
Words of Truth

“How Can You Believe In God When...”

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We live in a world full of heartache. Many bad things happen on a daily basis. City streets are crowded with homeless people. There are earthquakes, hurricanes, blizzards, floods, and other natural disasters that destroy lives and property. The world is full of violence. Homes are divided and children are abused. The news is full of misery. Cities like Juarez are full of crime and corruption. These things are not new to our generation. As Solomon said, “...*there is no new thing under the sun*” (Ecclesiastes 1:9). When people look at these things they like to question the existence of God.

Many look at these things and conclude that if there were a god, things would not be so bad. People have a false idea that with the existence of a deity, things get better. They have this false conclusion because they’ve been falsely taught that God is like a puppet master controlling everyone and everything. These individuals have not understood that God has given man the freedom to choose his own way or God’s way (Exodus 15:26, Deuteronomy 30:15-20, II Chronicles 7:14, Psalms 119:30, Proverbs 1:29, Jeremiah 26:13, Ezekiel 18:19-30, Luke 11:28, Acts 3:19, II Corinthians 5:10, and I Peter 2:1-2). People have failed to see that both bad and good things often happen by chance (Ecclesiastes 9:11).

Mankind is to blame for the things we see around us. When God created this world and man who lives therein, everything was good (Genesis 1:31). Man was not created to be liars, murderers, thieves, fornicators, etc. Notice what the Lord says concerning man: “*Lo, this only have I found, that God hath made man upright; but they have sought out many inventions*” (Ecclesiastes 7:29). From government to next-door-neighbors, people hurt other people. God is not to be blamed or questioned, when man chooses to do things that negatively impact the world.

Don’t Deny God Or Blame Him For Our Choices

God has warned mankind. When Adam and Eve were in the garden, God warned Adam that if he ate of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil death would occur (Genesis 2:15-17). The Bible is full of warnings and mankind has shown continual disregard for God’s will. Even when God has issued many warnings, mankind generally ignores them (II Chronicles 36:14-16). God has been very plain in telling us that we will reap what we sow (Job 4:8, Proverbs 1:31, Proverbs 12:14, Proverbs 14:14, Proverbs 22:8, Proverbs 24:12, Isaiah 3:10-11, Jeremiah 2:19, Hosea 7:2, Hosea 8:7, John 5:28-29, and Galatians 6:7-8).

When we build homes in flood plains, floods are going to occur. When men and women commit fornication, sexual diseases are going to spread. When people buy and sell illegal drugs, lives are going to be ruined. When we build cities on fault lines, earthquakes are going to destroy those

cities. When people lack compassion, the poor are going to suffer worse. When someone chooses to deny God because things are bad, they are just looking to hate their Creator. When things are bad, people are to blame. That is the undeniable truth.

It amazes me how observant people are of some things and how blind they are to other things. If you can look around to find reasons to deny God, you must close your eyes to the many evidences that exist that prove the existence of our Creator.

How Can You Not Believe In God When...

The evidence for God is all around us. I cannot say it nearly as well as the inspired Apostle Paul did when he spoke to the fools in Athens. Notice these words: *"God that made the world and all things therein, seeing that he is Lord of heaven and earth, dwelleth not in temples made with hands; Neither is worshipped with men's hands, as though he needed any thing, seeing he giveth to all life, and breath, and all things; And hath made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on all the face of the earth, and hath determined the times before appointed, and the bounds of their habitation; That they should seek the Lord, if haply they might feel after him, and find him, though he be not far from every one of us: For in him we live, and move, and have our being; as certain also of your own poets have said, For we are also his offspring"* (Acts 17:24-28).

How can anyone look at the sky and doubt the existence of our Creator (Genesis 2:4)? The Psalmist had a question when he looked above. Notice: *"When I consider thy heavens, the work of thy fingers, the moon and the stars, which thou hast ordained; What is man, that thou art mindful of him? and the son of man, that thou visitest him"* (Psalms 8:3-4)? Rather than looking upward and denying God, one should stand in awe. One should consider how little we are in the universe that God has created with His words (Hebrews 11:3).

Which one of us can create rain? Without God, we'd have no rain (Matthew 5:45 and Hebrews 6:7). Which one of us could change the seasons? Without God we'd have no summer, fall, winter, and spring (Acts 14:17). Can you make the earth spin? It is God who hung the earth upon nothing (Job 26:7).

A thinking person, without an agenda, cannot deny the existence of God when they use their ability to reason. I know this, for I was once in that position. Prior to obeying the Gospel, I had no reason to believe or deny God. No one was forcing me to believe in God. No one in my family, at that time, was even close to "religious". Yet, from what my own eyes could see, I knew there was/is a Creator. Without that faith, no one can move forward to full obedience to the Gospel (Mark 16:15-16).

Conclusion

It takes a lot of work to TRY and deny God exists. Suggesting that bad events disprove the existence of God is ignorant. Explain your existence without having a Creator. No one can logically do so. It takes a giant leap of stupid to make the argument of a creation without a creator. In conclusion, consider these inspired words: *"The fool hath said in his heart, There is no God. They are corrupt, they have done abominable works, there is none that doeth good"* (Psalms 14:1).