

LIFE'S MOST IMPORTANT QUESTIONS

- In John 8:44 our Lord told us our “*adversary the devil*” is the father of lies.
- 2 Corinthians 4:3–4 (ESV) — 3 And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. 4 In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.
- 2 Corinthians 4:3–4 (LBLA) — 3 Y si todavía nuestro evangelio está velado, para los que se pierden está velado, 4 en los cuales el dios de este mundo ha cegado el entendimiento de los incrédulos, para que no vean el resplandor del evangelio de la gloria de Cristo, que es la imagen de Dios.

- 1 Corinthians 14:33 (ESV) — 33 For God is not a God of confusion but of peace. As in all the churches of the saints
- 1 Corinthians 14:33 (LBLA) — 33 porque Dios no es Dios de confusión, sino de paz, como en todas las iglesias de los santos.

James 1:17 - *Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change.* ESV

James 1:17 (LBLA) — *17 Toda buena dádiva y todo don perfecto viene de lo alto, descende del Padre de las luces, con el cual no hay cambio ni sombra de variación.*

He ***“brought us forth by
the word of truth”***

(James 1:18).

“grasping for the wind”
(Ecclesiastes 1:14).

Why Am I Here?

Richard Dawkins, has argued: *“The Universe that we observe has precisely the properties we should expect if there is, at bottom...**no purpose...nothing but pitiless indifference.**”*

- Graham Lawton, Executive Editor of *New Scientist* magazine, wrote in an article entitled, “What is the Meaning of Life?”
- ***“The harsh answer is ‘it has none.’”***
- “Your life may **feel** like a big deal to you,” he wrote, “but it’s actually a random blip of matter and energy in an uncaring and impersonal universe.”
- Lawton wrote, “we are unable “to capture a ‘true’ or ‘higher’ meaning” to life.

our lives **really are** as meaningless as “**a random blip of matter.**”

King Solomon wrote he had tried and gained:

- a) Abundant knowledge and wisdom.**
- b) Extensive labor.**
- c) Great riches.**
- d) Unparalleled power and prestige.**
- e) Extravagant fleshly pleasures, including 700 wives and 300 concubines (1 Kings 11:3).**

“all is vanity and grasping for the
wind” (1:14).

Where Did I Come From?

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- American atheist Dan Barker in “Wretched: Nothing Made Everything” (2006), **“Something came from nothing,”**.

- In his “Curiosity: Did God Create the Universe?” (2011) cosmologist Stephen Hawking concluded, “*Nothing caused the Big Bang,*”
- He said we have no logical reason to be here... that there is no ultimate meaning to life. We are simply the result of a mindless, cosmic accident, which is impotent to provide a real purpose for our existence.

The argument of atheism is fatally flawed because:

1 - matter demands a Maker.

2- life on Earth demands a life Giver.

3- complex, functional design in the Universe demands a Designer.

4- And the supernatural attributes of the Bible demand a Supernatural Author.

- Ecclesiastes 12:1 (ESV) — 1 Remember also your Creator in the days of your youth, before the evil days come and the years draw near of which you will say, “I have no pleasure in them”.
- Ecclesiastes 12:1 (LBLA) — 1 Acuérdate, pues, de tu Creador en los días de tu juventud, antes que vengan los días malos, y se acerquen los años en que digas: No tengo en ellos placer;

“Let Us make man in Our image,
according to Our likeness....

So 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).

***“We are the offspring of
God”***

(Acts 17:28-29).

- James 3:8–9 (ESV) — 8 but no human being can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison. 9 With it we bless our Lord and Father, and with it we curse people **who are made in the likeness of God.**
- James 3:8–9 (LBLA) — 8 pero ningún hombre puede domar la lengua; es un mal turbulento y lleno de veneno mortal. 9 Con ella bendecimos a nuestro Señor y Padre, y con ella maldecimos a los hombres, **que han sido hechos a la imagen de Dios;**

“We are a big deal!” because we
come from a Big God!

“...in Him we live and move and
have our being”

Acts 17:28

**Where Am I
Going?**

- William Provine shared his “loud and clear” implications on modern evolutionary biology.
- To quote Dr. Provine, “There are no gods, no purposes, and no goal-directed forces of any kind. There is no life after death. When I die, I am absolutely certain that I am going to be dead. That’s the end of me. There is...no ultimate meaning in life.”

