

BIBLICAL ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS WE ASK

I. From where did I come?

- A. This is the question that all children ask at some point.
- B. This is the question that many grapple with through the teen years as their faith either develops or folds.
- C. It boils down to two possibilities:
 - 1. We come from an accident and became more complex by chance.
 - 2. We come from an all-powerful Creator.
- D. There are variations of these but these are really the only two options.
- E. Those that believe in evolution have to believe that we developed as we have by mere chance.
 - 1. Like an explosion in a watch factory creating a watch, man and the universe came together by chance.
 - 2. We then evolved into what we are in stages over millions of years.
- F. There are those that try to combine the two ideas of evolution and creation into what is known as theistic evolution, but they do so contrary to what the Bible says.
- G. The other option is that God created us.
 - 1. The first verses of the Bible teach this.
 - 2. The Psalmist claimed it for God (Psalm 100:3).
 - 3. Isaiah made the claim (Isaiah 45:12).
 - 4. Malachi also made the claim (Malachi 2:10).
 - 5. Paul made the claim (Ephesians 3:9).
 - 6. John did as well (Revelation 10:6).
- H. The only answer to this great question that is possible, provable and believable is that you and I were created by God.
 - 1. To believe evolution is to believe in a system that breaks every known law of science.
 - 2. It takes more faith to believe in evolution than creation because there is no proof for evolution.
- I. The Bible teaches that we come from God, having been created by Him.

II. Why am I here?

- A. A question that each of us must answer is this.
- B. A great number of answers have been given to this question.
- C. Many of the answers are selfish in nature.
 - 1. Many believe we are here simply to please self in some form or fashion.
 - 2. This attitude of life leads one to find pleasure in all forms of lifestyles, many of which are destructive.
- D. Others have given more altruistic answers.
 - 1. We are here to better the lives of others some say.
 - 2. Many great humanitarian efforts have come as a result of this type answer.
- E. The problem with these type answers is that they have no connection to how we got here.

1. Since we came from God, He has to be connected to why we are here.
2. He created us, so He is attached to us while we are here.
- F. The Bible provides us the answer to this question as well (Revelation 4:11).
 1. We are here to please God.
 2. Colossians 1:16 also speaks to this.
- G. What we have to do is ask ourselves another question: "How can I please God?"
- H. We must realize that we can please God (Colossians 1:10).
 1. When we grow in knowledge about God, which we gain from His word we please Him.
 2. When we use that knowledge to cause us to be more involved in good works that bring Him glory and honor we please Him.
- I. Not one of us is here on earth by accident and God takes a great interest in each one of us.
 1. Psalm 139 speaks to this fact.
 2. God knows the very number of the hairs on our heads (Matthew 10:30).
- J. He has let us know how to please Him and given us all we need to do just that (2 Peter 1:3).

III. Where am I going?

- A. Some believe we go to nothing, that this life is all there is.
- B. Others believe we come back to this life in some other form.
- C. Others take a piece out of the Bible and say all men are going to heaven.
- D. The Bible reveals to us the answer to this question as well (Ecclesiastes 12:7).
- E. When this life is over, we await the day of judgment (Hebrews 9:27).
- F. Matthew 25 sets the judgment scene for us and reveals to us the fate that awaits us.
 1. If we are found pleasing to God, heaven is ours (vs. 34-40).
 2. If we are found unpleasing to God, hell awaits us (vs. 41-46).
- G. Our eternal destiny depends on whether or not we came up with the right answer to the first two questions.
 1. If we don't believe we came from God, we cannot be pleasing to God (Hebrews 11:6).
 2. If we don't figure out correctly why we are here, we won't be pleasing to God and thus will end up on the left hand side of God at the judgment.
- H. We determine where we are going.
- I. The great thing is God wants us to come to Him and has given us all we need to do so.