

WHAT IS SIN?
WHO CAN SAVE US?

WHAT IS THE MEANING OF LIFE?

WHY IS THERE SUFFERING?
WHERE DO WE COME FROM?
GOD THE FATHER?

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The Format

I talk

You talk

I talk

We talk

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Our journey

- Creator
- Father
- Holy
- Almighty
- Savior

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**These are the diamonds
thus far on Discovering God.**

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I talk : Recap

The pathway to discover God

- Reason
- Research
- **Relate**

Can I know Him? Is He interested in me?

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Acts 17 : 27

That they should **seek** God, and perhaps **feel** their way toward Him and **find** Him. Yet He is actually **not far from each one of us.**

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**Evolution or
there is a GOD!**

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Two thoughts on origin

1. Accident -> Random

- Big Bang Theory – Cosmic expansion, certain energy that created everything.

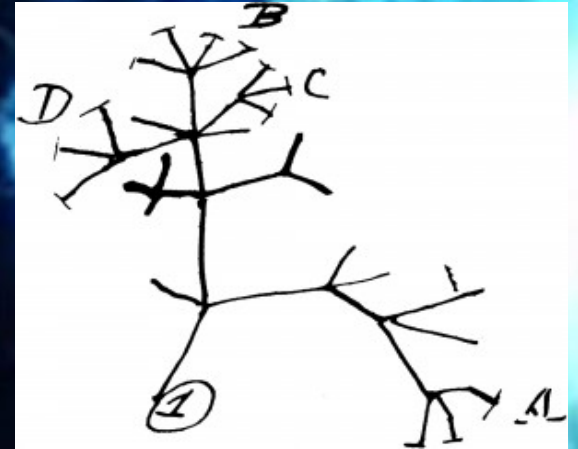
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Two thoughts on origin

1. Accident -> Random

- Evolution Theory – life begins with a single cell -> multi cells, through natural selection evolve into many different species.



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Two thoughts on origin

1. Accident -> Random

- Pitfalls

How did a cell become alive?

Where does Morality come from?

Where are the transitional fossils?

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Two thoughts on origin

2. Creation -> Designed

- Everything on earth points to a Creator. Nothing exists randomly.

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3 things that tell us there is a GOD

1. Purposeful Design
2. Wonderful Design
3. Meaningful Design

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Father God

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You Talk

What is the best gift from your father or best moment with your father?

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Matthew 7:11

“If you, then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good gifts to those who ask him!”

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Throughout the Gospels, Jesus makes more than 150 references to God as a father.

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The God of the Bible is
neither male or female.
God transcends gender.

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The God of the Bible
is a personal God.

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Why does God choose to be
called father even though
he is neither
male nor female?

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**Dr. Kyle Pruett, a child
psychiatrist and clinical
professor of child
psychiatry at the Yale
School of Medicine
discovered that...**

Children who grow up with a loving father

1. *Are less likely to be criminals*

- Children without involved fathers are 3 times more likely to find themselves in the juvenile justice system before the age of 18

Children who grow up with a loving father

2. *Are more likely to delay sex*

- If a father is involved in a child's personal care, they feel valued and therefore don't need to look for love elsewhere

Children who grow up with a loving father

3. Do better in school

- They have greater optimism and self-efficacy, which leads to better school achievement

Children who grow up with a loving father

4. *Stay at their jobs longer*

- They are better problem solvers and deal better with frustration

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Children who grow up without a loving father

1. 5 times more likely to live in poverty and commit crime
 1. 9 times more likely to drop out of school
 2. 20 times more likely to end up in prison
- Former President Barack Obama

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More than half of female inmates in a prison come from a father absent home abandonment situation, and experience attachment issues, child abuse, childhood obesity, gang involvement, mental illness, poverty and substance use

- Minnesota psychological association

Psalms 68:5

Father of the fatherless and protector of widows is God in his holy habitation.

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He is the Father to the Fatherless

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Matthew 6:5-6

The Lord's Prayer

“And when you pray, you must not be like the hypocrites. For they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, that they may be seen by others.

Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward.

But when you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret.

And your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

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Matthew 6:7-8

“And when you pray, do not heap up empty phrases as the Gentiles do, for they think that they will be heard for their many words.

Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him.

Pray then like this:

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Matthew 6:9-

12 “Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name.
Your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us ⁿthis day our daily bread,
and forgive us our debts,
as we also have forgiven our debtors.

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Matthew 6:13-14

*And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.*

*For if you forgive others their trespasses,
your heavenly Father will also forgive you,
but if you do not forgive others their trespasses,
neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.”*

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We talk

What is one step you will take to
relate with God as your father
or be nurtured by Him?

Let's talk to our Father God

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