LIFE'S ULTIMATE QUESTIONS

Five worldview questions every person asks — and the evidence that answers them

All of us as human beings who have ever lived or ever will live are asking, or will ask, five basic worldview questions:

(1) Where did I come from?
(2) Why am I here?
(3) What is wrong with the world?
(4) How can what is wrong be made right?
(5) Where am I going?

THE GUIDING QUESTION

In light of the evidence around us, which makes the most sense?

QUESTION 1 · WHERE DID I COME FROM?

ANSWER A · Cosmic Accident — No God

If God does not exist, then life is absurd. It has no meaning (significance), value (no real right and wrong), or purpose (no ultimate goal). We would have no more intrinsic value than a common housefly — products of the same blind, random processes.

This also requires believing that everything in the universe came from absolutely nothing. Yet we never observe something coming from nothing. We all seem to sense that we have meaning, that right and wrong are real, and that we possess greater value than a fly.

ANSWER B · Created by God in His Image

I am created by God in His image and likeness. *(Genesis 1:26–27)*

Whether short or tall, beautiful or severely deformed, you are the crowning glory of God's creation. The rest of creation reflects His glory.

"The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands." — Psalm 19:1

Where does the evidence point? Overwhelmingly toward the existence of an all-powerful, all-knowing, self-sufficient God.

KEY EVIDENCE POINTING TO GOD

1. The Existence of "Stuff" *(Genesis 1:1)*

The universe is real. We live in it. The universally accepted law of cause and effect states: for every effect there must be an equal or greater cause. Everything that has a beginning has a beginner. Finite things require an infinite first cause outside of time, space, matter, and energy. The existence of the universe points to God.

2. The Nature of the Universe *(Psalm 19:1)*

The universe is extraordinarily well-ordered and fine-tuned for life. Consider just a few examples:

- If Earth's rotation were fractionally slower or faster, life could not exist.
- If we were 2% closer or farther from the sun, we would burn or freeze.

- A 1% change in sunlight would make life unsustainable.
- If Earth were smaller or larger, we would not have a livable atmosphere.
- If the moon were smaller or larger, ocean tides would be catastrophic.
- More than one moon would produce tides that destroy life.
- A thinner or thicker crust would prevent a sustainable atmosphere.
- A slightly greater or lesser ozone layer would expose us to lethal radiation.

3. Our Sense of Morality *(Romans 2:14–15)*

To have a genuine sense of good and evil requires an absolute standard of goodness. If every individual simply decides right and wrong for themselves, there is no basis for accountability or law. Without an objective moral standard, the Holocaust, 9/11, and every other atrocity become mere preferences — survival of the fittest. Right and wrong would be illusions produced by random chemical processes. Yet we know in our bones that some things are truly wrong.

4. Our Deepest Desires *(Ecclesiastes 3:11)*

We have desires that correspond to real things: hunger points to food, a sex drive points to sex, and the longing to know God points to God Himself. Our built-in sense of meaning, value, and purpose is evidence that we were made for more than random chance.

WHICH MAKES MORE SENSE?

That you are a cosmic random accident — or that you are a unique creation of God, made with purpose and value?

QUESTION 2 · WHY AM I HERE?

ANSWER A · Consume and Enjoy

If there is no God and life has no ultimate meaning or purpose, then we are here simply to consume as much as we can in the pursuit of personal happiness.

ANSWER B · Bring Honor and Glory to Jesus

I am here to bring honor and glory to Jesus, my Creator. *(1 Corinthians 10:31; Colossians 1:16)*

I no longer have to wander aimlessly — waking, consuming, working, sleeping, and repeating a meaningless cycle. Instead, I exist to reflect and honor my Creator. My all-consuming passion becomes knowing Jesus and becoming like Him. This is the greatest thrill possible because it is what I was created for. Our deep desire to be loved and to make a difference points to this truth.

QUESTION 3 · WHAT IS WRONG WITH THE WORLD?

ANSWER A · Insufficient Education or Governance

People simply don't know enough, or they aren't watched carefully enough. If we educate them more or surveil them better, things will improve.

Yet despite vast education across every field of study, violence, murder, child abuse, and drug abuse have increased. Despite cameras, censorship, and every form of surveillance, humanity continues to grow increasingly wicked. Education and external control have not fixed the problem.

