



**Why Christianity...?**  
**In My World**

**The Essentials of Apologetics**

# Introduction

The Questions of Life

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# What Are The Key Questions In Life?

1. Where did I come from?
2. How should I live?
3. What is my purpose?
4. What happens when I die?



# A Quick Comparison of Atheism and Christianity

| <b>Naturalistic/Atheist View</b>  | <b>Theistic/Christian View</b>   |
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| An eternal universe.  | An eternal Creator.  |
| Ultimate reality is impersonal matter – no God.   | Ultimate reality is an infinite, personal, loving God.   |
| Everything we know came about by chance, with no ultimate purpose.  | Universe lovingly created by God for a specific purpose.   |
| Man is the product of impersonal matter plus time plus chance. Consequent result is that man has no ultimate dignity nor any meaning than what is subjectively derived. | Man is created by God in His image and is loved by God; therefore all men are endowed with eternal value and dignity which is not derived from themselves but from a Source transcending themselves. |
| Morality is defined by every individual according to his views and interests. It is ultimately subjective as every person is the final authority for their own views.   | Morality is defined by God and is immutable because it is based on God's unchanging and holy character.  |
| The afterlife brings personal annihilation and extinction for everyone.   | The afterlife involves either life with God or separation from Him.  |

# Examining Atheism's Answers

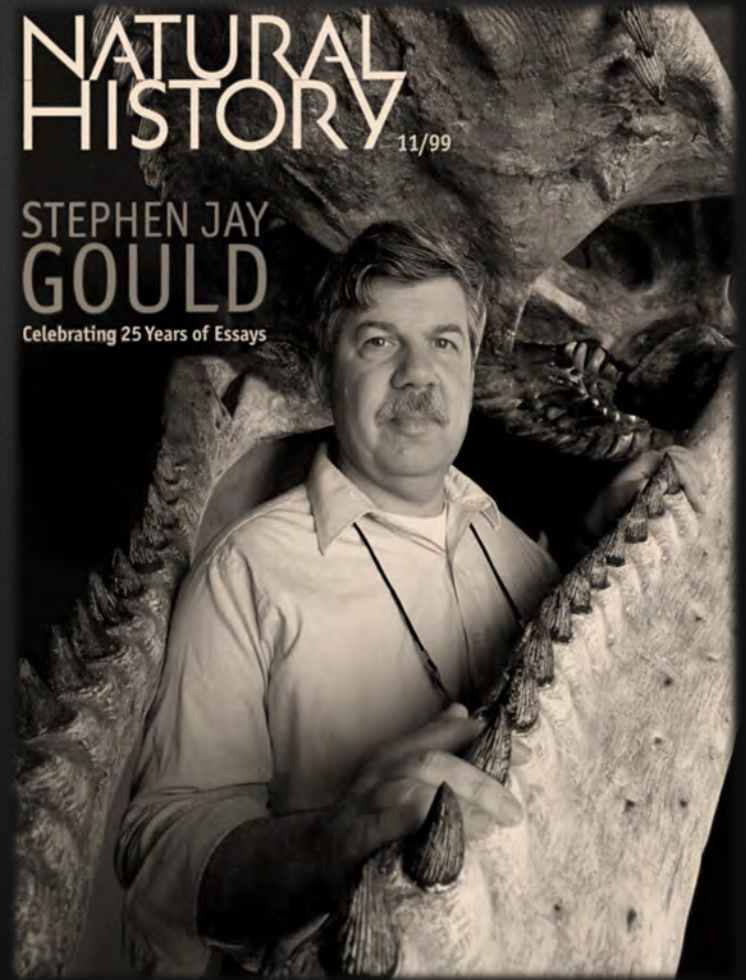
A Survey of Top Atheists

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# Atheism's Answer to Our Origin

"We are here because one odd group of fishes had a peculiar fin anatomy that could transform into legs for terrestrial creatures... We may yearn for a 'higher' answer-but none exists. This explanation, though superficially troubling, if not terrifying, is ultimately liberating and exhilarating."

