

What Do We Believe About God?

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Jude 1:3- "Dear friends... I felt I had to write and urge you to contend for the faith that was once for all entrusted to the saints."

Genesis 1:1- "In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth..."

Psalms 8:3-5 "When I consider the heavens, the work of your fingers... what is man that you are mindful of him, and the son of man that you care for him? Yet you made him a little lower than the heavenly beings, and crowned him with glory and honor."

1 John 4:7-8- "Dear friends, let us love one another for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love."

How have you seen God's Creation-power at work around you lately?

What or who brought all this into being?

- **Evolution-** pure chance
- **Pantheism-** an impersonal cosmic life force. "God is all and all is God"
Examples:
 - Oprah Winfrey
 - Avatar
- **Deism-** a supreme being created all that exists, but then left it to evolve on its own.

A Christian View of God

God is:

Transcendent- not bound by time or space

Infinite- that means he cannot grow more

Eternal- his existence is without beginning or end

Immutable- never changes

"but you [God] remain forever...you are always the same; your years never end" (Psalm 102:26-27).

Malachi 3:6. "I the Lord do not change."

*James 1:17. "Every good thing bestowed and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation, or shifting shadow."
Hebrews 13:8. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever."*

Omnipotent- all powerful

*Matthew 19:26. "With God all things are possible."
Genesis 18:14. "Is anything too difficult for the lord?"
Jeremiah 32:17. "Nothing is too difficult for God."
"I know that you can do anything, and no one can stop you" (Job 42:2).*

Omnipresent- present everywhere

"I can never escape from your spirit! I can never get away from your presence! If I go up to heaven, you are there; if I go down to the place of the dead, you are there" (Psalm 139:7-8).

Omniscient- all knowing

*Psalm 147:5 "His understanding is infinite."
Hebrews 4:13. "There is nothing that can be hidden from God; everything in all creation is exposed and lies open before his eyes. And it is to him that we must all give an account of ourselves."*

Absolute Goodness- He is totally holy.

*Exodus 15:11 "O Lord, who is like you—majestic in holiness?"
I Peter 1:16- "Be holy, because I am holy"
Habakkuk 1:13. "Your eyes are too pure to approve evil, and you cannot look on wickedness with favor."*

Personal & Loving

I John 4:7-11

So what do we believe about God?

As the Creed says... "We believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible... "