Finding a Reasonable Faith in the Face of Doubt

Faith & Doubt

Do you have eyes but fail to see, and ears but fail to hear?

Mark 8:18 NIV

Does God exist?

If God doesn't exist, we are left with a hopeless and meaningless existence.

If God exists it changes the entire nature and dynamic of our existence.

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

Genesis 1:1 NIV

Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see.

By faith we understand that the universe was formed at God's command, so that what is seen was not made out of what was visible.

Hebrews 11:3 NIV

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Hebrews 11:6 NIV

Miracles

If God exists, miracles are possible.

"A miracle is a temporary exception to the ordinary course of nature for the purpose that God has acted in history."

Richard Purtill Professor of Philosphy

"A miracle is a special act of God that interrupts the natural course of events."

Dr. Norman Geisler

"Natural laws describe naturally caused regularities; a miracle is a supernaturally caused singularity."

Dr. Anthony Flew

Now while he was in Jerusalem at the Passover Festival, many people saw the signs he was performing and believed in his name.

John 2:23 NIV

He came to Jesus at night and said, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God. For no one could perform the signs you are doing if God were not with him."

John 3:2 NIV

"Fellow Israelites, listen to this: Jesus of Nazareth was a man accredited by God to you by miracles, wonders and signs, which God did among you through him, as you yourselves know.

Acts 2:22 NIV

...how shall we escape if we ignore so great a salvation? This salvation, which was first announced by the Lord, was confirmed to us by those who heard him.

Hebrews 2:3 NIV

God also testified to it by signs, wonders and various miracles, and by gifts of the Holy Spirit distributed according to his will.

Hebrews 2:4 NIV

Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book.

John 20:30 NIV

But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

John 20:31 NIV

This is the disciple who testifies to these things and who wrote them down. We know that his testimony is true.

John 21:24 NIV

Water to Wine

The Nobleman's Son

The Paralzyed Man

Feeding the Five Thousand

Walking on Water

The Man Born Blind

The Raising of Lazarus

When he heard this, Jesus said, "This sickness will not end in death. No, it is for God's glory so that God's Son may be glorified through it."

John 11:4 NIV

and for your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him." Then Jesus said, "Did I not tell you that if you believe, you will see the glory of God?"

... "Father, I thank you that you have heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I said this for the benefit of the people standing here, that they may believe that you sent me."

John 11:41-42 NIV

Then Jesus said, "Did I not tell you that if you believe, you will see the glory of God?"

God give me eyes to see what can be seen.

God give me ears to hear what can be heard.