

All spiritual activity is an attempt to discover a Divine Being. That involves either trying to discover a god within yourself or some Divine Being or god outside of ourselves, to which/whom we may bow and worship.

Blaise Pascal a French philosopher, mathematician, scientist, inventor, and theologian wrote these famous words, "There is a God-shaped vacuum in the heart of each man which cannot be satisfied by any created thing but only by God the Creator, made know through Jesus Christ."

In our quest to discover a Divine Being, I want to point you to the opening verses of Hebrews and make one main point today. It simply put is:

KNOWING GOD IS POSSIBLE

In the past God spoke to our forefathers through the prophets at many times and in various ways, v2 but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, Heb 1:1-2a

1) Knowing God is possible WHEN YOUR STARTING POINT IS FAITH.

Many in the scientific world will immediately want to reject this starting point. They will say we can only be certain about something if we are able to subject that item to scientific investigation and scrutiny.

The weakness in the scientific world's argument is that it takes even more faith to believe that there no God. There are many truths we believe and practice without scientific evidence. For Example: **LOVE** would be one of those truths. How does the scientific world prove love? For many there is no rational explanation for love, but who would deny the existence of love.

MUCH OF LIFE HAS FAITH AS A STARTING POINT! If faith were not the starting point each morning, many would not get out of bed. The Bible has a simple answer for those reject the idea of God. *Psalm 14:1 and 53:1 begin with "The fool (THE MORALLY CORRUPTED) says in his heart, "There is no God."*

ALMOST EVERY BOOK IN THE BIBLE ASSUMES THE EXISTANCE OF GOD.

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

Joshua 1:1 After the death of Moses the servant of the LORD, the LORD said to Joshua

Ezra 1:1 In the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, in order to fulfill the word of the LORD spoken by Jeremiah, the LORD moved the heart of Cyrus king of Persia

Ezekiel 1:1 In the thirtieth year, in the fourth month on the fifth day, while I was among the exiles by the Kebar River, the heavens were opened and I saw visions of God.

Mark 1:1 The beginning of the gospel about Jesus Christ, the Son of God

Ephesians 1:1 Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God,

Hebrews 1:1 In the past God

Philosophers and Theologians have forwarded many theories to “prove” the existence of God. I could list at least 10 different theories we learned in our first year of Theological College, to prove the existence of God. BUT, if you do not stand on the bedrock of faith, I could stand on my head and whistle through my toes, you would still not believe in the existence of GOD.

Hebrews 11:6 tells us why faith is vital in the pursuit of Knowing God. It reads: **“And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him.”**

The biggest problem for many is that, IF THEY BELIEVED IN THE EXISTANCE OF GOD, THEY WOULD HAVE TO BE ACCOUNTABLE TO THAT GOD.

Knowing God is possible **WHEN YOUR STARTING POINT IS FAITH.**

2) **Knowing God is possible BECAUSE GOD WANTS TO REVEAL HIMSELF TO ALL.**

The next word in verse 1 of *Hebrews chapter 1* is **“In the past God spoke.”** The concept is not very different to Gen 1:1. You might say the word **“SPOKE”** is not found in Gen 1:1. The reality is that it is implied, for the very act of creation is expressed in Gen 1:3 **“And God said, “Let there be light,” and there was light.** The same concept comes through in John 1:1-3 **v1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. v2 He was with God in the beginning. v3 Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made.**

Friends, the only reason we know God or anything about Him, is that HE told us about Himself. In the Scientific World you either, literally or figuratively, PUT SOMETHING under a MICROSCOPE to investigate and discover all there is to know about that subject.

In REVELATION, we are under the microscope, and God is sending knowledge of who HE is down to us. God is beyond our understanding, and if HE did not tell us about HIMSELF, we would never know anything about who HE is and what he does.

IF HUMANS WERE EVER ABLE TO EXAMINE AND UNDERSTAND GOD, THEY WOULD BE GOD, and heaven help us if that were ever true.

Many world religions have tried to invent some version of their image of God. The Greeks are probably the best know creators of and ancient religious system. In more recent years, Islam, and many sects like Mormons and JW’s have tried.

So we have seen:

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3) **Knowing God is possible BECAUSE GOD HAS SPOKEN IN WAYS ALL CAN UNDERSTAND.**

I've never been great at languages, until I got to Theological College. When I started studying Koine(biblical) Greek something just clicked. I think I learned more about English Grammar while studying Greek than I did in all my years at school. As the Greek lecturer explained the Greek grammar, he compared it to English grammar. I often had two "aha" moments in the class, one for Greek and one for English.

The passage says "In the past God spoke to our forefathers through the prophets at many times and in various ways" Heb 1:1

GOD DESIGNS HIS MEANS OF COMMUNICATION TO MEET THE NEEDS FOR THOSE TO WHOM HE IS COMMUNICATING.

- 1) **COMMUNICATION SUITS THE TIMES.** The phrase "In the past" refers to a time in history where an oral and visual form of communication was much more prevalent. Much of the OT are stories, often repeated, in which God showed who he was. While in Egypt a number of years ago, I discovered that many converts to Christianity from Islam, came to faith through dreams and visions.
- 2) **COMMUNICATION OCCURS OVER A LONG PERIOD OF TIME.** God has been very patient, first with the offspring of Adam, then the Nation of Israel. He tried many ways to direct the ways of the offspring of Adam, and when they continued to reject Him, he sent the flood.

In the same way HE was patient with Israel for almost 1500 years, until the coming of Jesus. In the end, God replaced the people of the Law with the people of Faith.

- 3) **IN REVELATION, COMMUNICATION IS COMPLETE WHEN THE MESSAGE IS CONVEYED.** Communication specialists will tell us that communication is only complete when the recipient has received the same message that was sent. While this is true in communication theory, in reality, the message may have been correctly conveyed, and the recipient may even have understood, but the recipient may have chosen to ignore, or may not be attune to the same wavelength as the communicator.

GOD HAS SPOKEN, WHETHER WE HEAR OR WANT TO HEAR IS TOTALLY UP TO US. I believe that is part of the free will God has given to us.

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4) **Knowing God is possible BECAUSE GOD HAS PERSONALLY COME TO TELL US ABOUT HIMSELF.**

This section ends with the first part of verse 2.

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THREE VITAL MESSAGES ABOUT “KNOWING GOD” ARISE IN THIS VERSE

1) **THE TIME TO GET TO KNOW GOD IS REACHING AN END.** The phrase “IN THESE LAST DAYS” refers to the END TIMES. How fortunate we are that “These Last Days” have already lasted 2000 years. **BUT THEY WILL COME TO AN END!!!** When the last of the last days will come, I don’t know. I had my own personal experience of what I thought could be the last of my last days, and even I was a little afraid. You know I often say, “I don’t know when the Last of the Last Days will be, but this I do know, it is one day sooner than YESTERDAY!!!!

2) **EVERYTHING WE NEED TO KNOW ABOUT GOD HAS ALREADY BEEN SAID.** The Greek grammar for the word translated “has spoken” is very telling. It’s in the “aorist tense,” which means it is an action that happened in the past that continues to have an impact today. It is in the “indicative mood”, which means it is stated as a matter of fact. It is in the “Active voice”, which means it is an action which continues to be relevant even to this day.

God has said all he needs to say in Jesus. We do not need Prophecy, in the sense of predicting something new about the future. We need Prophetic preaching, which means we need preaching that will remind people about the consequences of their actions if they don’t follow the ways of God.

3) **EVERYTHING WE NEED TO KNOW ABOUT GOD CAN BE FOUND IN JESUS.** The message is clear and simple.

Know Jesus, Know God.

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