Solomon wrote in Ecclesiastes
9:5 (ESV) — ***5 For the living
know that they will die...***

Ecclesiastes 9:5 (LBLA) — 5
***Porque los que viven saben
que han de morir... (because
those who live know they must
die...)***

- Hebrews 9:27 (ESV) — 27 And just as it is appointed for man to die once, and after that comes judgment,
- Hebrews 9:27 (LBLA) — 27 Y así como está decretado que los hombres mueran una sola vez, y después de esto, el juicio,

- Ecclesiastes 12:7 (ESV) — 7 and the dust returns to the earth as it was, and the spirit returns to God who gave it.
- Ecclesiastes 12:7 (LBLA) — 7 entonces volverá el polvo a la tierra como lo que era, y el espíritu volverá a Dios que lo dio.

- Twice in the final 16 verses of Ecclesiastes Solomon tells us that ***“God will bring you into judgment”*** (11:9).
- In 12:14, ***“God will bring every work into judgment, including every secret thing, whether good or evil”***.
- Ecclesiastes 12:14 (LBLA) — ***14 Porque Dios traerá toda obra a juicio, junto con todo lo oculto, sea bueno o sea malo.***

- Ecclesiastes 3:17 (ESV) — *17 I said in my heart, God will judge the righteous and the wicked, for there is a time for every matter and for every work.*
- Ecclesiastes 3:17 (LBLA) — *17 Yo dije en mi corazón: al justo como al impío juzgará Dios, porque hay un tiempo para cada cosa y para cada obra.*

- Acts 17:31 (ESV) — 31 because he has fixed a day on which he will judge the world in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed; and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.”
- Acts 17:31 (LBLA) — 31 porque Él ha establecido un día en el cual juzgará al mundo en justicia, por medio de un Hombre a quien ha designado, habiendo presentado pruebas a todos los hombres al resucitarle de entre los muertos.

- Matthew 25:31–32 (ESV) — 31 “When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne. 32 Before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats.
- Matthew 25:31–32 (LBLA) — 31 Pero cuando el Hijo del Hombre venga en su gloria, y todos los ángeles con Él, entonces se sentará en el trono de su gloria; 32 y serán reunidas delante de Él todas las naciones; y separará a unos de otros, como el pastor separa las ovejas de los cabritos.

“the day of the Lord will come as
a thief in the night”

(2 Peter 3:10)—

Psalm 10:13 (NASB) – *13 Why has the wicked spurned God? He has said to himself, “You will not require it.”*

Psalm 10:13 (LBLA) – *13 ¿Por qué ha despreciado el impío a Dios? Ha dicho en su corazón: Tú no lo requerirás.*

How Do I Get There?

- By refusing to acknowledge where they came from.
- By doing little-to-nothing—like the lazy servant in the parable of the talents (Matthew 25:14-30).
- By rejecting the spiritual (and practical) wisdom of God and going full-steam ahead with a materialistic lifestyle. As Ecclesiastes highlights, a focus on earthly wisdom, prosperity, and worldly pleasures is a recipe for spiritual disaster.
- By doing whatever “I think” is best. Rather than listen to God, man often does what is “right in his own eyes” (Judges 21:25).
- Jeremiah tells us, “the way of man is not in himself; it is not in man who walks to direct his own steps” (Jeremiah 10:23).
- Proverbs 14:12 – tells us “there is a way that seems right to a man, but its end is the way of death”
- In short, by sinning and not trusting in and obeying the Lord—Who is the one and only answer to the sin and the forgiveness of our sins.

- “God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved” (John 3:16-17).
- John 3:16–17 (LBLA) — 16 Porque de tal manera amó Dios al mundo, que dio a su Hijo unigénito, para que todo aquel que cree en Él, no se pierda, mas tenga vida eterna. 17 Porque Dios no envió a su Hijo al mundo para juzgar al mundo, sino para que el mundo sea salvo por Él.

- ***“trampled the Son of God underfoot, counted the blood of the covenant by which he was [they were] sanctified a common thing, and insulted the Spirit of grace” Hebrews 10:29***
- **Hebrews 10:29 (LBLA) — 29 ¿Cuánto mayor castigo pensáis que merecerá el que ha hollado bajo sus pies al Hijo de Dios, y ha tenido por inmunda la sangre del pacto por la cual fue santificado, y ha ultrajado al Espíritu de gracia?**

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