- Stephen J. Gould  
Evolutionist



# Atheism's Answer to Our Origin

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“Given the weaknesses of all theories of terrestrial genesis, directed panspermia [the deliberate planting of life on Earth by aliens] should still be considered a serious possibility.”

-Francis Crick  
Co-discoverer of DNA



# Atheism's Answer to How Morals Are Decided

“You have your way, I have my way. As for the right way, it does not exist.”

- Frederick Nietzsche





# Atheism's Answer to How Morals Are Decided

“Natural selection can favor egotism, hedonism, cowardice instead of bravery, cheating, and exploitation.”

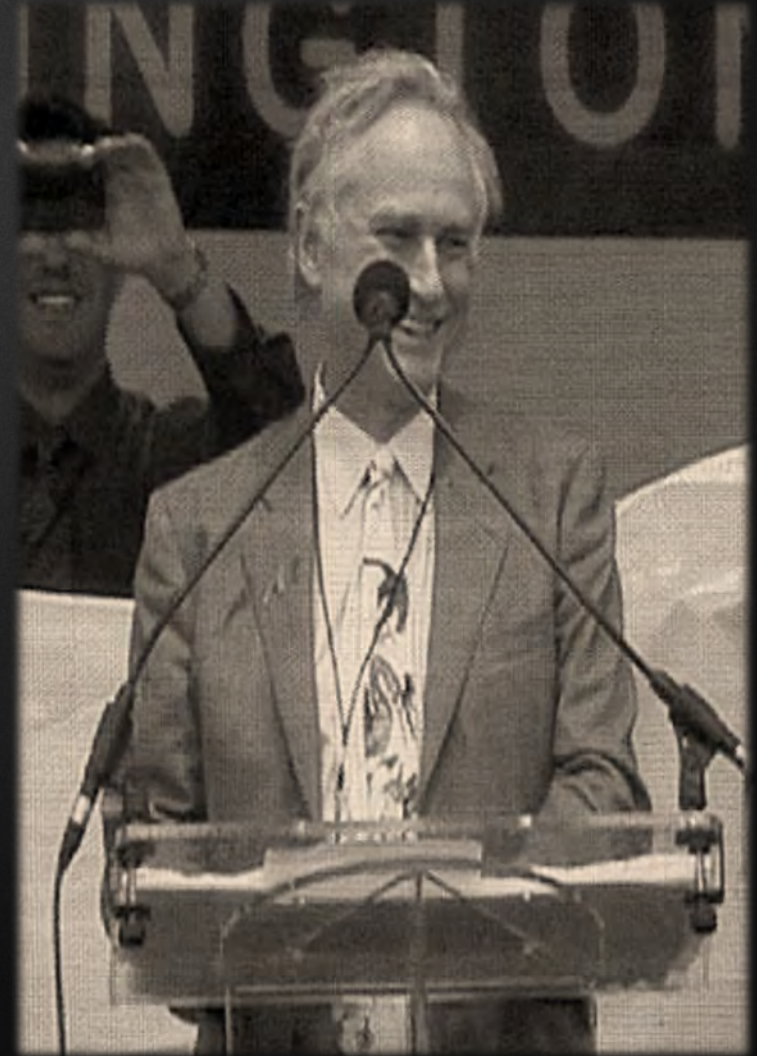
-Theodosius Dobzhansky  
Evolutionary Biologist



# Atheism's Answer to Your Purpose in Life

“Humans have always wondered about the meaning of life...life has no higher purpose than to perpetuate the survival of DNA...life has no design, no purpose, no evil and no good, nothing but blind pitiless indifference”

- Richard Dawkins



# Atheism's Answer to Your Purpose in Life

“We're just a bit of pollution....  
If you got rid of us...the  
universe would be largely the  
same. We're completely  
irrelevant.”

