit can give others hope especially in a world that needs more hope than mankind can give it.

Genesis 1:1 says, "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth". Psalm 19:1 says, "The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands". If you were ever out in the wilderness or out at sea where you are not battling light from civilization, you can really begin to see what the bible is talking about. The Hubble telescope has certainly opened our eyes to how magnificent the universe is. Awesome does not do it justice!

Science has proclaimed that god does not exist and all that we see started with the "big bang". Do you think that when God spoke the universe into existence and said, "Let there be light", what that must have been like?

In all that astronomers see, through all their fancy science accomplishments; it only represents less than 5% of what must be out there, so they say. The universe is not acting like what they think it should be acting like after the big bang. Galaxies are spinning faster than they should. The universe should be slowing down expansion by the force of gravity pulling everything back together. Instead, about 9 billion years from the initial big bang, the universe started to accelerate expansion instead. They have no idea why or how. What they decided to do is invent dark matter and dark energy to explain these phenomena. They have never seen or detected either one, but to them, it must be true to explain what is happening.

They never will admit that it could be "the works of His hands". They say God cannot exist because nothing can have always existed, something must come from something. When asked where all the matter and energy in the universe came from, guess what they said? You got it, it always existed! Wow; absolute arrogance.

Some scientists are starting to question the big bang. The universe does not look right if it started out from a singularity or a single point and exploded out in

all directions. The universe is relatively flat and long instead of a humongous ball of expanding matter in all directions. So many questions with so little answers.

And then there is Quantum Mechanics. Quantum Mechanics says there can be virtual particles that can randomly appear or exist and disappear and not exist. The same particle can appear in 2 places at once, or particles that can instantaneously affect each other across the entire universe, billions of lightyears apart. They call it entanglement. Also, according to Quantum Mechanics, there can be parallel universes and other dimensions.

They do not know why, but to them, it certainly cannot be God, he doesn't exist. God cannot be everywhere at the same time, but these particles can? I imagine God is shaking his head at the abundance of arrogance and ignorance that is rampant in this world. Let's face it, this world has too much to lose if they believe in the God of the bible. They would have to give up living like there is no tomorrow, doing whatever they want. Our nation is turning into a modern-day Sodom and Gomorrah. If only they knew what they will really lose at the end of all this when they find out they were wrong.

The horrible part is that most of the academic community has all but convinced our children, our grandchildren and probably our great grandchildren that there is no god. Only science. It is sad, today's young do not even question it or want to question it. They like their lives just the way they are with no God, and unfortunately, with no hope. I wonder why so many of our young are taking their own lives.

Let's talk about evolution. Simplified, we all started from a primordial soup that spontaneously evolved into the first single cell organism. I always wondered that, by now, with all our great achievements, why haven't they reproduced how life spontaneously formed. They have not. From there, over hundreds of millions of years, here we are. The fossil records prove this, so they say. Evolution says that each species evolves over millions of years from one species to another to get to where we are today. Keep in mind that it takes 10s of millions of years or more, to evolve from one species to another.

With that said, there should be plenty of fossil records that show all these transitional species. As an example, fish with gills, legs and lungs to survive on

land. Another example is the missing link from ape to man. After many fake discoveries, they still have not found the missing link from ape to man. They have not found **any** missing links from any species to any species, only species that “all of a sudden”, pop up in the fossil records. Again, some scientists are wondering about evolution and are thinking there must be something else. Instead of “it must be God”, they go to “Ancient Aliens”.

You’ve got to be kidding be. Conspiracy theory after conspiracy theory, where does it stop. Man does not want to believe in god, he wants to **be** god. Does that sound familiar? The reason Satan or Lucifer as he was known, got thrown out of heaven? And he still wants to be god. He has tricked man just like he did Eve in the Garden of Eden into thinking she and Adam could be like god.

Many of us, the baby boomer generation, grew up in the middle of the science revolution, proving that there is no god. How many of you remember when Times Magazine, on April 8th, 1966 printed on the cover; “God is Dead”? It was their main article in the magazine about theologians writing God out of the field of theology. To the world, we as Christ centered believing Christians became the stupid, insecure, ignorant people. I must admit, they almost had me too.

