

***EVERYTHING YOU EVER WANTED  
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I don't know about you, but I like to ask a lot of pertinent questions and get a lot of straight answers when it comes to my believing anything at all, especially anything religious. And I do! And I believe more would do likewise if they had not been conditioned to avoid asking questions about religious matters because of: (1) The fear of appearing fanatical, as we're told only fanatics argue politics and religion. (2) The fear of appearing uninformed. (3) The fear of seeming to be overly skeptical. (4) The fear of offending someone because we questioned his/her religion or religious correctness or authority. And on and on we could go.

Because of all of this conditioning, many people have developed a "hands-off" approach and a "to-each-his-own" attitude when it comes to religion, in spite of the fact that deep down inside they have questions they would like to ask or answers they'd like to question. Well, it's high time we spoke what's on our minds and, dismissing all of our fears and inhibitions, asked all of those questions we have always wanted to...but were afraid to... ASK. Here goes!

**Q. *DID I REALLY COME FROM AN APE?***

A. **NO**, you certainly did not. You were created by God and in the image of God (Genesis 1:26-27). Man is the greatest physical creature in the universe (Hebrews 2:6-7; see my book, *The Supreme Scientist*).

**Q. *WHY SHOULD I BELIEVE IN A GOD I CAN'T SEE?***

A. Because what we do see in the universe is in perfect harmony with what the Bible tells us about our Intelligent and Almighty Creator (Psalms 19:1-4; 139:14; Acts 17:22-28; Romans 1:20f; Hebrews 11:1-3).

**Q. *DID JESUS CLAIM TO BE GOD?***

A. **YES, HE DID**. And he proved it by his many miracles and resurrection (John 10:30-33; Romans 1:4; See also John 1:1-3; 20:28-31; and my books, *Now That's A Miracle!* and *Killing Jesus – A History*).

**Q. *WHY SHOULD I BELIEVE THE BIBLE IS GOD'S WORD?***

A. Because it claims to be, and it has proved itself to be divinely and infallibly inspired for thousands of years — 3500 for Old Testament; 2000 for New Testament — (II Timothy 3:16; II Peter 1:20-21).

**Q. *BUT AREN'T STORIES LIKE ADAM AND EVE, NOAH AND THE ARK, AND JONAH AND THE 'SEA MONSTER' FICTIONAL?***

A. **NO**, they are genuinely historical, being in the most credible of all history books, the Bible, and also verified by the resurrected Jesus Christ and even science itself (Matthew 12:40; 19:4; 24:37-39; Romans 1:4).

**Q. *CAN I READ AND UNDERSTAND THE BIBLE FOR MYSELF?***

A. **YES**, you most certainly can (Acts 17:11; Ephesians 3:3-4).

**Q. *DOES GOD HATE ANYTHING?***

A. **YES**, many things, especially wickedness, hypocrisy and divorce (Proverbs 6:16-19; Amos 5:21; Malachi 2:16).

**Q. ARE THERE REALLY SUCH PLACES OR REALMS AS HEAVEN AND HELL?**

**A. YES**, both are very real, and all human beings are headed towards one or the other (Matthew 7:13-14; 10:28; 25:34, 41; John 14:1-3; II Corinthians 4:16 – 5:10; Philippians 1:20-23).

**Q. AREN'T MOST PEOPLE GOOD ENOUGH TO GO TO HEAVEN WITHOUT JESUS?**

**A. NO**, no one is. All who sin need Christ's atoning blood to be forgiven (Romans 3:9, 23; John 3:16-18; 8:21-24).

**Q. CAN A PERSON GO TO HEAVEN THROUGH MOSES, BUDDHA, OR MUHAMMAD JUST AS READILY AS HE CAN THROUGH JESUS CHRIST?**

**A. NO**, Jesus Christ is the only way to heaven because He is the only One: Who ever proved he was God, Who had the authority to forgive sin, Who lived a sinless life, Who offered himself as a sacrifice for our sins (John 1:14, 29; 14:6; Acts 4:12; Romans 1:4; 3:24-25; II Corinthians 5:21; Hebrews 2:14-18; 4:15; 10:10-12).

**Q. DO YOU MEAN TO SAY THAT LITTLE CHILDREN ARE GOING TO HELL?**

**A. NO**, the Bible always presents children who have not attained the ability to know and choose "*good and evil*" (Isaiah 7:16) — aka "The Age of Accountability" — or other unaccountable adults (God knows who they are!), as sinless (and thus "safe") and heavenward bound (Ezekiel 18:19-20; Matthew 18:3; Romans 7:9).

**Q. HOW MANY CHURCHES DID CHRIST ESTABLISH?**

**A. ONLY ONE, HIS** (Matthew 16:18; Acts 2:47; I Corinthians 12:13; Ephesians 4:4 with 1:22-23; Romans 16:16).

**Q. THEN WHY ARE THERE SO MANY DIFFERENT CHURCHES IN 'CHRISTENDOM'?**

**A.** Because many people have placed human leaders, opinions, creeds and "cults" above Christ's New Testament as the only authority and rule of faith for **his church** (Matthew 16:18; 28:18f; John 17:20-23; I Corinthians 1:10-13; Ephesians 4:3-6; Jude 3; see my book, *The Sovereign Soul*).

**Q. WHAT IS THE 'KINGDOM' SPOKEN ABOUT IN THE NEW TESTAMENT AND WHEN WILL IT COME?**

**A.** The "Kingdom" is Christ's Church, and it has already come, in AD33 (Matthew 16:18-19; Acts 8:12; Colossians 1:13; Hebrews 12:28; Revelation 1:9; 5:9-10; see also Luke 17:20-21; John 18:39 for its "spiritual" nature).

**Q. HOW CAN A PERSON BE SAVED AND BECOME A MEMBER OF CHRIST'S CHURCH/KINGDOM?**

**A.** The same way we find people being saved and becoming members of Christ's church back when it began as recorded in the Book of Acts and the Epistles. First, they had to *believe* the Gospel – that Jesus Christ is the Son of God, was crucified for our sins, was raised bodily from the dead, and ascended to his heavenly throne (Mark 16:15-16; Acts 2:22-36; 8:37; I Corinthians 15:1-4). Then they had to *repent* from their old sinful life and turn to God and his word and ways (Luke 13:3; Acts 2:37; 17:30). Then they *confessed* Jesus as their Lord (Matthew 10:32; Romans 10:10; I Timothy 6:12). Finally, they were all *baptized* (immersed in water) for the forgiveness of their sins, and then the Lord "*added*" them to **HIS** church (Matthew 28:19; Mark 16:16; John 3:5; Acts 2:38-47; 8:12-13, 38; 9:18 with 22:16; 10:48; 16:15, 33-34; 18:8; 19:5; I Peter 3:21; see my *Baptism* book).

**Q. IS THE SECOND COMING OF CHRIST AND THE END OF THE WORLD AT HAND?**

**A. NOBODY KNOWS!** The Bible does not tell us when such will come to pass; nor has God given us any "signs" to discern whether such is near. Yet, since there is nothing to prevent Jesus' coming at any moment, and since we may die at any moment and be judged, then *today* is the day to be saved (II Corinthians 6:2; Hebrew 9:27; see my book, *The End of the World or the Jewish Age?*).

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