

PROBABLY THERE IS A GOD

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Recently our city buses have begun to carry the sign, “Probably there is no God.” I doubt if God is surprised or troubled. People have been denying His existence for a long time, but He is still around.

It’s interesting, as you read the Bible, that God never tries to prove His existence. He just declares it. The Bible opens with the statement, “In the beginning God” (Genesis 1:1). If you can believe that the rest of the Bible is easy. John opened his great gospel declaring, “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God” (John 1:1).

When Paul addressed the intellectuals and philosophers in Athens he began by declaring the existence of a Creator God. He said, “God, who made the worlds and everything in it” (Acts 17:24).

But many today, under the pretence of higher wisdom, deny His existence. But denying Him won’t make Him go away. Paul wrote about this attitude and described it as the first major step in the downward journey of the human race. In Romans 1:28 he writes, “and even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a debased mind, to do those things which are not fitting.” Our view of God will be reflected in our life style. In another place Paul describes the God deniers as “professing to be wise, they become fools” (Romans 1:22). Centuries earlier the Psalmist wrote, “The fool has said in his heart, ‘There is no God’”(Psalm 14:1).

While God does not stoop to prove His existence He nevertheless demonstrates it in many ways.

His existence is demonstrated by creation. The size and intricacies of the universe demand a designer and a creator. To suggest that it all just happened is harder to believe than that the Webster`s dictionary was the result of an explosion in a printing shop.

The Psalmist, who was a great outdoors man, wrote “The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament shows His handiwork ... there is no speech nor language where their voice is not heard” (Psalm 19:1, 3). Whether you are a business man on Wall Street or a Stone Age dweller in the jungles of Brazil, if you look up into a star-studded sky you know there must be a Creator.

Paul`s comment to the Romans underscores this. He wrote, “For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made even His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse” (Romans 1:20).

So God reveals His existence through His creation. This is an outward demonstration and available to all. There is also an inner revelation. Every person has a built in consciousness of God and of right and wrong. Some people deny it, some distort it or resist it, but deep down in the heart of man, there is a knowledge that there is a God. Again Romans 1:19 states, “because what may be known of God is manifest **in** them, for God has shown it to them.”

So, what is this God like? The Westminster Catechism, based on Biblical revelation, states, “God is a Spirit, infinite, eternal, and

unchangeable in His being, wisdom, power, holiness, justice, goodness and truth.”

John put it succinctly when he wrote, “God is love” (1 John 4:16). Yes God exists; He loves you and demonstrated that by sending Jesus to this earth to give His life for us. My favourite verse in the entire Bible says this, “For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life” (John 3:16).

So while some will say, “Probably there is no God,” I want to declare that there is a God, who loves you, made you and before whom you will one day stand. Denying Him will not change any of this. Believing it can change your life.