-Lawrence Krauss  
Physicist

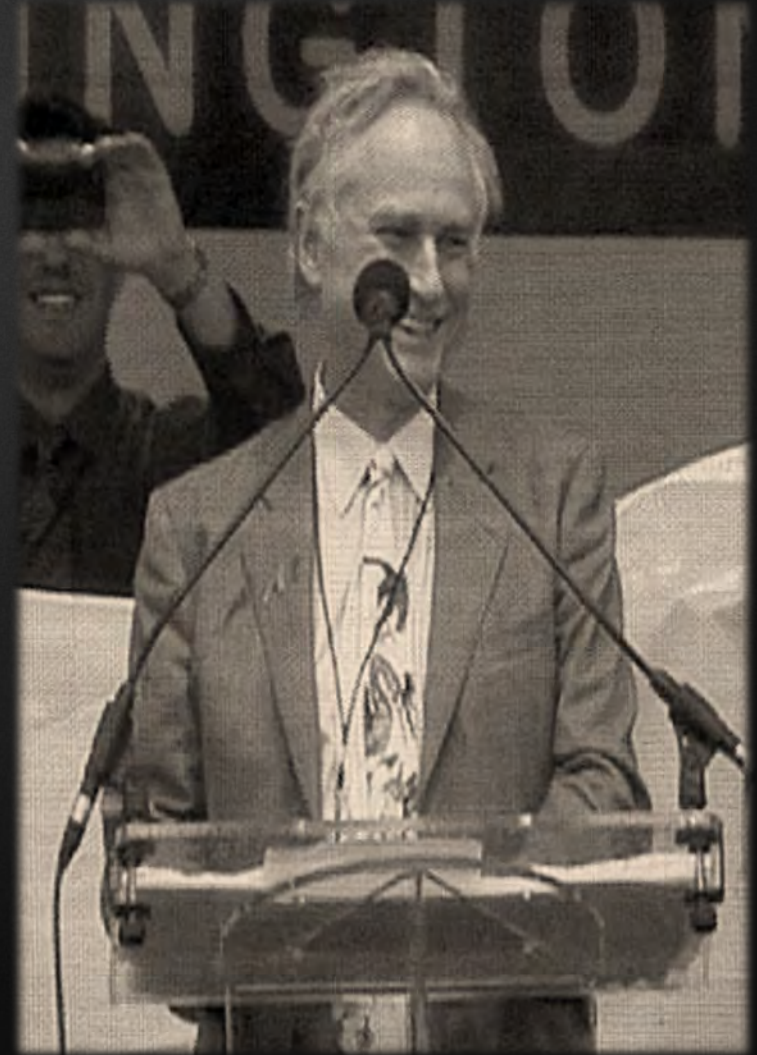


# Atheism's Answer to Life After Death

"You get buried."

