



PART TWO: IS GOD STILL A THING?

Introduction

Is belief in God even necessary in the modern age? Now that science has answered so many of our biggest questions, do we even need God? Maybe it's time to face a new reality, and leave God in the past.

Discussion Questions

1. On a scale of 1-10, how confident are you in the existence of God? (All-skate)
2. If you didn't have a Bible, and had never heard of Jesus, how would that affect your confidence in God?
3. Have you ever doubted Christianity because of a pastor, priest, or pope? Have you ever doubted science because of a scientist?
4. Psalm 19:1 says, "The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands." How have you seen this in your own life? How does it play out in science?
5. Romans 1:20 says, "For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities—his eternal power and divine nature—have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that people are without excuse." What does this mean for people who've never been to church or have walked away from the church?
6. Would you believe in God if He wrote you a personalized message in the sky? What if he wrote a 3.5 billion-letter programmed message in each one of your 40 trillion cells?
7. How compelling do you find the evidence to be that the existence of the universe is due to an unmoved mover? Does it surprise you that science, logic and reason make the argument that the first cause is spaceless, timeless, immaterial, powerful, and personal?
8. The moral evidence for God is that if there is an objective morality, there must be an objective moral law-giver. Do you believe in objective morality? Is there anything that is always right or always wrong?
9. If you don't believe in an objective law-giver, from where do you get your morality?
10. What kind of God don't you believe in? How does that God compare to the God of the Bible?

CHANGING YOUR MIND

G.K. Chesterton said, "The Christian ideal has not been tried and found wanting. It has been found difficult, and left untried." Are you willing to give God a try? You do not have to set aside reason and logic to put your faith in God. Ask the hard questions. God can stand up to your scrutiny. But remember, once He is clearly seen, we are without excuse.

For further reading, explore:

Stealing from God, Why Atheists Need God to Make Their Case, Frank Turek

The Case for a Creator, Lee Strobel

Mere Christianity, C.S. Lewis

Can I Believe? Christianity for the Hesitant, John G. Stackhouse, Jr.