



NEW HEART BEAT DEVOTIONS

“A way to corner an Atheist is to ask them to explain their reason for life and their life after death.”

Believing Without Seeing

For over 20 years, I worked with a person who did not believe in God. He was a strong atheist that he had his own radio program. Several times, I nicely witness to him. The last time I saw him, I signed a card for him with John 3:16 and he questioned me about it. I still pray for him.

There is a new movement called the New Atheism. “This modern-day atheism is advanced by a group of thinkers and writers who advocate the view that superstition, religion and irrationalism should not simply be tolerated but should be countered, criticized, and exposed by rational argument wherever their influence arises in government, education, and politics.”¹ This is being seen in our schools and colleges where scientific rationalism is being taught to question the belief in the supernatural. But in the same vein, entertainment and commercialism is depending on people believing in nonrealities like sci-fi, horror, make believe and even the paranormal.

Those who do not believe in God will argue all day long about where they believe man came from. But, they will not debate the bigger questions of why we are here and where are we going after life. What they will not admit is they are creating a generation with a lack for morals, respect for authority, having no purpose, direction, care or hope in life.

Even in Jesus times, there were those who would not believe without seeing or having proof. “Then said Jesus unto him, Except, ye see signs and wonders, ye will not believe.” John 4:47 One of His own disciples, who saw Jesus perform miracles, raise people from the dead, and heard Him proclaimed that He was the Son of God did not believe that Jesus had risen from the dead. “But [Thomas] said unto them, Except I shall see in His hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and thrust my hand into His side, I will not believe.” John 20:25

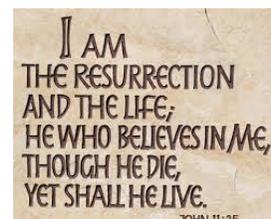
When I board a plane, I do not first see that it can fly, nor review its flight and maintenance records, nor check that it has enough fuel. I do not verify that the pilot has the proper training and is fit to fly. While I am in the air, I do not and cannot verify that the plane is at the correct height, speed and direction. For thousands of years man would say it is impossible to fly. They would have said, “Where is the proof?” But today (even with the 737 MAX issues) by boarding the plane and sitting down, I put my faith in something that I do not understand, nor can see the facts, nor can control the results.

Sadly, even when they are given proofs of God, through nature, history, scientific facts, unexplainable miracles, Biblical principles, archaeology, and personal experiences, they still will not believe. “He hath blinded their eyes, and hardened their heart; that they should not see with their eyes, nor understand with their heart, and be converted, [but] I should heal them.” John 12:40

This Easter, open your heart to believing without seeing. “Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding” Prov 3:5 “Thomas, because thou hast seen me, thou hast believed: blessed are they that have not seen, and yet have believed.” John 20:29



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You ask me how I know there is a God.
I spoke with Him today,
I have experienced His results and
He lives within my heart.



wikipedia.org/wiki/New_Atheism#Scientific_testing_of_religion

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