

The Facts of Life

The Answers to the Questions!

“Everything that goes into a life of pleasing God has been miraculously given to us...” The Message

“Is God Real?”

“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 (NIV)

A. Look to Creation.

1. Unmoved Mover.

“He has made everything beautiful in its time. He has also set eternity in the human heart; yet no one can fathom what God has done from beginning to end.” – Ecclesiastes 3:11 (NIV)

B. Look to the created.

1. Every single person is made in the same image.

“So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.” Genesis 1:27 (NIV)

2. Morality and Justice

C. Look to Jesus’ followers.

1. The way Christians love is a display of Jesus’ power and presence.

“A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.” – John 13:34-35 (NIV)

2. Christians live & die differently.

“For fearlessness of death and the hereafter is something we witness in (these Christians) every day.” – Claudius Gaelenus, Roman doctor who used dying Christians martyred for their faith in Jesus to study human anatomy.

http://www.tertullian.org/rpearse/galen_on_jews_and_christians.htm

D. Look to Jesus.

1. Jesus’ existence.

“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.” – John 1:1 (NIV)

2. Jesus’ claims.

“But Jesus remained silent and gave no answer. Again the high priest asked him, ‘Are you the Messiah, the Son of the Blessed One?’ ‘I am,’ said Jesus. ‘And you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of the Mighty One and coming on the clouds of heaven.’” – Mark 14:61-62 (NIV)

“I am trying here to prevent anyone saying the really foolish thing that people often say about Him: I’m ready to accept Jesus as a great moral teacher, but I don’t accept his claim to be God. That is the one thing we must not say. A man who was merely a man and said the sort of things Jesus said would not be a great moral teacher. He would either be a lunatic — on the level with the man who says he is a poached egg — or else he would be the Devil of Hell. You must make your choice. Either this man was, and is, the Son of God, or else a madman or something worse. You can shut him up for a fool, you can spit at him and kill him as a demon or you can fall at his feet and call him Lord and God, but let us not come with any patronizing nonsense about his being a great human teacher. He has not left that open to us. He did not intend to.” – C.S. Lewis

3. Jesus’ connection.

“Jesus answered: ‘Don’t you know me, Philip, even after I have been among you such a long time? Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, “Show us the Father”?’” – John 14:9 (NIV)

E. God is real.

1. We witness His work.
2. We experience His presence.
3. We know Him personally.

“Don’t you see how wonderfully kind, tolerant, and patient God is with you? Does this mean nothing to you? Can’t you see that his kindness is intended to turn you from your sin?” – Romans 2:4 (NLT)

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October 2: Fact #2 The Bible is True

Answer to the Question – Is the Bible True?

October 9: Fact #3 Only One Road Leads to Heaven

Answer to the Question – Do All Roads Lead to Heaven?

October 16: Fact #4 A Good God May Allow Suffering

Answer to the Question – How Can a Good God Allow Suffering?

October 23: Fact #5 God Created

Answer to the Question – Which Is Right: Evolution or Creation?

October 30: Fact #6 – Heaven Is a Place for Eternity

Answer to the Question – What Will Heaven Be Like?

November 6: *Friend Day (End of 40 Days)*