

Does the **God/god** I believe in even exist?

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What comes into our minds when we think about God is the most important thing about us ... the most determining fact about any man is not what he at a given time may say or do but what he in his deep heart conceives God to be like.

{bring these up 1 at a time but keep adding to the list as we talk about each one}

Common Faulty Views:

Goosebumps god

Killjoy god

Smoothsailing god

OnDemand god

Anti-science/gap god

Guilt god

Me & god (co-exist) god

Isaiah 6:1a

In the year that King Uzziah died I **saw** the Lord ...

We are after satisfied expectations & satisfying explanations; God gives revelation.

Isaiah 6:1b-2

... I saw **the Lord** seated on a high and lofty **throne**, and the hem of His robe **filled** the temple. Seraphim were standing above Him; they each had six wings: with **two** they covered their faces, with **two** they covered their feet, and with **two** they flew.

Isaiah 6:3-4

And one called to another: **Holy, holy, holy** is the Lord of Armies; His glory fills the whole earth. The foundations of the doorways shook at the sound of their voices, and the temple was filled with smoke.

Exodus 15:11

Who is like You among the gods, O Lord? Who is like You, majestic in **holiness**, Awesome in praises, working wonders.

1 Samuel 2:2

There is **no one** holy like the Lord. There is **no one** besides you! And there is **no** Rock like our God.

God in one word: HOLY

Richard Dawkins: “

When you look at certain scenery, you think it is so beautiful because your ancestors believed that there was food out there, and that particular neurological feature that helped them survive has now come down to you; and that's the reason you see it as 'beautiful.'”

How Great Thou Art

***O Lord, my God, when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the worlds Thy Hands have made
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder
Thy power throughout the universe displayed
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to Thee
How great Thou art, how great Thou art***

Isaiah 6:5

Then I said: Woe is me for I am **ruined** because I am a man of **unclean** lips and live among a people of **unclean** lips, and because my eyes have **seen** the King, the Lord of Armies.

We tend to look more at our problems or potential than God.

Isaiah 6:6-8

Then one of the seraphim flew to me, and in his hand was a glowing coal that he had taken from the altar with tongs. He touched my mouth with it and said: Now that this has touched your lips, your iniquity is removed and your sin is atoned for. Then I heard the voice of the Lord asking: Who should I send? Who will go for Us? I said: Here I am. **Send me.**

Holiness of God:

comforting

rebuking

calling (sending)

Isaiah's journey & ours:

A **felt** need;

God gives **Himself**;

A cross roads: where do I **look**?

When the view of God is right ...

1) **Self** is displaced.

2) **Singing (worship)** is present.

3) **Sacrifice** is willing ... even joyful.