

SHORT ANSWERS TO BIG QUESTIONS

PROVE IT!



People often say that if God was to appear to them or do something spectacular to prove himself, or if an irrefutable case for existence could be made, then they'd believe in him. The question that lies behind that statement is often 'If God is so keen to be found by us, why doesn't he make himself a little more obvious?' Surely, it's suggested, God could have revealed himself in a way that would have forced everyone to believe in him.

This is true. If he's the God portrayed in the Bible then he could make himself much more obvious than he chooses to. At times in the past God performed miraculous signs and whole nations have been unable to deny his reality. Jesus claimed to be God made man and even his enemies didn't deny his supernatural powers, they simply attributed them to the Devil.

That God doesn't force himself on us suggests there's something he's more committed to than us believing that he exists. This is consistent with the message of the Bible. God isn't looking for people who'll acknowledge that he exists, he's looking for people who will turn back to him embrace him as God. He's looking for people with whom he can share his life, his purposes and his heart.

For those who want to know whether God's for real, there's ample evidence to see that it's much more reasonable to believe in him than not to. The Bible says that there is ample evidence so we are without excuse for denying him. However, weighing the evidence requires effort on our part, we have to investigate and think it through for ourselves. The effort required to seek out whether God exists uncovers our heart attitude towards him.

Do we want to find him or is it too much trouble to check out whether or not he's for real? God's revelation of himself to the world is gentle precisely because he doesn't seek to force himself on us. He would love to enter into a friendship with everyone, but not everyone wants to be involved with their creator. The root of the issue is not the strength of the evidence, the root of the issue is whether we are willing to acknowledge a God who asks for our wholehearted allegiance.

It's been said that God's put enough evidence in the world that those who want to can easily find him. He's left enough evidence out that those who want to ignore him can also easily do so. If you're serious about finding him, the best place to start is simply to tell God that you want to find him and reading the Bible, which claims to be his autobiography.

