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WHAT MUST I DO TO BE SAVED?

1. **Hear** the Gospel (Romans 10:13-17).
2. **Believe** the Gospel (Acts 15:7; Mark 16:15, 16).
3. **Repent** of Sins (Acts 3:19).
4. **Confess** Faith in Christ (Acts 8:37).
5. **Be Baptized** for Remission of Sins (Acts 2:38).
6. **Be Faithful** (Revelation 2:10).



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CAN WE KNOW GOD EXISTS? Mark Lindley

The above question is a crucial one that desperately needs to be answered in our day. We live in an age of doubt and skepticism, a time when faith is under attack. Some view the Biblical account of creation as a type of fairy-tale, a mythological story that grew out of the mind of man.

Nevertheless, despite attacks against faith and the Bible, I affirm that we can *know* God exists. There are many arguments which point to the existence of God. One argument often advanced is the Causal Argument. This argument is based upon the scientific law of cause and effect.

We are all familiar with this law. It says that for every effect there must be an adequate cause. If you were to see a footprint in the soft earth, you would know someone had walked on that spot. The footprint is the effect, the person who walked there is the cause.

Now apply that principle to the existence of this universe. The material universe is here, and it cannot explain itself. It must be explained. It is an effect. The question is, what caused it? It is an established fact of science that the universe is not eternal—it had a beginning. Additionally, we know that no material thing can create itself. Therefore, if the universe had a beginning, and it did not create itself, it must have been created by something or someone.

But what or who could possibly be powerful enough and intelligent enough to create the world? That question is answered in the following passages: “The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handywork” (Psalm 19:1). “For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse” (Romans 1:20). “Nevertheless he left not himself without witness, in that he did good, and gave us rain from heaven, and fruitful seasons, filling our hearts with food and gladness” (Acts 14:17). “For every house is builded by some man; but he that built all things is God” (Hebrews 3:4).

The only adequate explanation for the origin of the universe is that God created it. To say that a “big bang” caused it is not an adequate explanation. Believing that a random big bang caused all the intricate design in the world, requires more faith than to believe that God created it. Those who seek God with an open mind will find the evidence of His existence, compelling. Truly, “The fool hath said in his heart, ‘There is no God’” (Psalm 53:1).

RELIGIOUS SHAMS James Pilgrim

Likely, you have received annoying sham calls from any number of people with erroneous information. This writer's wife has her telephone set up to identify such calls, so that she does not answer them. The writer, however, gets calls from people with all sorts of erroneous information. For example, he gets calls from some threatening to arrest or sue him if he does not pay his student loan. He has never had a student loan! Another says he will be arrested if he does not immediately pay some loan that he has never had. One thief claimed to be the writer's grandson, and that he was going to be jailed in Atlanta, Georgia, if the grandparent did not wire \$ 2000.00 to the caller in the next few minutes. The writer told him that he would take the money to the local Police department within the hour, and that he could pick it up there, and hung up. The list goes on and on. Many are robbed of money if they fall for such wrongful and bogus ploys. This writer usually tells the caller that he does not conduct any business over the telephone. Most recipients of such calls are not fooled by these lurking unmerciful thieves.

However, masses are deceived by religious men and women with false information. Jesus said, "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved;...." (Mark 16:16; 1 Peter 3:20, 21). Some religious people tell hearers that baptism is not necessary.

"James, a servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ,...." (James 1:1) told readers of the book he wrote, "For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also." (James 2:26; Hebrews 5:8, 9).

The Hebrew writer said, "Looking diligently, lest any of you fail of the grace of God;...." (The marginal reading has the words "fall from", rather than "fail of." Yet, some teachers tell their hearers that one "cannot fall from grace." The inspired apostle Paul (1 Corinthians 1:1; 2:1ff) said, "that ye all speak the same thing." (1 Corinthians 1:10). In spite of this clear statement, many tell their hearers that it doesn't make any difference what one believes, and that the division that exists in the religious world is acceptable to God, even thanking God for such. Paul was also inspired to tell his readers that baptism is a burial in water. (Romans 6:4; Colossians 2:12; Acts 8:38). However, some give people the choice of sprinkling, pouring or burial. Beloved, do not be deceived by sham artists. (Galatians 1:6-9). Paul said, "I believe God." (Acts 27:25). My daddy was correct in teaching, "Always go with God. He will always be right."

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CHAPMAN CHURCH OF CHRIST
FRIENDS AND FAMILY DAY
OCTOBER 9TH

GOSPEL MEETING
OCTOBER 9-12

SPEAKER: ADAM MILLER

YOU ARE INVITED TO
THE

Bridal Shower

For

Montana Brown

&

Brock Lindley

September 11th
3:30 to 4:30

Chapman Church of Christ
Fellowship Hall

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Amazon, Stella Baby*

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Remember count your blessings, pray for our lost ones, the sick, the world and the broken-hearted.

SICK SUNDAY : Pat Shackelford, Shelia Criswell

HOSPITAL : Jimmy Wayne Robertson, Theo Smith, Ricky Rogers (Jodie Criswell's Son-in-law),

SURGERY RECOVERY : Jodie Criswell, Terry Chapman

REHAB : Debbie Chapman

•**EXTENDED ILLNESS:** Louise Pannell (Sharon's Mother), Malone Hurt, Gerohn Childs, Junior Derrick, Jane Morrison, Patti Hall, George Doss, Joanie Kate Reese, Louise Pannell, Thad Berryman

•**CANCER:** Lennox Kennamore (Leukemia), Jimmie Wayne Roberson, Johnnie Carpenter, Kevin Clifton, Austin Wentz, Steve Barnes (Mickey & Gail Chandler's Son-in-law), Betty Faye Ledbury,

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