

The Unknown God

未識之神

WHO IS

GOD?

Acts 使徒行傳 17: 21, 22

Why Are People Religious ?

人為何敬畏鬼神？

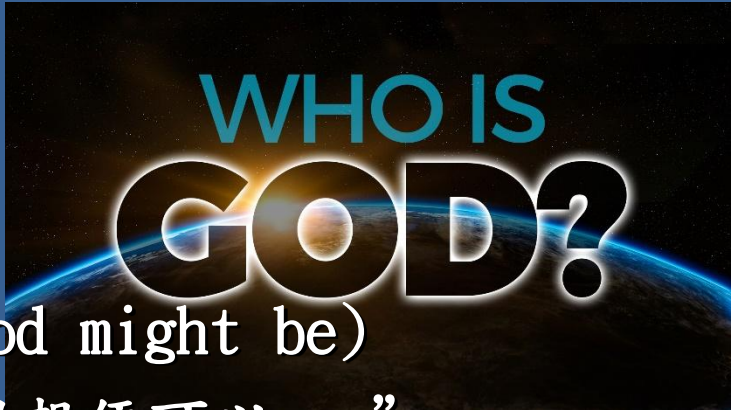


“I have seen the burden God has laid on the human race. He has made everything beautiful (appropriate) in its time. He has also set eternity in the human heart; yet no one can fathom what God has done from beginning to end.” *Ecclesiastes 3:10, 11.*

“我見神叫世人勞苦、使他們在其中受經練。神造萬物、各按其時成為美好。又將永生安置在世人心裡。然而神從始至終的作為、人不能參透。”

傳道書 3:10, 11.

Who/What Is god? 神是誰/什麼？



WHO IS
GOD?

- (Open yourself up to god, whatever your concept of god might be)
“無論你對 ‘神’ 的蓋念是什麼，你只要保持一個開放的思想便可以。”
– Oprah
- (I believe in God, absolutely, Jesus, whatever you want to call him.)
“我絕對相信神，不論你稱呼他是耶穌或甚麼名字。”
- (People are getting the idea that god is whatever we want to make him to be – the projection of our own longings, our own imagination, our own needs.)
“人認為神就是我們想是甚麼便是甚麼的東西 – 他可以是我們自己的渴望，想像，或需求的表達。”

Do We Really Need “God” ? 我們真的需要神嗎？



“American’ s Christian majority is facing steep declines. It is projected the percentage of people with no religious affiliation will rise. ” *Pew Research Center*

“A consequence of development for societies to secularize --
Once people’ s basic needs are met, there is less need for religion.”

“I think it is a product of modern comforts. I think when life is good, when it’ s better, you know, religion is just not important.”

“Come, make us gods who will go before us.” *Exodus 32: 1.*

“起來、為我們作神像、可以在我們前面引路、” 出埃及記 32: 1.

The Known God 可尋着/認識的神



“ He made the world --- does not live in a temple ---
gives everyone life and breath ---so that they would seek him and find him.
Acts 17: 24-27.

“創造宇宙和其中萬有的神---不住在人手所造的殿宇---
把生命氣息和一切賜給萬人---要他們尋求神---或者可以摸索而找到他。”
使徒行傳 17: 24-27.

“ For since the creation of the world God’ s invisible qualities -
the eternal power and divine nature - have been clearly seen—
being understood from what has been made, so that people are without excuse..”
Romans 1: 20.

“其實從創世以來，神那看不見的事，就如他永恆的大能和神性，
都看得見的，就是從他所造的萬物中可以領悟，叫人沒有辦法推諉。”
羅馬書 1: 20.

Psalm 19: 1-6 Exaltation of God's Works and God's Word

神用創造啟發世人敬頌祂的智慧和公義

- The heavens tell of the glory of God, . The skies display his marvelous craftsmanship. 諸天述說神的榮耀；穹蒼傳揚他的作為。
- Day after day they continue to speak; night after night they make him known. 天天發出言語，夜夜傳出知識。
- They speak without a sound or a word; their voice is silent in the skies; 沒有話語，沒有言詞，人也聽不到它們的聲音。
- Yet their message has gone out to all the earth, and their words to all the world. The sun lives in the heavens where God Placed it. 它們的聲音傳遍全地，它們的言語傳到地極，神在它們中間為太陽安設帳幕。
- It Bursts forth like a radiant bridegroom after his wedding. It rejoices like a great athlete eager to run his race.' 太陽如同新郎出洞房，又像勇士歡歡喜喜地跑路。
- The sun rises at one end of the heavens and follows its course to the other end. Nothing can hide from its heat. 它從天的這邊出來，繞到天的那邊；沒有什麼可以隱藏，得不到它的溫暖。



Psalm 19 : 7-10

Exaltation of His Perfect Law

神用祂全備的律例典章光照世人， 感受祂的聖潔，信實和慈愛



- The **law** of the Lord is **perfect**, reviving the soul. The **decrees** of the Lord are **trustworthy**, making wise the simple.
耶和華的律法是**完全的**，是使人心甦醒；耶和華的**法度**是**堅定的**，使愚人有智慧。
- The **commandments** of the Lord are **right**, bringing joy to the heart. The **commands** of the Lord are **clear**, giving insight to life.
耶和華的**訓詞**是**正直的**，能使人心快樂；耶和華的**命令**是**清潔的**，能使人的眼睛明亮。
- **Reverence** of the Lord is **pure**, lasting forever. The **laws** of the Lord are true; each one is **fair**. 耶和華的**話語**是**潔淨的**，能堅立到永遠；耶和華的**典章**是**真實的**，完全**公義**。
- They are more desirable than gold, even the finest gold. They are sweeter than honey, even honey from the comb.
都比金子寶貴，比大量的精金更寶貴；比蜜甘甜，比蜂房滴下來的蜜更甘甜。

Psalm 19: 11-14 Personal Response

信者的回應



- They are a warning to those who hear them; there is great reward for those who obey them.

並且你的僕人藉着這些得到警戒，謹守這些就得着大賞賜。

- How can I know all the sins lurking in my heart? Cleanse me from these hidden faults.

誰能知道自己的錯誤呢？求你赦免我隱而未現的過失。

- Keep me from deliberate sins! ! Don't let them control me. Then I will be free of guilt and innocent of great sin.

求你攔阻你僕人，不犯任意妄為的罪，不許它們轄制我；我才可以完全，不犯大過。

- May the words of my mouth and the thoughts of my heart be pleasing to you, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.

耶和華我的磐石，我的救贖主啊！願我口中的言語。

心裡的意念，都在你面前蒙悅納。