-Richard Dawkins

When asked what happens after you die

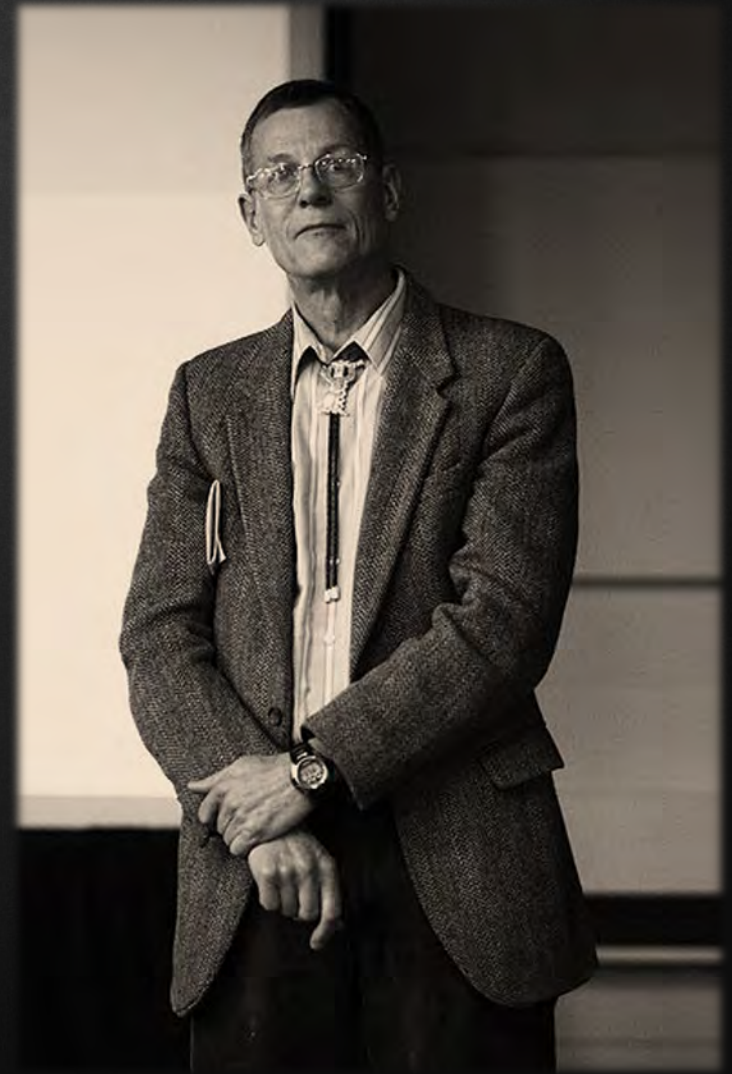


# Summarizing Atheism's Answers

“When Darwin deduced the theory of natural selection to explain the adaptations in which he had previously seen the handiwork of God, he knew that he was committing cultural murder.

He understood immediately that if natural selection explained adaptations, and evolution by descent were true, then the argument from design was dead and all that went with it, namely the existence of a personal god, free will, life after death, immutable moral laws, and ultimate meaning in life.”

- William Provine, Evolutionist



# If Atheism's Answers Are True, Then...

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“There is only one really serious philosophical problem and that is suicide. Deciding whether or not life is worth living is to answer the fundamental question in philosophy.”