ANSWER B · We Are What Is Wrong

We are what is wrong with the world. *(Genesis 3; Romans 3:23)*

The first human beings sinned, and so do you and I. This creates an enormous problem: God cannot have friendship with anyone tainted by sin, and as a righteous Judge He must punish all sin. He cannot simply overlook it — any more than a good judge could ignore a lawbreaker. On our own merit, no one can reach heaven, because God must deal with every sin, even those we consider small.

QUESTION 4 · HOW CAN WHAT IS WRONG BE MADE RIGHT?

ANSWER A · More Education and More Government

Making people more aware of problems does not change hearts or worldviews. Added laws and government have done little to change the heart of mankind. Even if people stopped committing evil acts tomorrow, God would still have to punish the evil already committed. Jesus Himself said the standard for heaven is perfection (Matthew 5:43–48). Every person is therefore in dire straits with no hope of attaining perfection on their own.

ANSWER B · Faith in Jesus Christ

We put our faith in Jesus Christ, who paid the penalty for our sin that we could never pay. Because He is the God-man, He alone can change us now and save us for eternity. *(Colossians 1:19–22; 2 Corinthians 5:17–21)*

Because of what Jesus did on the cross — dying for our sins — and because of His resurrection, we can have all our sins paid for (past, present, and future) and be seen as perfect in God's eyes — not because of anything we have done, but because of what Jesus did.

The moment you trust what Jesus did on the cross, God no longer looks upon you and your sin, but sees Jesus in you — who is absolutely perfect — and therefore you are viewed as perfect.

"God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God." — 2 Corinthians 5:21

In God's mercy He chose not to give us what we deserve (hell and death), but instead gave us Jesus, the only way to heaven and eternal life (John 14:6; Acts 4:12). This gift is for those who accept it.

QUESTION 5 · WHERE AM I GOING?

ANSWER A · Nowhere — The Grave Is the End

If there is no God, the ultimate destination of every person is six feet underground. Life has no lasting purpose, and everything we have ever done ultimately comes to nothing. Yet something inside us cries out that there must be more than being born, occupying space, consuming resources, and then dying.

ANSWER B · Eternity in Heaven or Hell

I will spend eternity in either heaven or hell depending on whether I choose to put my faith and trust in Jesus Christ. *(John 3:16–18)*

In those dark hours that Jesus hung on the cross, the Father took those who would put their trust in Jesus and wrapped them in His Son, who shielded them — taking every blow they deserved. The passionate intensity of God's anger at our sin collided with the passionate intensity of God's love for us, and the full weight of the cross was shouldered by God Himself in human form.

THE GREATEST GIFT

What will you do with the free offer of Jesus?

We have explored the greatest gift ever offered in human history: Jesus' life given for ours so that we may be with God forever. One final question remains — the most important of all:

What am I supposed to do with the gift of Jesus that is being freely offered to a sinner like me who doesn't deserve such a gift?

THE ANSWER

Put your faith and trust in Jesus alone — the only One who can save you from your sin and make you perfect in God's eyes.

You are trusting Christ for two things:

First, that your sin went to Jesus' account and His goodness went to yours. Since Jesus was punished for the sins you committed, God is no longer angry at you. He poured out every ounce of His wrath on Jesus at the cross.

Second, that Jesus' own life inside you can transform you here and now. The moment you trust what Jesus did, He begins to live in you (Galatians 2:20). This is where truly changed lives come from — becoming what God created you to be: people who honor and reflect Him.

HOW TO RESPOND

There is no special prayer or ritual required. You simply tell Him that you trust Him and ask Him to save you, grow you, and use you. If you truly mean it, you can pray something like this:

A PRAYER OF TRUST

"Lord, I know that you created me to love you and love others. But I also know that I don't do that. I am a sinner who has chosen to do things my own way, and I have separated myself from you. I deserve hell and death, but I am thankful that you have provided Jesus to pay the full penalty for my sin so that I can be in heaven and have eternal life. I trust Jesus now as my Savior who took my sin upon Himself and in exchange gave me His righteousness so that I can be perfect in God's eyes. Amen."

NEXT STEPS

1. **Tell someone** you know who has already trusted Jesus about your decision, and ask them to begin praying with and for you.
2. **Get a good study Bible** and begin by reading one chapter a day from the book of John, then from the book of Romans.
3. **Get involved** with a local Bible-based church. If you don't know where to start, ask the person you know who already follows Jesus.

"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life."
— John 3:16