

THE STANDARD

QUESTIONS OF LIFE

- **4 QUESTIONS OF LIFE**
 - Who am I? (what am I worth)
 - Where did I come from?
 - Why am I here? (my purpose)
 - Where am I going when I die?
- **REASON BY CHANCE**
- **REASON BY DESIGN**

EVOLUTIONIST

• **ATHEIST/EVOLUTIONIST**

- **Who am I? (what am I worth)**
Piece of protoplasm, polluters of Earth
- **Where did I come from?**
Big bang 20 billion years ago
- **Why am I here? (my purpose)**
No reason. If it feels good do it.
- **Where am I going when I die?**
Grave & recycled back into nature

THE BIBLE

- **GENESIS 1:1 - In the beginning God...**
- **GOD GAVE US THE BIBLE - 2TIM 3:16**

B BEST

I INSTRUCTIONS

B BEFORE

L LEAVING

E EARTH

(Gen 1:1 KJV) "In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth."

(2 Tim 3:16 KJV) "All scripture *is* given by inspiration of God, and *is* profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:"

STANDARDS OF AUTHORITY

- **POSSIBLE AUTHORITY STANDARDS**
 - **Sincerity or conscience**
Acts 23:1
 - **Majority vote**
Jn 19:6; Acts 7:57-58; Matt 7:13-14
 - **Religion of parents**
Matt 19:29
 - **Word of God**
Jn 12:48

(Acts 23:1 KJV) "And Paul, earnestly beholding the council, said, Men *and* brethren, I have lived in all good conscience before God until this day."

(John 19:6 KJV) "When the chief priests therefore and officers saw him, they cried out, saying, Crucify *him*, crucify *him*. Pilate saith unto them, Take ye him, and crucify *him*: for I find no fault in him."

(Acts 7:57-58 KJV) "Then they cried out with a loud voice, and stopped their ears, and ran upon him with one accord, {58} And cast *him* out of the city, and stoned *him*: and the witnesses laid down their clothes at a young man's feet, whose name was Saul."

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(Mat 7:13-14 KJV) "Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide *is* the gate, and broad *is* the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: {14} Because strait *is* the gate, and narrow *is* the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it."

(Mat 19:29 KJV) "And every one that hath forsaken houses, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for my name's sake, shall receive an hundredfold, and shall inherit everlasting life."

(John 12:48 KJV) "He that rejecteth me, and receiveth not my words, hath one that judgeth him: the word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day."

THE ONLY STANDARD

- **THE BIBLE IS OUR ONLY STANDARD**
 - It is relevant to our lives today
Heb 4:12-13; 2 Pet 1:3
 - The Bible is inspired
2 Pet 1:20-21; 1 Pet 1:10-12
 - Hold to the teachings of Jesus
Jn 8:31-32; Gal 1:8-9
 - Obedience is required
James 1:21-22

(Heb 4:12-13 KJV) "For the word of God *is* quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and *is* a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart. {13} Neither is there any creature that is not manifest in his sight: but all things *are* naked and opened unto the eyes of him with whom we have to do."

(2 Pet 1:3 KJV) "According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that *pertain* unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue:"

(2 Pet 1:20-21 KJV) "Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation.{21} For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake *as they were* moved by the Holy Ghost."

(1 Pet 1:10-12 KJV) "Of which salvation the prophets have inquired and searched diligently, who prophesied of the grace *that should come* unto you: {11} Searching what, or what manner of time the Spirit of Christ which was in them did signify, when it testified beforehand the sufferings of Christ, and the glory that should follow. {12} Unto whom it was revealed, that not unto themselves, but unto us they did minister the things, which are now reported unto you by them that have preached the gospel unto you with the Holy Ghost sent down from heaven; which things the angels desire to look into."

(John 8:31-32 KJV) "Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, If ye continue in my word, *then* are ye my disciples indeed; {32} And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."

(Gal 1:8-9 KJV) "But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed. {9} As we said before, so say I now again, If any *man* preach any other gospel unto you than that ye have received, let him be accursed."

(James 1:21-22 KJV) "Wherefore lay apart all filthiness and superfluity of naughtiness, and receive with meekness the engrafted word, which is able to save your souls. {22} But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves."

THE CHRISTIAN

• 4 QUESTIONS OF LIFE

- Who am I? (what am I worth)
I am important, God wants me - Jas 4:5
- Where did I come from?
Created in the image of God - Gen 1:26
- Why am I here? (my purpose)
Obedience to God - Eccl 12:13-14
- Where am I going when I die?
Your actions will decide - Matt 25:46

(James 4:5 KJV) "Do ye think that the scripture saith in vain, The spirit that dwelleth in us lusteth to envy?"

(Gen 1:26 KJV) "And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth."

(Eccl 12:13-14 KJV) "Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this *is* the whole *duty* of man. {14} For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether *it be* good, or whether *it be* evil."

(Mat 25:46 KJV) "And these shall go away into everlasting punishment: but the righteous into life eternal."