- Albert Camus



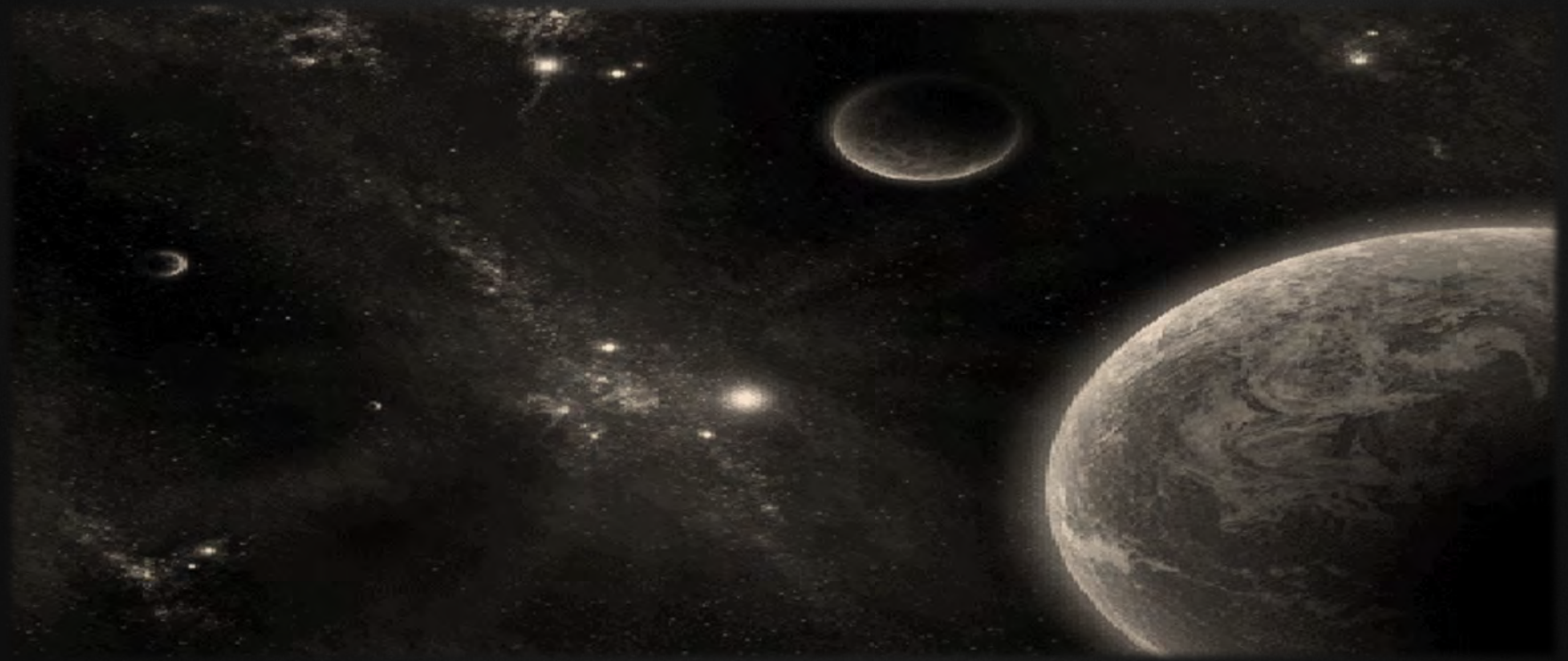
# Examining Christianity's Answers

What Does God Say?

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# God's Answer To Our Origin

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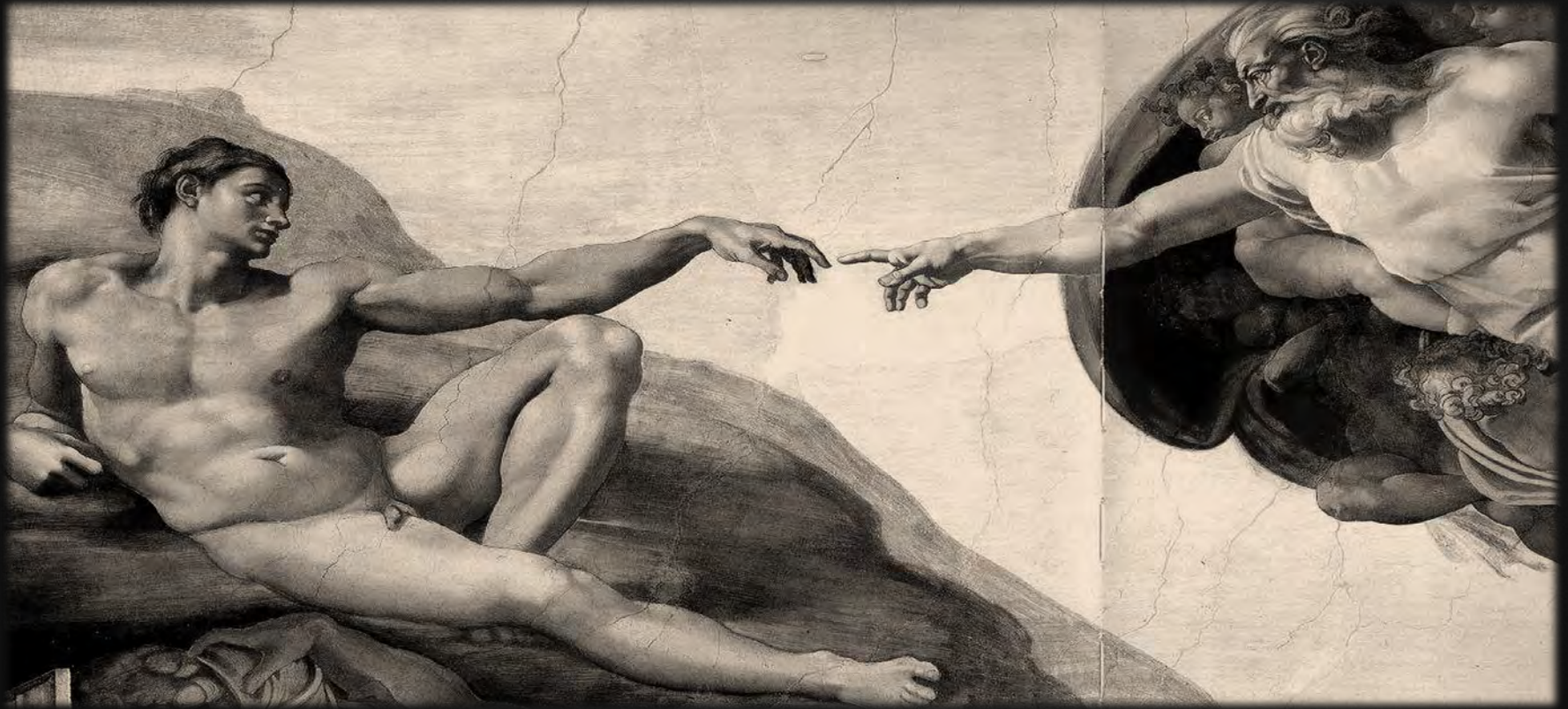


