



# Questions We Ask

## Does God exist?

And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him.

Hebrews 11:6 ESV

In 1948 an English professor at the University of Chicago penned a book whose main idea resonates well with the modern world and today's news headlines. The professor was Richard Weaver and his book was *Ideas Have Consequences*. It was required reading in my political science class.

In 1948 many intellectuals in Europe and America were left dumbfounded as to how such atrocities could have been committed by Germany in WWII. In the 1930's, Germany was one of the most literate nations in the world. Germany had produced brilliant musical luminaries as Bach, Beethoven, Mozart, and hugely influential philosophers like Hegel, Kant, and many more.

As Weaver put it, "The issue ultimately involved is whether there is a source of truth higher than, and independent of, man; and the answer to the question is decisive for one's view of the nature and destiny of humankind"

Our answer to the question, "Does God exist?" determines how we answer the questions: "What is truth?" "Who am I?" "Where did I come from?" "What is right and wrong?" "Where am I going?" and "Am I a product of chance or have I been created by a personal God?"

As Francis Schaeffer once wrote, "Ideas have consequences in the way we live and act, both in our personal lives and in the culture as a whole."

What about it. Does God exist? Is it reasonable to believe in God? And why does it matter? Will Durant once quipped, "The greatest question of our time...is whether men can bear to live without God."

The testimony of Scripture is this... ""The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky proclaims the works of His hands. Day after day they pour out speech; night after night they communicate knowledge [power and wisdom]" (Psalm 19:1-2).



"So God created human beings in His image. In the image of God he created them. He created them male and female."

Genesis 1:27 NCV

Paul writes, "From the creation of the world His invisible attributes, that is His eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly seen, being understood through what He has made" (Romans 1:20).

And Jesus said, "Before Abraham was, I AM." Read John 8:49ff.

How would you answer someone if they asked you this question; "How do you really know that God exists?"

How does the fact that our universe had a beginning or the fact that it's fine-tuned with such exacting precision provide evidence for God?

Can there be an understanding of right and wrong apart from God?

What are some things you can talk about from your own experience?

