Answers to Agnostic Neighbors

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INTRODUCTION

- Basically asking the question, what shall I say to my agnostic neighbor?
- Have you ever just sat down and just listened to some of the thoughts of someone who maybe is agnostic or someone who doesn't believe in the Bible?

1 Define God: He Is Elusive

- I think that the key element to God when we're trying to define God, hear me out, is he's elusive. He's undefinable.
- One of the primary characteristics of our God is we as people can't define him.
- He says to Job, where were you when I laid the foundations of the earth?
- To define him on human terms is to kind of mess it up.

2 Why Are There Multiple Authors of the Bible?

2 Timothy 3:16

- There is one God who carried those 40 different men to write the Bible, but there were about 40 different men who wrote the Bible.
- 2 Timothy 3 16 says, all the scripture is inspired of God or is breathed by God and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction and righteousness.
- First of all, they don't disagree. The Old Testament prophecies are corroborating.
- Because if one guy sat down and wrote the whole thing, people would pick it to pieces, like they did with the law of Moses.

3 Why Do Bad Things Happen to Good People?

Genesis 3:15; Colossians 2:14–15; Matthew 4

- Bad things happen to good people because of free will. We have the opportunity to do good.
- When we make a poor choice, God is going to give us enough grace, that's the second part, to hopefully be able to do a turnaround.
- Jesus went to war. Jesus went to war against the devil.
- We can struggle against Satan, but we cannot defeat his power.
- For he was tempted in all ways like as we are, yet without sin. He can sympathize with us.

4 Why the Cross? He Paid the Price for Justice

Matthew 4:5–7

- I'm not here to try to figure out God, but I can say this: the cross is when God paid the price for justice.
- Someone's got to pay to have freedom from sin. And the blood of Christ is what does that.

- Because that would show his power to the Jews as a conquering king. That's what they were expecting.
- In that context of why the cross, it's so all of us would say, if somebody died for me, I'll respect that.

5 Why Do Some Deny That Genes Mutate?

Genesis 1:1

- I believe that there are new strands of the flu all the time.
- Sometimes you might need medical care, you might need a medicine, you might need something, and the medical community is there to help you.
- I believe in six literal days of creation, and on the seventh day God rested.
- But that doesn't mean you can say someone's eternally going to be lost because they believe various views.

6 Sinful Wrath and Calling Bible Things by Bible Names

- The sun should not go down on our wrath. We should be the type of people that if we're communicating, we first listen.
- For let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath.
- We need to call Bible things by Bible names, do Bible things in Bible ways, and have our vocabulary limited to the scriptures.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **We first must recognize that we must hear God's word and seek out his word. Read it, study it, obey it.**

MY NOTES