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Topic: Do You Believe God

1. You believe the word of God as the solution in life. Heb 4.12 - For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart. John 6.63 - The words I have spoken to you—they are full of the Spirit e and life. 64Yet there are some of you who do not believe." Romans 12.2 Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

2. You adopt the word to be your standard of living (moral standard) - You overcome evil by applying God's word as the standard for living. Gal (Gal 5.16 So I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. 17For the flesh desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the flesh. They are in conflict with each other, so that you are not to do whatever c you want. 18But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law. 19The acts of the flesh are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; 20idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions 21and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like. I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God. 22But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. 24Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. 25Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit. 26Let us not become conceited, provoking and envying each other.

3. You seek God for guidance in life - 2 Tim 3.16 All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness. Psalm 119.105 Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path. 106I have taken an oath and confirmed it, that I will follow your righteous laws. Proverbs 3.5-6 Trust in the Lord with all your heart, And lean not on your own understanding; 6In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He shall direct your paths.

Signs that you don't believe God?

1. You are Self-Dependent and not God dependent. Self dependent people are prideful, anxious people, and covetous people - Phil 4.6 Be anxious for nothing, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. They don't comit their plans to God. Prov 16.3 Commit your works to the LORD and your plans will be achieved. You place your confidence on what is seen rather than Faith in God pertaining to your dreams and goals in life (Psalm 20.7 Some trust in chariots and some in horses, but we trust in the name of the Lord our God.)
2. You are indifferent to the world - Proverbs 3.8 Do not be wise in your own eyes; fear the Lord and shun evil. 8This will bring health to your body and nourishment to your bones.

Do you you believe God? Let's answer the question why do you believe God?

Why do you believe in God?

1. Family religion
2. Personal conviction
3. Self-discovery

Psalm 14.

The fool a says in his heart, “There is no God.”

They are corrupt, their deeds are vile; there is no one who does good.

2The Lord looks down from heaven on all mankind to see if there are any who understand,

any who seek God.

3All have turned away, all have become corrupt; there is no one who does good,

not even one. 4Do all these evildoers know nothing?

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https://www.john15.rocks/list-intellectual-atheists-scientists-became-christians-believed-god-bible/2/

Eleven “Modern Intellectual Atheists and Agnostics” Who Became Christians

1. Albert Henry Ross (1881 – 1950)

Albert Ross was an English lawyer and journalist. He was initially a skeptic who criticized the Bible and embraced Darwinism. As a novelist, Ross was known as Frank Morison.

He then wrote a short paper, “Jesus the Last Phase,” disproving the resurrection of Jesus. However, like Lee Strobel, his investigations led him to become a Christian and subsequently authored “Who Moved the Stones” in 1930.

2. Anthony Flew (1923 – 2010)

A son of a preacher, Anthony Flew was a British philosopher and a notorious advocate for atheism who preceded Dawkins and Hitchens in the 1980s.

In 1950, he wrote a short paper, “Theology and Falsification,” that disavowed God’s existence. He quickly became a famous intellectual voice for atheism and wrote more books to discredit God’s existence.In 2004, his faith changed, and he announced that he believed in God, sending shockwaves in the atheist community.Three years before he died, Flew wrote the book, “There Is God: How the World’s Most Notorious Atheist Changed His Mind.”

3. Alister E. McGrath (1953)

Alister McGrath is an Irish Anglican priest, historian, and biochemist scientist who believed in evolution. He is also a Professor of Science and Religion who became a Christian apologist and author.He is perhaps the most intellectual Christian of this century. His writings follow the discipline of historical theology, systematic theology, and the relationship between science and religion.

In 2004, he wrote “The Twilight of Atheism, The Dawkins Delusion?” considered one of his best works. McGrath holds three doctorates from the University of Oxford: in molecular biophysics, theology, and intellectual history.

Alister McGrath shares why he realized atheism is a mistake.

4. Francis Collins (1950)

Francis Collins is an American physician-geneticist who discovered genes associated with a number of diseases. His work led to the Human Genome Project and founded BioLogos.Collins’s work on the human genome showed overwhelming proof of God’s existence. He also addresses the compatibility of evolution and faith and argues that science and faith can be seen as complementary ways of understanding the world.He investigated many faiths, and though he resisted, the evidence was clear, and he converted to Christianity in the 1970s.

5. John Gurdon (1933)

Sir John Gurdon is a developmental biologist known for his research in nuclear transplantation, cloning, and cancer research. He considered himself agnostic but later considered himself a liberal-minded Christian of the Church of England.

In 2012, Gurdon was awarded, jointly with Shinya Yamanaka, the Nobel Prize for Physiology or Medicine, along with his long list of scientific and intellectual scientific discoveries.

