

I Don't Know What I Believe Part 2: How do I know there is a God?

(James 1:5-8 NIV) If any of you lacks wisdom (answers), you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you. But when you ask, you must believe and not doubt, because the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea, blown and tossed by the wind. That person should not expect to receive anything from the Lord. Such a person is double-minded and unstable in all they do.

✓ **Origin - how did I get here?**

✓ **Meaning - why am I here?**

✓ **Morality - how do I define good and evil?**

✓ **Destiny - what happens to me after death?**

Popular World Views

1. The one with the most toys wins.

(Luke 12:15 NIV) Man's "life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions."

2. I've got to think of me first.

(Matthew 16:25 NLT) Jesus says, "If you try to keep your life for yourself, you will lose it. But if you give up your life for me, you will find true life."

3. Do what feels good.

(Proverbs 21:17 MSG) "Are you addicted to thrills? What an empty life! The pursuit of pleasure is never satisfied."

4. Whatever works for you.

(Proverbs 14:12 NIV) "There is a way that seems right to a man, but in the end it leads to death."

5. God doesn't exist.

(Psalm 14:1 NIV) The fool says in his heart, "There is no God."

"It takes more faith to be an atheist than it does to believe in God. When you look at creation and how the world is set on an axis, it proves the existence of God to me. If it were one degree one way, we'd freeze up. If it were one degree the other way, we'd burn up." - Rick Warren

(Romans 1:20-22) "From the beginning of creation, God has shown what he is like by all he has made. That's why those people don't have any excuse. They know about God, but they don't honor him or even thank him...They claim to be wise, but they are fools."

6. You are your own God.

(Romans 1:25 NIV) "They exchanged the truth of God for a lie, and worshipped created things rather than the Creator."

7. God does exist.

✓ **The God of the Bible provides the best answers for origin, meaning, morality, & destiny.**

✓ **I've met Him personally.**

(Psalm 145:18 NIV) The Lord is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth.

(Jeremiah 29:13-14 ESV) You will seek me and find me, when you seek me with all your heart. I will be found by you, declares the Lord, and I will restore your fortunes.