“In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.”

- Genesis 1:1



# God's Answer To Our Origin



“Then God said, “Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; and let them rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over the cattle and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.” God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.”

- Genesis 1:26–27

# God's Answer To How We Are To Live



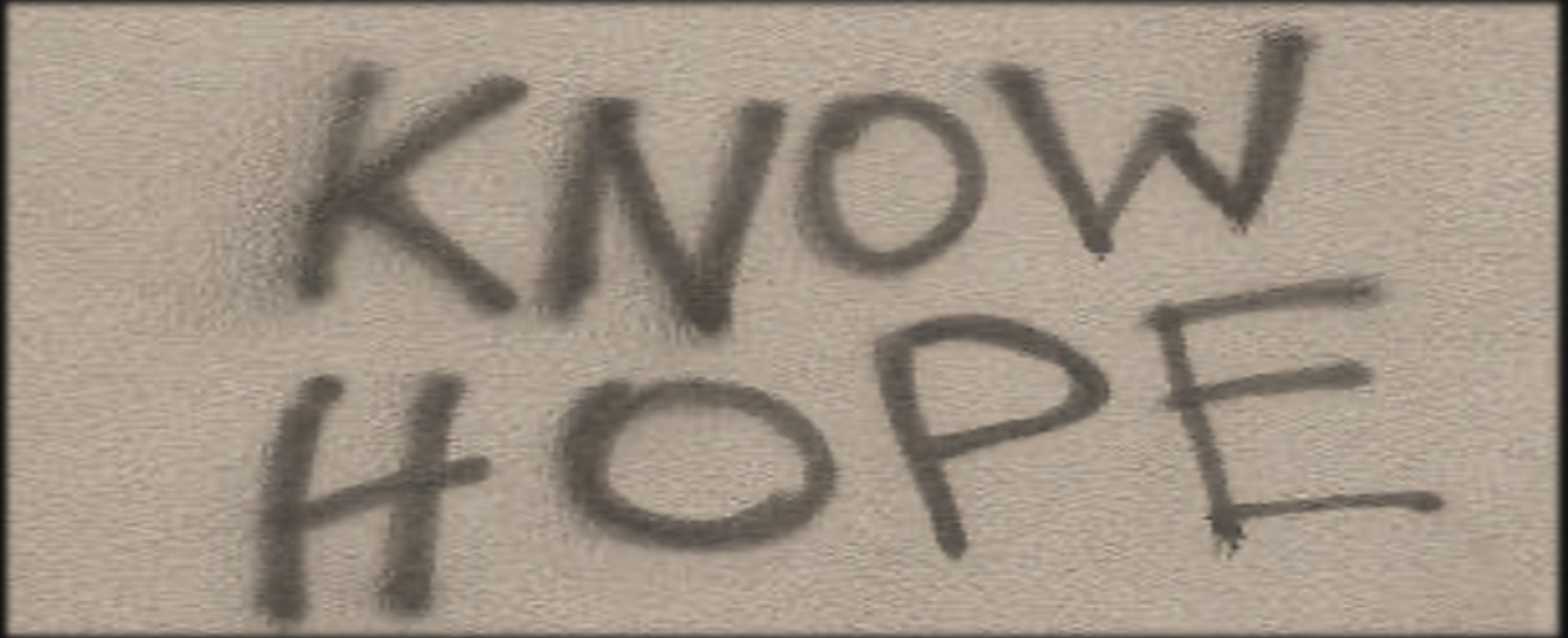
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“You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.”

