

Who is the true God?

Many people say, "I believe in God." But who is God? Can there be various expressions of God?

It is important for a person to identify their God. For most, God is a universal force, perhaps with greater-than-human powers. (This makes God an 'it' rather than a 'Him'.) Many believe that this universal force can help them in pursuits, and perhaps contribute to self-healing through the power of the mind.

There is only one true God. He is a person who wants to have a relationship with us. God is a God who speaks to those willing to listen. How does He speak? Through divine revelation, through our thoughts, but always confirmed through God's written message to mankind, the Bible. There is only one true God – the God of the Bible.

So for those who believe in God the force, rather than God the person, they must identify their God as a different God to that of the Bible.

How small and powerless is mankind compared to the awesome powerful true God! Can a mere man or woman take control of their own life, their own circumstances through the power of the universe working within them? This is man/woman pretending to be above God; pretending to be in charge, with a bit of help from a force.

The true God requires complete submission to Him. Instead of saying, "I am in charge of my own life, with a bit of help from God the force," the true God demands that we say, "You are in charge of my life God, and I will go wherever you lead me. I will humble myself and admit that without you I am nothing."

How do we reach this position?

"Humble yourself under the almighty hand of God, and He will exalt you in due time." (1 Peter 5:6)

"Cast all your cares onto the Lord, for He cares for you." (1 Peter 5:6...Believe it!)

"If we confess our sins He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness." (1 John 1:9)

"For as many as received Him, (Jesus), to them He gave the power to become the Sons of God." (John 1:12)

"I, (Jesus), am the vine, you are the branches. He that abides in me, I will abide in Him. For without me you can do nothing." (John 15:5)

There has recently been an explosion in interest in spiritual healing. There is an awareness that those who believe in a God have a greater chance of being healed. The statistics prove this. But once again we must ask, which God?

Believe it or not, spiritual forces are real. At the foundation of the universe, God created.

“In the beginning, God created the heaven and the earth.” (Genesis 1:1)

Prior to this there was a battle in the heavenly realm. An angel, Lucifer, originally created by God as a beautiful supernatural being, a servant of the Almighty God, became jealous of God’s power. He and a band of fallen angels were thrown out of heaven. They banded together and formed their own powerful force.

How you have fallen from heaven, morning star, son of the dawn! You have been cast down to the earth, you who once laid low the nations! (Isaiah 14:12)

Together, Lucifer and his demons have been raging war against mankind, trying to blind them to the truth of the true God. Only the sacrifice of God’s Son, Jesus, cancelled the power of Lucifer and his angels over mankind. But because God gave mankind free will, He does not force His Son, His message, His truth, onto the people He created. It is up to each individual to search for truth with all their heart.

“Seek the Lord, and He may be found”. (Isaiah 55:6)

To find the true God requires humility and an open heart. It requires a willingness to read and accept the message God has provided for us in the Bible.

So what if a person says, “I believe in God”? How do we know whether or not they believe in the true God?

Does this person believe that God alone, by His supernatural power, created the heavens and the earth?

Does this person believe that God is a Person who wants to be intimately involved in the lives of individuals?

Does this person accept God’s forgiveness for personal sin, and have a desire to place the God of the Bible in control of his/her own life?

Unless a person answers ‘yes’ to all of the above questions, this person is following a different god.

A person following a different god, may see healings and may see miracles, but ultimately a pay-back will be required. This may come in the form of emotional problems, nightmares or family problems further down the track.

“I am the Lord your God...

You shall have no other gods before me.

You shall not make for yourself an idol...

You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the Lord your God am a jealous God.

You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not hold anyone guiltless who misuses His name.” (Exodus 20:3 and Deuteronomy 5:7)

“Love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, mind and strength.” (Mark 12:30)

Choose this day whom you will serve: The God of Israel and the god of Baal. (Joshua 24:15)