

Should We Believe In a Different God? by John T Polk II

All Scriptures and comments are based on the **New King James Version**, unless otherwise noted.

QUESTION: "Should we believe in a God different from everyone else's god?"

REPLY: The Bible is the gradual unfolding of the revelation of God, and therefore, it is His verbally inspired "Christian Evidence Textbook."

- 1) **The beginning of all rational thought is "God."** "Fear of the LORD" is the beginning of: Knowledge, **Proverbs 1:7**; Morality, **Proverbs 3:7** "depart from evil;" Wisdom, **Proverbs 9:10**; Long life, **Proverbs 10:27** "prolongs days"; Purpose in life, **Ecclesiastes 12:13** "whole."
- 2) Without "God" there would be no: "love" (1 John 4:16); absolute meaning for life on earth (Ecclesiastes 1:1-11); "beauty" (Ecclesiastes 3:11-13); close relationships (Ecclesiastes 4:7-12).
- 3) The Bible begins by proving that "God is" and the rest of the Bible proves that "He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him" (Hebrews 11:6). This is a one-verse outline of the entire Bible. "God" is the only adequate explanation for the intelligent design and function of the entire earth upon which we all live (Genesis 1-2), and God's dealings with mankind (Genesis 3-Revelation 22) is the only superior standard of moral conduct that should be the basis for human behavior!
- 4) If God made us, then His rules should surely be followed for our best interest and activity. *The Bible is the "Manufacturer's Handbook"* and should be carefully followed for the best use of the product (humans). Therefore the Bible begins in the very first verse (Genesis 1:1) showing that there is but one suitable explanation for the material world and human behavior: God. The Creation in a week of 24-hour days, and the weaknesses of humans, are all simply set forth in Genesis 1-3. The "Christian Evidence Textbook" will make "children of God without fault in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world" (Philippians 2:15). Jehovah is God, and Jesus Christ is His Prophet.

There is no other book in any religion, nor written by man (philosophical, logical, or psychological) that guides to good behavior and inward reflection like the Bible.

5) **The Creation** establishes that there is God; **the Old Testament** establishes there is One God; and **Jesus Christ (and the New Testament)** establishes that The One God Loves each person's soul. When Paul preached to those who had "no gods" he started with the Creation (**Acts 14:15-18**), but when preaching to those familiar with the Divine Creation and The One God, he stressed God's plan that led

to Jesus Christ (Acts 13:16-41). God, The Creator, is at the "beginning" and Jesus Christ, The Obedient Son, is at the end of the world (Ephesians 3:8-12), and The Holy Spirit wrote it all down!

THERE IS NO OTHER GOD THAN THIS ONE!

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