

The 3 Most
Important
Questions in
Life

**That Most People are
Afraid to Ask!**

How About You?

How Did We Get Here?

- Some sort of cosmic accident.
- We were created.
- I don't know.

Why Am I Here?

- There is no purpose or meaning to my life.
- There is a meaning to life and a plan for me.
- I don't know.

Where Am I Going?

Or in other words: If I die in my sleep tonight, what will happen to me?

- Go to a nothingness state, like before I was born.
- I have an eternal destiny.
- I don't know.

In all of mankind's experience, there has never been more important questions than these while at the same time, perhaps the most unasked. Why would such important questions go unasked? Among the reasons people usually give are these:

1. I have too many other things to worry about; I have no time to think about these questions, I'll do it later.
2. It scares me to think about it.
3. I feel uncomfortable thinking about it, so I don't.

Are any of these answers, your answers?

As your friend, neighbor or mere acquaintance, I have asked all of these questions myself and sought answers. I have spent a great deal of time in study and have traveled to Mid-eastern lands to confirm the facts that establish the answers and my resulting beliefs. My beliefs provide a frame through which I view and understand life; a life that is full of peace and hope now, and for the future. I designed this booklet to encourage people to spend some time considering these questions and to share the answers that I have found. **Even though you may not end up with the same conclusions that I have, I hope you will consider beginning a quest to discover the answers to these questions while you can.**

1. This is too much to read!

You're right! In this time of fast food, fast information, and fast lives we want everything fast, even a quest for the meaning of life. If you consider that your personal eternity is worth more than 10 minutes of your time, keep reading.

Hindrances to the “Quest”

1. **Apathy** – Death always seems so far away. Tragedy most always happens to others. The fact is that the obituaries are full of people of varying ages. Some met death through lingering illness and others through tragic circumstances. I wonder how many of them took the time and effort to answer these questions?
2. **Distraction** – The continuing daily events of life distract us from the quest. Schooling, marriage, family, jobs, trips, toys, and retirement. Too soon we are old and apathy sets in as the difficulties of old age become our focus.
3. **Self sufficiency** – While many millions in the world spend the majority of their time providing food and shelter for their family, their poverty also causes them to develop and depend on a belief system to help them with the daily struggles of life. Here in America, most do not struggle with the critical basics. There is nothing to compel us toward a belief, we take care of ourselves.
4. **3rd Party influences** - I believe that while we choose our destiny, there are unseen influences injecting subtle suggestions into our thinking; some good, some bad. The reason that I believe this is that I have had moments when action-soliciting-thoughts totally unrelated to anything I was thinking about or doing, literally come from nowhere. Perhaps you have had this happen. Another evidence of this is the usually strong **negative** thoughts that many people have when they here the word “Jesus”. How about you right now? Any negative thoughts? Are those thoughts **overblown** toward someone who brought so much good and hope into the world? If so, you may have just experienced 3rd party influence. You can choose to overrule your initial thoughts. **I hope you do.**

2. The Quest – An orderly, careful approach

1. **Facts**
2. **Faith** (trust)
3. **Feelings** (hope, contentment based on faith, based on facts)

It is critical to establish a belief in the following order because faith can be in the wrong thing or person and feelings can be misleading. In the analogy of a house:

Facts = The foundation
Faith = The Structure
Feelings = The Paint

The paint or the structure cannot do the job of the foundation, only the foundation can provide the stability for the rest of the house. The foundation must also be properly constructed with quality materials on solid ground or the whole house will

3. What I have come to believe:

- ⊕ That there is one God..
- ⊕ That He has revealed Himself to us through His creation, A nation (the Jews), through His Word (the Bible), and through His Son, Jesus.
- ⊕ That God has a plan and we are part of His plan.
- ⊕ **That our lives on this earth, is our time of choosing.**
- ⊕ The Bible is complete and there are no “new prophets” or “new light”.
- ⊕ The Apostle Paul’s writings in the New Testament are the complete instructions of what it means to live life as a “believer in Jesus”.

