

God—Beyond anything I could have EVER imagined!!

Being an intelligent—but COOL, open-minded hippy-type—I honestly didn't expect to find JESUS! Buddha maybe... But Christianity was for the old fashioned, square, and, well, uh SIMPLE MINDED folk I did NOT want to become!! We didn't have Harry Potter back then, but if we had—I'd have been His biggest fan!

"Ask God". I'm not sure if I'd give that advice to every person. Like if you ask God to show you if He's real—but with a CHIP on your shoulder, wanting Him to PROVE it to you...

The famous physicist Blaise Pascal once said, "God has given sufficient evidence to those whose hearts are open, but (evidence) sufficiently vague so as not to compel those whose hearts are closed."

I'd say there's LOTS of evidence—But!—Your heart still has a LOT to do with this!

So may I ask...

BIG HEART QUESTION #1!

If there is a REAL God, who RADICALLY Loves you and wants you to know Him, would you WANT to know Him?

(Stop and think about it—don't just rush on to the next question).

Jesus said not only that He loves you, but that you can KNOW God and Experience Him—and that you'd have "joy unspeakable!"

Jesus also said to a woman at a well...

**"IF YOU KNEW THE GIFT OF GOD,
AND WHO IT IS THAT SAYS TO YOU,
'GIVE ME A DRINK',
YOU WOULD HAVE ASKED OF HIM,
AND HE WOULD HAVE GIVEN YOU
LIVING WATER"**

(John 4:10 from the Bible)

Sounds pretty good! But...

QUESTION #2

What if in order to KNOW Him, you'd have to be willing to OBEY Him?

Ah... Easy to say you'd want to know a God who'd totally love you and give you joy unspeakable! But OBEY Him?! Well.....

Everyone thinks Jesus was a really nice guy. He was. But you might be surprised at some TOUGH things He said, like...

"...THE GATE IS WIDE AND THE WAY IS BROAD THAT LEADS TO DESTRUCTION, AND THERE ARE MANY WHO ENTER THROUGH IT."

And

"THIS IS THE VERDICT: LIGHT HAS COME INTO THE WORLD, BUT MEN LOVED DARKNESS INSTEAD OF LIGHT BECAUSE THEIR DEEDS WERE EVIL."

BUT I'M A GOOD PERSON!

Are you sure? Ok! Here's a simple test: "The good person test!"

(Note: I didn't pass this one very well...)

Have you ever told a lie?

What does that make you?

(Think about it a moment)

(What would you call Me if I told YOU a lie?)
The correct answer is a liar. OK...

Have you ever stolen anything—no matter how small—Change from your Mom's purse, a candy bar from the drugstore, time from your employer... anything? (Think about it).

What does that make you? (A thief).

Next, have you ever taken the name of the Lord "in vain"—used His Name as a curse word; a way to express disgust? (Jesus! Jesus Christ! (or G.D. It!)). God calls that blasphemy...and think for a second (I know; we all do lots of stuff without thinking!)—But why would we use His NAME to express disgust?

Finally, Jesus said that if you look at a woman (or man) to lust for her, you've already committed adultery with them in your heart. Guilty?

OK. So having gone through only 4 out of 10 of the Ten Commandments, is it true to say?: "I'm a lying thief with an adulteress heart who has blasphemed God?"

This is not surprising, because God said mankind **together** would become corrupt. It's hard to think of things as wrong when "everyone's doing it".

But how does God look at this? He's full of love and mercy; but He's also Holy. He gave us free will. **The fact is He offers us amazing mercy and**

forgiveness—but we've disregarded Him, dishonored Him, and broken His laws. Now maybe you didn't know—and God IS merciful towards ignorance. Check out our website if you need more "evidence"--But consider saying this prayer:
"God... Are you real? Do you require something from me? Please show me the truth about Yourself. I am willing to follow You, if You are real."

Thought provoking. If you'd be **unwilling** to say such a prayer, then even PROOF of God will not convince you, because you won't *want* to be convinced.

But maybe you're ALREADY willing to turn to God to follow Him, and to put your trust in Jesus. Maybe it's because you've seen your sin against Him in a way you never have before? That's not a bad thing—it's the TRUTH. If we had continued through those 10 commandments, you'd probably find you'd broken *every one* of them (at least in your *heart*.) Only a foolish person would NOT want forgiveness from God.

Here's the "Gospel"—Good News!!

One day you will stand before a holy God. But He offers you His mercy, because no matter how you've sinned against Him, He still loves you.

He offers you grace—His undeserved favor. Innocence in spite of your guilt, because His Son paid your price.

Kind of like if you were truly guilty at court—and the judgment was \$100,000... you didn't have a dime to your name... and Jesus came in and paid your fine in full. Only this is a lot

bigger—He actually DIED in your place. For right now, just get how big that is: how MUCH He loves you.

All He asks is that you Repent. Big word... and really it's a big decision. It means turning. Turning away from your life of sin... Your life of being your OWN God... To Follow Him instead and to put your Trust in Him. Honestly, that's a big deal. But you'd be crazy not to. He's God.

He rose from the dead, to show that He can raise YOU from the dead. Not JUST for the "next life"... He fills your soul with peace, joy and a love you've never known. But we're SEPARATED from Him until we repent.

If today is your day to turn to follow God, here's a prayer you could say: Dear God, I know that I have sinned against you: That I've done things wrong in life—Some that I knew were wrong, some that I didn't—but they were still breaking your laws. (Think of some of your sins). God, please forgive me of those sins and of EVERY sin I've ever committed.

Wash me clean, and give me new life! You said that Jesus died for my sins, and that if I believe in Him, that He died for me and rose from the dead, I will have eternal life. Please come into my heart, and change me into what You want me to be. I place my life before you and give you honor as God, My Creator.* Please show me how real You are and how to follow You! Thank you for saving me! In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.

You've embarked on an Extraordinary Adventure!!!

WHAT'S NEXT? WANT MORE EVIDENCE?

***CREATION VS EVOLUTION?**

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(AND WRITE TO US!!)

Why should I believe in God?

I'd say don't if He's a Myth! While some may choose to believe in God because it makes 'em feel better...

Or makes their parents happy...

Or even because it's the "right" thing to do... I say, "Crazy!"

DON'T do it if it's not true!

But is it TRUE?

There's all kinds of PRACTICAL, LOGICAL and even HISTORICAL facts & evidence for God- Check out our website! www.godseeker.us

AND

Check out this Story!

I'm a natural born skeptic. One day, a girlfriend in college started talking to me about Jesus. Sometimes I'd "politely" listen. But when she finally asked ME what I believed, here's what I said:

"How would you know if there REALLY was a God? And then even if you KNEW, how would you know what RELIGION was right?

(They all contradict each other!)"

So she said, "Ask God".

That answer—in my case—brought me to finding the most incredible, LIVING