



WHAT TO BELIEVE AND HOW TO LIVE IT - PART TWO

The questions:

The scriptures assure us that in approaching the end of the ages, there is one fact of which we may be certain. It is that knowledge will increase. (**Daniel 12:4**). Well, what is so new about that fact? Has knowledge not always increased? Was there a time in human history when mankind had less knowledge the day after than we had the day before? NEVER. Therefore, the increase of knowledge itself is not something about which we should be alarmed. However, the exponential rate of that increase is the phenomenon that compels us to take careful note of the hour in which we live and what it might be trying to tell us.

“To put it into context, in [**the year**] 1900 human knowledge doubled approximately every 100 years. By the end of 1945, the rate was every 25 years.”¹

“not only is human knowledge, on average, doubling every 13 months, we are quickly on our way, with the help of the Internet, [**and artificial intelligence**] to the doubling of knowledge every 12 hours”².

But if knowledge is increasing at such a rate, does that rate of increase also apply to our knowledge of God? It appears that the Lord thinks it does not, for he has said in **Hosea 4:6** My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge: because thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee, that thou shalt be no priest to me: seeing thou hast forgotten the law of thy God, I will also forget thy children. Are we at risk of dying of lack of spiritual knowledge amidst the greatest knowledge explosion in human history?

How shall we distinguish between human generated knowledge and divinely revealed knowledge? How shall we, for the safety of our souls, sort truth from falsehood, and in these times of information bombardment arrive at what we

¹ <https://lodestarsolutions.com/keeping-up-with-the-surge-of-information-and-human-knowledge/>

² *ibid*

ought to reject and ought to believe? This paper is part two of our inquiry into **what to believe and how to live** our Christian faith.

Because humans appear to be more inclined to teaching than to learning, we tend to acquire more knowledge by receiving direct instruction than we do from divine revelation and personal inquiry. The issue, therefore, is not just about the quantity of our knowledge, but more so about what kind of knowledge we amass and the validity of what we know. Since what we may know from asking questions will depend not only upon the answers we get, but more so upon who is asking the question, knowing what questions to ask, and knowing how to frame them, what we know about salvation will be of uttermost importance to the final destiny of our souls.

Let us therefore take a few moments to raise some spiritual questions some of which may yet remain unresolved in our meditation.

Q01. If a person is convinced in her/his heart that God Almighty does not exist, what is the spiritual title given to that person?

Answer: An Atheist

Q02. If a person honestly declares that he/she does not know whether God Almighty exists, what is the spiritual title given to that person?

Answer: An Agnostic

Q03. If a person “believes in the existence of a God by the evidence of reason and nature only, but rejects that God can be known through supernatural revelation”³, what is the spiritual title given to that person?

Answer: A Deist

Q04. If a person believes that one, and only one, creator God exists and intervenes in the universe, what is the spiritual title given to such a person?

Answer: A Monotheist

³ Dictionary



Q05. If a person believes that there is more than one god, what is the spiritual name given to that person?

Answer: A Polytheist

Q06. If a person believes that that person himself is god, what is the spiritual name given to that person?

Answer: A Solipsist

Q07. If a person believes that there is one God almighty creator in the form of a trinity: Father Son and Holy Ghost and sustaining all that is within the universe, what do you call that person?

Answer: A Trinitarian

Q08. If a person believes in the existence of God the creator, and that person tries to defend God against the charge of tolerating evil, what is the spiritual name given to such a defender?

Answer: A Theodocist

Q09. If a person believes that Yeshuah Hammashea (Jesus Christ) is the son of Almighty God, the messiah and saviour of the world, who will return to Judge the world, what spiritual name is given to that person?

Answer: A Christian

Q10. If a person believes that Yeshuah Hammashea (Jesus Christ) is the son of Almighty God, the messiah and saviour of the world, who died for the sins of mankind, rose again, ascended into heaven, deserving of worship and obedience and will return to Judge the world, what spiritual name is given to that person?

