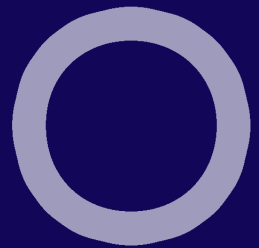




THE BRIDGE

Who is God



When the “Do you Believe in God” question is asked, one of the first responses is “How can I believe in a God that I can’t see or touch?”

But there are many things in life that we know as a fact but cannot see or touch, such as love, gravity, our conscience, etc. There are approximately two (2) billion Christians in the world, open witnesses who have had real experiences of meeting this invisible God and their lives having changed for the better.

There are a myriad of questions that are always posed when God becomes the topic of conversation. Two of the most poignant relating to His existence are:

1. Does science disprove God?

Science can only measure, observe and experiment on physical things, so how can it prove God does not exist when He is a Spirit?

Biological evolution theories create more questions with their propositions of how they believe the world came into being. In scientific terms, the world (something) was created from (nothing) by “The Big Bang”. They cannot in anyway provide answers on how living organisms came from lifeless matter to form life. The probability of the world forming the way that scientists say it has, is Zero – i.e. a mathematician calculated it as “much smaller than that of winning the Mega Millions Jackpot for more days than the universe has been in existence” (*Rabbi Ephraim Horowitz*).

2. “Is the ancient book (The Bible) really relevant to the issues of our frenetic, post-modern world of microscopes and satellites?”

The Bible is the historical book, inspired by God and written by men under His inspiration.

Biblical Archaeology has proven that the Bible is historically correct with its information of people, places, times, events etc. Many prominent archaeologist findings have verified this. Even the most sceptic of them, Sir William Ramsey, after many years of digging and searching to prove the Bible wrong, said that “the evidence came down solidly in favour of the Bible records.” Perhaps the most amazing support comes from the Dead Sea scrolls which were discovered in 1947 after laying in the Qumran caves for nearly 2000 years.

The Bible is full of prophets and prophecy foretelling events that would happen 400-500 years in advance. If we look at only three (3) of the 2000 fulfilled prophecies (approx. 500 yet to be fulfilled), and the probability of them happening just as was told in terms of time, how, what, persons, etc., the probability of all three occurring has been measured by Hugh Ross (2003) to be 10,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000 - a number not only inconceivable to comprehend, but impossible to say with any meaning, yet they happened just as God said they would.

**So we eagerly await the prophecy of Jesus’
2nd coming.**

So Who is God?

Having established the validity and reliability of the book that best explains who God is, we see an endless list of attributes recorded there. The Bible records God's revelation of how this world was made (created), and what it says about His Power, Majestic Glory, Love, Goodness and that He is a personal, relational, moral, and rational being.

It also tells us that we were "*made in his image*" at creation, to have a full and personal relationship with him, and through The Bible, God reveals himself to us in order to enable this relationship. God spoke with Adam and Eve in the garden of Eden, where the report is that he walked and spoke with them one to one and face to face, before mankind sinned, and even after. It documents our continual sinning, our becoming more and more rebellious and self-gratifying, which in turn separated us more and more from God.

It wasn't God's idea to remove himself and be seemingly unapproachable, it was our choice, beginning with Adam and Eve. Yet in each section of the Bible we see God's holy, unchanging, faithful, gracious and loving character and his unchanging love for mankind.

God is a Loving God, and He is 100% Perfect in all of His attributes. Each of His attributes intertwine, yet each is 100% perfect and complete.

God is :

All Powerful (Omnipotent)	He can do anything He wants and nothing is impossible.
He's everywhere (Omnipresent)	He sees, hears, acts in everything and His heart cares for people everywhere. His presence is with His people always.
All Knowing (Omniscient)	He is sovereign and wise. He knows the past, the present and the future.
Unchanging / Immutable	His attributes do not diminish or grow. He is perfect.
Eternal	There is no beginning or end to Him. He Just Is.
Just / Righteous	God is perfect so His actions are perfect and He judges based on this perfection. He will act when it's right because He sees the future and how it/a situation will end.
Holy	He is elevated above everyone and everything in rank, position, dignity and character. He is perfect in His goodness and is morally right all the time.
Good	God is good and He will use the bad we humans cause by our greed and wrong doings, to turn it for good. He will not allow bad to totally destroy His once perfect world.
True	It is impossible for God to lie. He has no need to lie when He knows the past, present and future and He is unchanging. We can count on all His promises to come true - just like the prophecies we talked about earlier. If God say's it, "we can take it to the bank", so to speak.
Merciful	He is forgiving. We deserved the curse He gave to Adam for his disobedience, but He gave mercy by sending His son Jesus to die to pay our debt penalty. We wrong him repeatedly, and he still gives us chance after chance to come back into a relationship with Him.
Agape Love	His love is sacrificial, selfless and unconditional. What more could someone give than to give His own son's life to pay the penalty due to us, and while we were still turning our backs on Him?

God's Names re-affirm His attributes
Elohim, el-Shaddai, El-Elyon, El-Olam,
El-Roi, Adoni, Yahweh etc.
The "I Am That I Am."

References:

- "Life by Accident, Rabbi Ephraim Horowitz PHD*
<https://www.aish.com/ci/sam/48970356.html?s=authorart>
- Kaiser, W. (2001) The Old Testament Documents: Are They Reliable and Relevant?*
- Kitchen, K. (1978) The Bible in its World: The Bible and Archaeology Today*
- Eugene, M. (1966) Kingdom of Priests*
- Bruce, F. (1981) The New Testament Documents: Are They Reliable?*
- Ross, H. (2003) Fulfilled prophecy: Evidence for the Reliability of the Bible*
<https://reasons.org/explore/publications/articles/fulfilled-prophecy-evidence-for-the-reliability-of-the-bible>





www.cog7thday.org.uk

For more information:

TheBridge@cog7thday.org.uk

+44 7543152977

© 2021 The British Conference of the Church of God (Seventh Day)

