

A Case for God 1  
Troubling Questions for God

Luke 2:10-14

*the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. 11 Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord. 12 This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger."*

*13 Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying,*

*14 "Glory to God in the highest,  
and on earth peace to men on whom his favor rests ."*

Col 1:21

At one time you were far away from God and were his enemies because of the evil things you did and thought. (TEV)

Three commonly shared questions:

1) *If believing in God is such a big deal to Him, why doesn't God make Himself more obvious?*

*You believe that there is one God. Good! Even the demons believe that and shudder. James 2:19*

*You will seek Me and you will find Me when you seek Me with all your heart. Jeremiah 29:13*

2) *If Christianity is true, why aren't Christians better advertisements?*

*"Good people do good things, and bad people do bad things, but to get good people to do bad things, that takes religion."*

Steven Weinberg

*Judgment begins in the house of God. Rom 2:5*

*3) If there is really an all-loving, all-powerful, all-good and competent God overseeing the Universe, why is there so much evil and so much suffering and so much pain?*

*My God, My God. Why have You forsaken Me? Mark 15:34*

*The universe we observe has precisely the properties we should expect if there is at bottom no design, no purpose, no evil, no good, nothing but blind, pitiless indifference.*

Richard Dawkins

*You are the product of causes that have no purpose or meaning. Your origin, your growth, your hopes, fears, loves, beliefs are the outcome of accidental collections of atoms. No fire, heroism, or intensity of thought or feeling can preserve your life from beyond the grave. All the devotion, all the inspiration, all the labor of all the ages are destined to extinction in the vast death of the solar system. The whole temple of human achievement must inevitably be buried in the debris of a universe in ruins.*

Bertrand Russell (Paraphrased)

*God's aim in human history is the creation of an all-inclusive community of loving persons with Himself included as its primary sustainer and most glorious inhabitant. He is even now at work to bring this about. You have been invited, at great cost to God Himself, to be part of this radiant community. You, right there in your life. You will not only survive death, you yourself were made to bear an eternal weight of glory you cannot now even fathom, and you will one day know.*

Dallas Willard

Isa 53:6

We all, like sheep, have gone astray,  
each of us has turned to his own way;  
and the Lord has laid on him  
the iniquity of us all.

Isa 53:5

But he was pierced for our transgressions,  
he was crushed for our iniquities;  
the punishment that brought us peace was upon him,

Matt 11:28-29

*"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. 29 Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls."*