Answer: The Church

The difference between being a Christian and being the Church is that the Christian is a temple man, while the Church is man temple.

Q11. Does Jesus' death mean that all the sins of all mankind are automatically forgiven?



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Answer: No. His death means that only people who ask for forgiveness will receive forgiveness of their sins.

Q12. How can I be sure that I will be going to heaven?

Answer: 1 John 5:11-12 And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. 12 He that hath the Son hath life; **and** he that hath not the Son of God hath not life. John 3:16 For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

Q13. What happens to all the people who died before Jesus came to the world and had no opportunity to believe in Jesus?

Answer: Before Jesus ascended into heaven, he first went to hell and preached the gospel to all who had lived before he came, then brought up as many as believed him down there.

1Peter 5:18 (kjv) For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit:

19 By which also he went and preached unto the spirits in prison;

Ephesians 4:8 (NLT) That is why the Scriptures say, "When he ascended to the heights, he led a crowd of captives and gave gifts to his people." ⁴

Q14. What will happen to people who die after Jesus first came but have never heard the gospel of salvation?

Answer: It appears that God will not send them to hell.

Acts 17:30 (NIV) In the past God overlooked such ignorance, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent. ⁵

⁴ New Life Translation

⁵ New International version



Q15. Can unbelievers be saved after they die, if others pray for them?

Answer: No. It does not appear so.

Isaiah 55:6 Seek ye the LORD while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near:

Hebrew 9:27(kjv) 27 And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment:

Proverbs 29:1(kjv) 1 He, that being often reprov'd hardeneth his neck, shall suddenly be destroyed, and that without remedy.

Psalm 49:7(kjv) 7 None of them can by any means redeem his brother, nor give to God a ransom for him:

Q16. Does a person have a soul that is separate from that person's body?

Answer: YES. Jesus confirms that fact by saying in Matthew 10:28.

Matthew 10:28 And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.

Revelation 6:9 When he opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of those who had been slain because of the word of God and the testimony they had maintained.

2Corinthians 5:1 For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, an eternal house in heaven, not built by human hands.

Q17. What is the difference between Roman Catholics and Protestants on the issue of prayer?

Answer: Roman Catholics believe Mary the mother of Jesus, is the person to whom we should pray. Protestants believe that Jesus Christ the risen son of God is the person to whom we should pray.

John 14:6 Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.



John 16:24 Hitherto have ye asked nothing in my name: **ask, and ye shall receive,** that your joy may be full.

Philippians 2:9-11 Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name:

10 That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of **things** in heaven, and **things** in earth, and **things** under the earth;

11 And **that** every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ **is** Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Q18. Do all religions lead to the same God Almighty?

Answer: NO! Not only is the road leading to God the thing that matters for your salvation, but also what happens when you get to the gate of heaven. If the road you took was not “**Jesusway**”, you will be locked out when you arrive there.

Matthew 7:23 And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.

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1Timothy 2:5 For *there is* one God, and **one mediator between God and men,** the man Christ Jesus;

2Timothy 2:5 And if a man also strive for masteries, **yet** is he not crowned, except he strive lawfully.

SUMMARY

Although in this, the end of the ages, knowledge is exploding, so is the rate of deception. The bible has foretold us that deception will be so pervasive that if it were possible, even the elected people of God would become unsure of what to believe. Matthew 24:24 For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and



shall shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if *it were* possible, they shall deceive the very elect.

2 Timothy 3:14 But continue thou in the things which thou hast learned and hast been assured of, knowing of whom thou hast learned *them*;

Revelation 3:10 Because thou hast kept the word of my patience, I also will keep thee from the hour of temptation, which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth.

11 Behold, I come quickly: **hold that fast which thou hast**, that no man take thy crown.

The Lord has given us a preview of what our state of knowledge will look like when he retakes this planet, and we shall no longer be uncertain of what to believe and how to live it.

Habakkuk 2:14

“For the earth will be filled

With the knowledge of the glory of the Lord,

As the waters cover the sea.

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