

Introduction: To God

God did it: It's better to understand than reject God

Throughout history, God has been represented in one form or another. Some have found God in a relic or an idol. Others find God in the wind, sun or moon. People of old say that a God exists. Maybe they were deceived? Maybe tradition has always said that God exists? It's possible that we are smarter and more advanced today. Science says it has proven that God does not exist. You can believe what you want. We are free to make up our own mind. If you did two studies on God, what would you find? Did God make creation? Did He, do it?

The first study: The scientific guy

One side is the scientific guy. He says that God is a myth or legend. God did not do it. I will certainly admit there is little scientific evidence that God is real. He is invisible (of course he is). The Bible is just a book written by men. Invisible Gods don't write books. We are just animals. It sure looks like we're animals because science says so. The eye says so too. There is no reason to believe in a God. Science has told us why we have volcanoes, earthquakes, and storms. God does not get angry and cause destruction through those events. It's just the stuff that happens on this earth. Those are some good arguments against God. The scientific guy is pretty astute in his observations.

To a dog, his food is not science. The person he lives with gives him food. The person lets him outside. That person is his companion or friend. The dog does not care to prove the existence of his friend. He or she trusts in the process. The food and the lawn exists. People know a ton about creation. Yet, there are unanswered questions. My astronomy book begins with a statement that says *we only know the tip of the iceberg of knowledge when it comes to the universe. Scientists still do not know its origins or nature.* The science guy only has what has been discovered. There are still an iceberg of unanswered questions.

The second study: The God guy

Of course, there is the other side. The God guy wants to refute science. He says dinosaurs don't exist. He says God is in all we have since the beginning of time. This God has a plan and a will for this planet. God is spirit. The religious guy says evil, sin, and lies are in this world. God is holy and we are not. The religious guy has a point. Evil and Good seem to exist to the naked eye. They say God is invisible, but evil is certainly not invisible. This earth has had its share of evil. Can you say for certainty that evil does not exist? Is it possible then that good exists? Something unseen seems to be around us. Is it God?

The mess: Called religion

I am a God guy, but not the God guy. I'm not here to rebuke you or rebuke science. I am not here to condemn you to hell. You are free to believe in what you want. Believe in nothing, I'm good with that (sort of). Throughout history, churches have found ways of making the Christian religion look less appealing. We have killed in the name of God. They appear to have rules about entering heaven. Some religions require levels or signs and wonders to enter heaven. This religion thing is nuts. It appears in this

day and age that religion kills more than it helps. That is also an astute observation. See terrorism and the Spanish inquisition.

The God guy does have one thing science does not. A book of the history of God and his people: it's called the Bible. At least that's something tangible. I am not here to convince you the Bible is real. There are people who call themselves apologists. These religious people spend their time proving God exists through the Bible. They also use up a ton of energy trying to prove the existence of miracles, the spiritual universe, and that good and evil is real. Is the Bible God's word and instruction as he claims it is? Is this book the real deal? What about science and its role in this mess?

The unsure study: Who is right?

I came from a place where the Bible, God, and the Jesus people were crazy. I was an unbeliever in religious nuts. Who wants to be those guys? I asked one simple question, several years ago, in my time of need: God are you real? We tend to call on him for help in a crisis. Why on earth would we do that if he does not exist? I leaned on a little on Greek philosophy to finding an answer. Some have believed that if we think of something then it must exist. Maybe, if I have heard of God, he just might exist? People believe a lot of things from the force to gravity. How can we be sure of anything?

I suppose we could call it group think. That states: if the majority believe, then we tend to follow the crowd. That's fine but most people don't believe in God, So, why do I? I could be crazy? Ok, but then are a billion Christians on this earth crazy? That's a lot of crazy. Maybe there is a cult or agenda? I'm sure there are pockets of agenda's all over the world. Muslim agenda, government agenda, or communist agenda. Why would the Christian agenda seem more real or the most frightening? I think it comes down to this. Something in this world is up. Something strange in the spiritual realm is going on.

Let's be scientific: In approaching the Bible

To see if God is real

Science is defined as *"the intellectual and practical activity encompassing the systematic study of the structure and behavior of the physical and natural world through observation and experiment."*

I like that. Let's use science to help you understand the concept of God. People love to say science proves there is no God. Yet, many have no proof or reasons for believing that at all. They usually say *science has disproven God*. When pressed, they don't care to have a reason why they think that. They just believe in the concept of science; therefore, God does not exist.

This 13-week study of God: Is not to prove God exists

Come on a scientific journey with me to observe God in the natural world and in the Bible. If you think science is just test tubes and molecules then you don't know what science is any more than who God is.

Be honest with yourself. Religion is boring. Be honest with yourself. You know of science but you are not a scientist. Scientists build rockets and formulas, right? By definition a scientist is one who observes. Some scientist's study things. Experiment on things. We all begin as scientists even as a child wonders about bugs and dirt. That is where science begins. The more a child questions and observes, the more he

or she becomes a smarter scientist. Some become so smart that they build rockets and formulas. We all begin somewhere.

Like I said, I am not here to prove the existence of God. I am not asking you to believe the Bible is real. I am asking you as a curious person to test, observe, and study God in the Bible. It takes one second to decide God is not real. The invisible is not real like ghosts and miracles. Yet, many are afraid of the dark, ghosts, and beyond space. What is out there? They say that the simplest answer is usually the right one. We have a Bible that is thousands of years old. Is it just a book about a fake God?

I asked God if he is real in my time of need. For some reason, I felt compelled to ask a God I did not believe in. Why? Maybe some of my unanswered questions could be answered. Scientists are driven to discover what is not known. I needed to know if God was real. Come with me for the next 13 weeks and decide for yourself. Is God real? Do you want an answer or are you just willing to believe in the concept of science? At-least you will be smarter than you were in the beginning. So, let's begin like it says in the very first verse in the Bible: ***In the beginning: God created...***