6. John Lennox (1943)

John Lennox is a British mathematician and philosopher of science. An Emeritus Professor of Mathematics at the University of Oxford and Emeritus Fellow in Mathematics and Philosophy of Science at Green Templeton College, he focuses on group theory, which has critical applications in physics, chemistry, and computer science.As a teenager, Lennox struggled with doubts about God's existence, but his studies in mathematics and science deepened his understanding of intelligent design.Lennox has engaged in numerous intellectual debates with notable atheists and has written extensively on the relationship between science and faith. Christian Professor and Scientist John Lennox reasons with atheist Professor Peter Atkins.

7. John Eccles (1903 – 1997)

Sir John Eccles was a neurophysiologist and a Nobel Prize Award in Physiology Medicine—a devout Catholic who believed in divine providence over materialistic happenings of biological evolution. The Queen of England granted him a knighthood for his exemplary medical work.Eccles spent his entire career in brain research because he believed that understanding the brain is the "ultimate problem confronting man. With it, it was deduced that naturalism failed to account for the uniqueness of the Self or Soul and that the divine or intelligent creation was necessary to explain its complexities.

8. Jordan Peterson (1962)

Jordan Peterson, an intellectual and "rational atheist," was interested in theology but struggled to reconcile the notion of a loving God portrayed in the Bible.Despite this, he delved into the study of the Bible. He recognized the Bible's durability and regarded it as a life-changing academic and historical text that surpasses even stone or empires.In 2022, Peterson announced that he no longer identified as an atheist and gave a series of lectures on Genesis.He also collaborated with a team of notable theological and literary scholars and the Daily Wire media to conduct a comprehensive analysis of the Book of Exodus.

9. Lee Strobel (1952)

Lee Strobel is an investigative journalist. He was an atheist and tried to prove the Bible was not valid. The evidence he acquired changed his mind, and he became a Christian.Strobel's critical proof of Christ's resurrection were eyewitness accounts from non-Christians, evidence of an empty tomb, evidence of post-resurrection appearance with multiple eyewitnesses, and ultimately the transformation of the lives of His followers.

10. Nabeel Qureshi (1983 – 2017)

Devout Muslim Intellect Nabeel Qureshi investigated Christianity for 15 years. Although he believed in the God of the Muslim, it was not the one true God of the Bible. He left Islam for Jesus.

11. Rosalind Picard (1962)

Rosalind Picard was raised as an atheist and converted as a young adult. She is a scholar and inventor who founded MIT's Affective Computing Research Group. She received the highest professional honors accorded an engineer.PIcard's work involves developing devices and technologies to interpret human emotions and communicate more intuitively.

She said, ' I used to think religious people had thrown their brains out the window,' but her perspective changed as she began to study the works of Christian philosophers and theologians, such as C.S. Lewis and Thomas Aquinas.Additionally, Picard had the opportunity to witness firsthand the generous and benevolent behaviors of devout Christians in her personal life.

Gilbert West (1703-1756)

Gilbert West was an eminent English poet who studied at Oxford. He debunked the resurrection of Jesus but could not. He became a Christian and wrote several works on Christianity.As a young man, he was known for his free thinking. He was heavily influenced by the Enlightenment philosophy of his time, which promoted reason and scientific inquiry over religious dogma.

West argues in his book 'Observations on the History and Evidence' of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ, written in 1747, that the resurrection is a historically verifiable event and that the evidence supports the Christian claim that Jesus rose from the dead.

Simon Greenleaf (1783-1853)

Simon Greenleaf, a chief founder of Harvard Law School. He embarked on a mission to refute the biblical narrative, particularly the resurrection of Jesus Christ. He wrote the book "Testimony of the Evangelists" to prove Christianity is a myth. However, as he delved deeper into the evidence and examined the testimony of the eyewitnesses, he began to question his own assumptions.

During this time, he had a series of discussions with some of his students about the evidence for the resurrection of Jesus Christ. They challenged him to examine the facts and the reliability of the eyewitness accounts, which led to a change in his perspective.

In the end, Greenleaf became convinced of the truth of Christianity and ultimately converted to the Christian faith.

What do you we learn from these 11 people who did not believe God existed. They searched high and low to provide "God does not exist" and in their evidence they confirm that God as revealed in the Holy Bible exists and is God. Why do we have to go through coutnless of arguments by people who don't believe the God of the bible to validate our reason to not believe in God when we can use the evidience of these intellectual aetheists as a basis to confirm that there is sufficient facts to validate that of all the information available….

Hebrews 11.6 And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him.

John 20.29 Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

James 4.8 Come near to God and he will come near to you. Wash your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded.

Psalm 14.2 The LORD looks down from heaven on all mankind to see if there are any who understand, any who seek God.

John 1. 1-2 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God.3Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. 14The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth..

Here you read that John is saying Jesus who always existed “Spirit” became human flesh and lived among them. This is an eye witness account that the Jesus that was amongst them during the times of people who met Jesus face-to-face was in fact God in the human form. John 21.24 This is the disciple who testifies to these things and who wrote them down. We know that his testimony is true.