



Can God Be Known?

indeed, if you call out for insight and cry aloud for understanding, and if you look for it as for silver and search for it as for hidden treasure, then you will understand the fear of the LORD and find the knowledge of God. Proverbs 2:3-5

The series has been attempting to answer the question

Can Smart People Believe in God?

How does a good God allow evil and suffering?

Does Darwinism disprove Christianity?

Is salvation by means of the cross ludicrous?

How can a loving God send people to hell?

Is Jesus the only way to God?

Can the Bible be trusted?

People perish for lack of knowledge of God.

... "My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge; because you have rejected knowledge, I reject you from being a priest to me." Hosea 4:6

The primary, kind of **big picture truth** Jesus came to bring is what might be called **your worldview**.

Your worldview is a **big picture of reality**, and it governs how I see things, what I do, what I say, how I live.

The Signposts of God

Jesus has the answers to the most important questions in life:

...What is right? What is wrong?

What is human nature?

What happens to you when you die?

Is there meaning to the universe, or is it just a big, cosmic accident?

Does evil exist, and if it does, what is its nature, where's it come from?

Can suffering be redemptive, or does it just happen to you?

Is there a moral standard before which we will one day be held accountable, and if there is, can we come to know it?

Is there a God? What is He like?

Do human beings have worth? Why?

Where does justice come from?

These are the questions that make up all of our worldviews

Jesus says, *"At the heart of reality is a Person, and that Person is God, a Person of unimaginable goodness and competence."*

"Now this is eternal life: that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom You have sent." John 17:3

1. Everything that has a beginning has a _____.

For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities—his eternal power and divine nature—have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that people are without excuse.

Romans 1:20

2. The hunger for _____.

Stop and consider the wonderful miracles of God! 15 Do you know how God controls the storm and causes the lightning to flash from his clouds? 16 Do you understand how he moves the clouds with wonderful perfection and skill? ...23 We cannot imagine the power of the Almighty;

Job 37: 14-16, 23

3. Ultimate moral standards versus _____.

They show that the requirements of the law are written on their hearts, their consciences also bearing witness, and their thoughts sometimes accusing them and at other times even defending them. Romans 2:15

4. Through all our inadequacies, Jesus _____.

"I will bless those who have humble and contrite hearts, who tremble at my word."

Isaiah 66:2

The sacrifice you desire is a broken spirit. You will not reject a broken and repentant heart, O God.

Psalms 51:17