4. The Bible (I trust it)

The Bible is unique and without equal. Written by more than 40 authors over a time period of 1,500 years yet it does not contradict itself. It is full of prophecies about people and nations, *which came true*. No other book has withstood concerted efforts to burn and ban as the Bible has, yet it still remains a best seller. The message of the Bible has totally changed people's lives for the good. What many people don't realize is that the New Testament contains **eyewitness** accounts of the ministry of Jesus Christ and that most of the authors who recorded these events, died up-holding what they believed. The Bible is well supported by early manuscript evidence and archaeological discoveries continue to support the truthfulness of the Bible. I have seen the Dead Sea Scroll of Isaiah that is 2000 years old. I have also been to the place of the Red Sea Crossing, Gomorrah and the empty tomb of Jesus. The things told about in the Bible were real events, which happened at real places. One would expect that a book telling about God would be a unique book. *Have you ever seriously considered that the Bible could be God's instructions to us?*

5. Gods Plan

God's plan for us is not complex. It is simply that **He wants a family**, so he created the universe and the earth and He created us with many of His own attributes like:

1. The ability to love and need to be loved.
2. The ability to create life and experience a family.
3. The ability to remember things, think and make decisions.
4. The ability to choose between doing good and evil.
5. A physical body so that we can do the things we think and choose to do.

But unlike God, we are in temporary, mechanical-like bodies contained on the earth. God could have made us perfect in every way, even that we would love him with every fiber of our being, but then we would have become like programmed robots saying "I love you" without choice. Without a choice, the robot's words are soon meaningless.

God with his awesome power could certainly reveal Himself to us at any time by rolling back the heavens but at that moment our ability to choose would be gone. We would all be convinced that there was a God and would all feel compelled to worship Him, but **God desires people that will love Him, even though we don't have to**. So here we are isolated on the earth and exposed to the influences of good and evil so we could choose between them. God wants to have a people to fellowship with Him forever, but **He will not force Himself on anyone**. God first revealed Himself and His righteous character through the 10 commandments, which because nobody could keep perfectly the system included a sacrificial system using the blood of blameless animals to bridge the gap. This sacrificial system was an object lesson or picture of the coming of Jesus to be the final sacrifice and a bridge to God. Several prophecies relating to Jesus and many aspects of His life were foretold in the Old Testament hundreds of years before His arrival. When Jesus came, He set the righteousness standard even higher than the 10 Commandments by saying things like "if you have lust for another man's wife, you have already committed adultery with her in your heart". This showed that God's rightness standards are so high that it is impossible that we can achieve them on our own and God knowing that, sent His Son Jesus to be our only bridge for us to get to Him. **This turned our salvation from being something we do, to something God has done for us**. We just need to accept it and trust. While many, maybe you included, feel that it is not fair that Jesus is the only way. Is it reasonable to think we can somehow modify or change God's plan or suggest a more fair way? Many of today's religions attempt to modify God's plan through some self-proclaimed prophet's words. They will not succeed.

6. Your Choice

This life is your time of choice. Our choice is to accept or reject the wonderful gift that God sent us. I am talking about **a personnel relationship with the God of the universe through trusting in His Son**. To reject Jesus, is to reject the only bridge that God has provided us. For those who accept God's gift, all of the questions at the start of this booklet are answered. *The Apostle John in 3:16 & 17, quotes Jesus: For God so loved the world that He gave His only unique Son that whoever believes in Him will not perish, but have eternal life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.* I am hopeful that you will seriously consider accepting Jesus as your Savior or at least start a quest to answer these important questions.

Quest Resources:

Books: The Bible (New Kings James)
Read "The Gospel of John" First

The Best of Josh McDowell, a Ready Defense
Answers to Tough Questions, Josh McDowell

Free Book (no obligation) Power for Living 1- 800-382-8000

Web Sites:

Free Book - More than a Carpenter, Josh McDowell
At: <http://www.josh.org/apologetics/a.htm>

Music: K-Love Chico 88.3
Stations Nationwide: <http://www.klove.com/stations/>