I stopped going to church and living my life like there is no god. But in the back of my mind, I still wondered, could this really be true? My gut was telling me something different. But I was having too much fun to worry or to think much about it.

But one day, God stepped in and hit me in the head with a 2x4. Jerrad, our son at 6 ½ years old, suddenly died of viral myocarditis. It took less than 48 hours for it to take our son. Patty and I were devastated. Sarah was 14 months old at the time and if it were not for her, I do not think Patty and I would have ever gotten out of bed.

I began to question, where did he go? Is his life over and that is it? Or is there more to life and death than this. I got very serious about finding out the truth. Was Time Magazine right or not? I questioned everything. I am going to find out for myself and not take it for granted that these supposedly brilliant people were right.

There are so many holes in what these brilliant people are saying that it has become truly clear, God's not dead, but very much alive. You must have way more faith to believe god does not exist, than to believe there is a God. A sudden peace flowed over me knowing that Jerrad was in a wonderful place, far greater than our mere human minds can imagine. Patty and I had 6 ½ wonderful years with Jerrad and we thank God for them. We would not trade them for anything.

So yes, I now whole-heartily believe in God! I think that science has all but proved the opposite, that God is not dead. All things point to a creator God. God is not dead, but very much alive. I think that science may even prove there could be, in these parallel universes or dimensions, a heaven and a hell.

I found that he is a loving God and wants each and every one of us to live with him, so much that as John 3:16-17 states, "For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that who-so-ever believes in Him, shall not perish, but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through Him."

But alas, Satan has a plan B. For those of us that did not believe what science has proclaimed, Satan has another way to keep us from the eternal love of the Father.

As Jesus has said all through the Gospels, and as Matthew has written in chapter 24, verses 4-5, "Watch out that no one deceives you. For many will come in my name, claiming, 'I am the Messiah,' and deceive many." Verse 11 also states; "and many false prophets will appear and deceive many people."

Buddhism, Hinduism, Muslimism, Satanism, Jehovah Witnesses, Mormonism, Mother Earth-ism are examples and unfortunately, I could go on.

These are the obvious ones but what's even more dangerous, are the one's within our own church denominations where false teachers distort and change the Gospel to as Paul describes in 2nd Timothy 4:3, "For the time will come when people will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear."

Many pastors are saying that the Bible is only a guide not a manual. We can pick and choose what we want. What we do not want, we can ignore. They say,

“God loves us and we’re **all** going to heaven. Many pastors do not believe in a hell and say there are many ways to get to heaven. Catholics believe more in works than in what Jesus did on the cross. They believe that by going to confession, you are forgiven, and all is well. The catholic “father” will tell you what penance to do and you are good. Baptized at birth, good to go. This is rampant in too many churches in our country as well as the rest of the world. These are the wolves in sheep’s clothing that Peter warns us in 1 Peter 5:8, “Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour.”

Being religious, going through all kinds of ceremonies and works is worthless if it is not done with the heart of Christ. Remember the Pharisees and the Sadducees. Not many people could be more religious than them, and what did it get them?

The Bible warns us in many places about false teachers and false prophets. 2nd Peter 2:1 says, “But there were also false prophets among the people, just as there will be false teachers among you. They will secretly introduce destructive heresies, even denying the sovereign Lord who bought them—bringing swift destruction on themselves.”

Jesus said it best in John 14:6, “I am the way, the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father but **through** me.” There you go, we got right from Jesus himself. What could be clearer. Jesus is the way. We must follow him and only him. It is all or nothing. We are to live above this world, not in it.

Paul states in Ephesians 6:12, “For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.” There is a battle going on for our souls whether you believe that or not.

Believing in God is not a simple thing at all. We must put on the armor of God that Paul describes to the Ephesians 6:13-17, “Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can

extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the **word of God.**”

We all need to be in the word of God. It's the only way we will know what is Truth, and what the eventual path of destruction is. Do not take my word for it or anyone else's. You need to take God's word for it.

This would be a scary place if it were not for Jesus being our hope, our protector, our guardian. We cannot fight these battles ourselves. By ourselves, we are no match for Satan. But fortunately for us, Satan is no match for Jesus.

Praise God and Amen