

A person wearing dark clothing is walking through a field of dry, brown grass. They are holding a book in their right hand. The image has a dark, moody atmosphere with a focus on the person's legs and the ground.

WHY SHOULD I CARE
IF GOD EXISTS?



SOME ALTERNATIVES

- “Can’t I just be a good person? You know, live by the Golden Rule?”
- “I choose not to believe either way. What has certainty really done for anybody?”
- “Certainty just leads to conflict, so it’s just better to ignore the question of God’s existence.”
- “Why can’t I just be satisfied with my marriage, family, career, and good works in the community?”
- “Life is meaningless, whether God exists or not.”

GOD AND CELL PHONES

- Do you think God would know how to use a cell phone? What about the internet? What about programming a smart TV? Does He understand cutting edge technology in medicine, communications, or space exploration?
- It's easy to keep God in a very small box, as if He is nothing but a relic from the past. But we forget that God is timeless and eternal (Rev. 1:8, 2 Pet. 3:8). The basis for all of our scientific discoveries is the assurance that natural laws are inviolable – laws established from the beginning by the One who set the parameters of this physical universe. We are only discovering things that God knew all along (Isaiah 45:9-10).

- Rather than being a helpless bumpkin when it comes to technology, God actually sees our discoveries and advancements as rather quaint (Ecc. 1:9-11).
- The world is constantly changing (culture, fads, tech, standard of living). This fosters a sense of abandon, of feeling lost. Many people spend their lives “shape shifting” from one identity to the next because they are constantly at a loss when it comes to identity.
- God is more relevant than ever. As the pace quickens, the Lord provides the needed foundation (Matt. 7:24-27). As technology becomes more powerful (nuclear weapons, cloning, genetic engineering, mass information, spying, etc.) a supreme standard of morality and ethics becomes more important!

“SEE THIS! THIS IS NEW!”

MORE THAN JUST A FACE IN THE CROWD

- Being just one of billions leaves us with an undeniable sense of futility. Even the “great” ones are eventually forgotten (Ecc. 1:3-4, 3:19-21, 6:10-12, 9:2-6). There is nothing eternal or permanent about any relationship, and even if we take some consolation in propagating the human species, there is no guarantee it will mean anything (your descendants wiped out, human extinction).
- It takes a being with unlimited mental capacity to intimately know each and every person, and only God satisfies the requirements (Matt. 10:29-31). He knows more than Google or the government or even your parents (Psalm 139:2-3, 145:3, Heb. 4:12).



Actually YOU MATTER

1 John 2:1-2, Rom. 5:8, Heb. 11:38, 1 Tim. 1:15
John 4:5ff, Isaiah 41:17-18

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IS THERE ANY ULTIMATE PURPOSE?

Many things in life feel out of our hands, as if everybody else is fighting for control of the steering wheel (world leaders, pop culture icons, criminals, natural disasters). It might make us wonder if there is any ultimate purpose – is there anybody in control?

All of life is hurtling toward its destiny, like a raft floating toward a waterfall. While God does not directly control things that happen on the raft (life), He is ultimately in control of the direction it is heading (James 5:9-11). We must not despair of what the other passengers on the raft do to us, or the temporary conditions that cause suffering. God offers a lifeline to those on the raft who do not want to perish (John 56:24-29, 2 Pet. 9-13)!

