

COMMON QUESTIONS ANSWERED

We all have a natural desire to understand where we truly come from, where we are going and how to find answers to life's most challenging questions. Many can and often deny it but all human beings have a natural belief and desire to know more about creation, life and destiny. To start, one must be open to utilize that measure of faith or belief that we all have. We know that we didn't just appear one day.

The human body is too amazing to have just evolved into place. Not to mention the sun, moon, and stars. We can talk about the human body. We can talk about the heavens. But what is most amazing is how a set of words and pages of words have sustained years of life and have become a best seller today - we know this today as the Bible.

The Bible is a miracle in and of itself. This phenomenon has stood the test of years upon years. The Bible consists of 66 books, written by at least 40 authors, over approximately 1,600 years. The authors had varying backgrounds, were from 3 different continents and penned their books in 3 different languages.

Today, the Bible is still intact and read everyday by millions. Because we all have a built in desire to believe in something, the Creator of this world has provided a way of communication. Through the 40 authors, God led and directed the Bible to come together by gathering all of the writings from around the world.

Through the Bible, He communicates His plan for our lives and this world. Reading the Bible, one will learn that God our creator is a loving God. He directs and leads by providing historical and prophetic references for those who are willing; for those who believe and who desire to know Him and live for Him. Many today, do not believe in God nor the Bible because they do not feel that they have concrete evidence of God. However, those that researched with sincere hearts, eventually found that scientifically and historically, the Bible is true. Let's start with what we all know for sure. Death. Death is certain. We have all lost a loved one. What happens from there? Will we see him or her again? Those answers and more are clearly found in God's word. Let's answer the most common questions about death and life?

What happens when we die?

When a person dies, he or she knows nothing at all. Life is no longer with them in any way. They don't know what the living are doing nor do they know what is going on in heaven. "The dead do not praise the LORD, nor any who go down into silence." Psalms 115:17 "...the dead know nothing." Ecclesiastes 9:5-6

Is there a hell?

There is no hell burning now. Hell fire refers to a time in the end when those that rejected God and chose Satan's way will be devoured and completely consumed by fire. "... And fire came down from God out of heaven and devoured them." Revelation 20:9 But the wicked shall perish, into smoke shall they consume away. Psalm 37:20

Is there a heaven?

Yes, Jesus is in heaven right now. One day He will leave heaven to collect everyone that has chosen Him as his or her God. For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, .. and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord. 1 Thessalonians 4:16-17

Why is there so much suffering?

Because Lucifer, one of God's former angels, while in heaven developed sin in his heart and was therefore cast out of heaven. He is on earth now causing pain, death and suffering. "Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and the sea! For the devil has come down to you, having great wrath, because he knows that he has a short time" Revelation 12:12

Why doesn't God stop the pain, death and suffering?

After Lucifer was thrown out of heaven and came to this earth, he tempted a perfect man and woman to sin. This sin opened a floodgate of evil upon the world. God could have destroyed Lucifer, Adam and Eve but this act would have caused everyone to love and obey Him out of fear.

God gives everyone the freedom of choice. He chose to allow Satan and sin to run their course so that the entire universe can see where sin will lead.

"Unto the woman he said, I will greatly multiply thy sorrow and thy conception; in sorrow thou shalt bring forth children; ...And unto Adam he said, Because thou hast hearkened unto the voice of thy wife, and hast eaten of the tree, of which I commanded thee, saying, Thou shalt not eat of it: cursed is the ground for thy sake; in sorrow shalt thou eat of it all the days of thy life;" Genesis 3:16-17

Is this world coming to an end?

Yes. This world will be destroyed. But there will be a new heaven and earth where we will never experience sin and its devastation again.

"And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away;" Revelation 21:1"...He will make an utter end: affliction shall not rise up the second time." Nahum 1:9

How can we know what sin is?

Sin is going against what God commanded and wrote on tables of stone called the law. "Sin is the transgression of the law." 1 John 3:4

(1)Thou shalt have no other gods before me...
(2) Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, [nor] bow down thyself to them. (3) Thou shalt not take the name of the LORD thy God in vain...(4)Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy.

Six days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work but the seventh day is the Sabbath of the LORD thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work, ... (5)Honor thy father and thy mother: ... (6)Thou shalt not kill. (7)Thou shalt not commit adultery. (8)Thou shalt not steal. (9)Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbour. (10)Thou shalt not covet .. Exodus 20:3-17

What does God want us to remember about Him as Creator?

In the majority of the Ten Commandments God asks us to do or not do something. However the 4th commandment tells us to "Remember" the Sabbath day. The Sabbath day is the seventh-day that was created which we know today as Saturday. After creating something on each of the six days, He created one more day for the purpose of worship and acknowledgement of creation.

"Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them. And on the seventh day God ended his work which he had made; and he rested on the seventh day from all his work which he had made. And God blessed the seventh day, and sanctified it: because that in it he had rested from all his work which God created and made." Genesis 2:1-3 "For he spake in a certain place of the seventh day on this wise, And God did rest the seventh day from all his works..There remaineth therefore a rest to the people of God. For he that is entered into his rest, he also hath ceased from his own works, as God did from his. Hebrews 4:1-10

What does the creator of this world expect of us?

Our Creator expects us to receive power from Him to live a new sin-free life. "Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost." Acts 2:38

"Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin; for his seed remaineth in him: and he cannot sin, because he is born of God." 1 John 3:9 "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new." 2 Corinthians 5:17

What is the creator of this world doing for us today?

His sole purpose is to receive our prayers and forgive us for our wrong-doing. He also gives us His spirit and writes His law in our hearts to live out His will in our lives. Therefore He is also able to save to the uttermost those who come to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them." Hebrews 7:25 "I will put my laws into their mind, and write them in their hearts: and I will be to them a God, and they shall be to me a people." Hebrews 8:10

"For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure." Philippians 2:13 "But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us." Romans 5:8

"If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." 1 John 1:9 "Being confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ" Philippians 1:6

What happens to those that accept the creator of this world?

They will be saved and live with Jesus in peace forever. "He will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God. And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away." Revelation 21:3-4 Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the father, but by me. John 14:6.

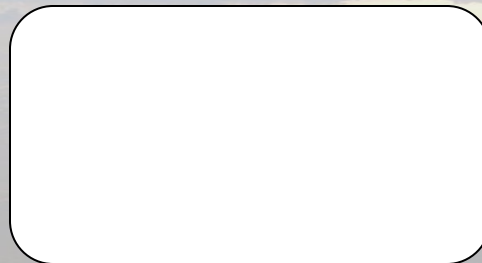
Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved. Acts 4:12 Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city. Revelation 22:14

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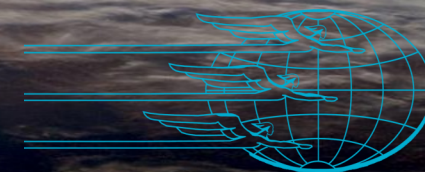
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