- Matthew 22:37–40

# God's Answer To Whether We Have A Purpose

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““For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the LORD, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.””

- Jeremiah 29:11

# What Brings Meaning in Life?

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- Sense of wonder – removes boredom and monotony
- Knowledge of truth – supplies confidence and freedom
- Experience of love – greatest of all things
- Security – removes anxiety and enables peace



# All Delivered in God

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- **Sense of wonder** – “Oh, the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments and unfathomable His ways!” – Romans 11:33
- **Knowledge of Truth** – “...you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.” – John 8:31
- **Experience of Love** – “In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins. Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.” – 1 John 4:10-11
- **Security** – “For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable.” – Romans 11:29

# God's Answer To Life After Death

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“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.”

- John 3:16

# What is God's Good News?

The Gospel of Jesus Christ

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# The “So What” Question of Christianity

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Does God really care  
about me?





# God Loves You Right Now – No Matter Who You Are

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“For all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God” (Romans 3:23)

- It can be hard to admit that you’ve made mistakes, but the truth is, we all have.
- The wrong you’ve done in your life has separated you from God.
- But even so, God is willing to forgive you.

# God Has Provided A Way For You

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“For while we were still helpless, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. For one will hardly die for a righteous man; though perhaps for the good man someone would dare even to die. But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from the wrath of God through Him” (Romans 5:6–9)

- The great news is that, even though there’s nothing you can do to help yourself and reconcile yourself to God, God has already done that for you.
- Jesus came to take the punishment you deserve for all the wrong you’ve committed and gives you forgiveness and eternal life with God instead.

# How Do I Receive God's Forgiveness and Grace?



“If you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved” (Romans 10:9)

- Your part is asking God for His forgiveness, turning away from your past wrongs, and receiving Christ as your Lord and Savior.
- If you haven't done so, why not pray to God right now and do this?

# You Mean That's It?

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“For it is by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; not as a result of works so that no one can boast” (Ephesians 2:8-9)

- When it comes to receiving forgiveness and salvation from God, yes.
- However, it is only the start of a new life that you begin living with God.

# Am I Really Safe And Secure With God?



“There is therefore now no condemnation for those in Christ Jesus”  
(Romans 8:1)

- Yes, you have received God’s forgiveness and are eternally safe with God.
- All your past wrongs, as well as any future wrongs you may commit, have been paid for by the work of Jesus on the cross.
- Jesus’ resurrection ensures that death is not the end for you.
- As a member of God’s family, you will now spend eternity with Him.

# Conclusions

Final Thoughts

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# So Does God Really Care About Me?

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- He cares enough to overcome all the wrong you've ever committed.
- He cares enough to save you and help you live in the way you were created to live.
- He cares enough to give meaning and purpose to you.
- He cares enough to equip you to enjoy everlasting life with Him.



# So Does God Really Care About Me?

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“God showed how much he loved us by sending his one and only Son into the world so that we might have eternal life through him. This is real love—not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as a sacrifice to take away our sins”  
(1 John 4:9–10)





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