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Study Guide

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May God bless you in your search for truth and the answer to the question: "Where will I spend eternity after I die?"

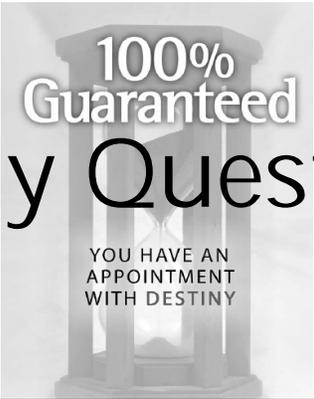
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Study Questions

INTRODUCTION

The most important question that any one can answer is, "Where are you going to spend eternity?" To not have a definite answer to this question is equivalent to standing on the edge of the Grand Canyon, jumping off, and hoping you will land at the bottom unharmed. This study will help you consider where you will be one million years from now.

CHAPTER ONE: 100% GUARANTEED

1. Life is short. Yet we spend most of our energy on temporary things that don't last, giving little thought on what will happen to us after we die. Why do you think we do this?
2. Most people do not base their beliefs about life after death on facts and knowledge, but on feelings and wishful thinking. When you consider your own beliefs, are they backed up by evidence or are you standing on thin ice? List the main concepts that you believe about where you will be after you die. Then list the evidence you have for what you believe. Do you have real evidence?
3. How do many people respond when asked what will happen to them after they die?
4. Why is it important to spend time investigating the reality of what you believe about life after death?

5. What are the five characteristics of death that demand that we thoughtfully consider what will happen to us after we die?

CHAPTER TWO: THE DESIGN DILEMMA

Is there evidence to support that there is no God? The main argument here is that all things exist because of a big bang and random processes. Take a look at four key arguments for not believing in God; describe the main concept of each, why it is contrary to logic, and why belief in a Creator God is the most logical of the two concepts.

1. ORDER OUT OF CHAOS
Briefly describe the evolution concept.

Briefly describe why this concept is not logical.

Why is belief in a Creator God the most logical choice when considering order and design in nature?

2. A FIRST CAUSE
Briefly describe the evolution concept.

Briefly describe why this concept is not logical.

Why is belief in a Creator God the most logical choice when considering how everything first came into existence?

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3. TRANSITIONAL FORMS
Briefly describe the evolution concept.

Briefly describe why this concept is not logical.

Why is belief in a Creator God the most logical choice when considering why transitional forms have never been found in history?

4. THE MORAL CODE
Briefly describe the main concept.

Briefly describe why this concept is not logical.

Why is belief in a Creator God the most logical choice when considering where our sense of right and justice came from?

5. When you consider that blind faith is defined by the dictionary as "not based on reason or evidence," and that even those who support the concept that everything happened by chance and evolutionary processes admit that there is no evidence to support their theories, why do you think so many believe in a theory that has no evidence to support it?

CHAPTER THREE: COMPLETELY CREDIBLE

In this section we want to consider the logic and evidence for believing that there is a God. Since we receive our knowledge about God through the religious texts, it is important to verify the credibility of these texts to verify the credibility of their God.

1. Many believe that there can be many contradicting eternal realities after we die. Why does this contradict logic?

2. To determine which eternal reality is true, it is important to verify the credibility of a religion's religious writings. The Bible has proven itself credible in six areas. Briefly describe the evidence for each.

Area 1 – Archeological Evidence

Area 2 – Historical Evidence

Area 3 – Scientific Evidence

Area 4- Fulfilled Prophecy

Area 5 – Internal Consistency

Area 6 – The Test of Time

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Each of these areas has proven the Bible to be completely credible, more credible than every other religious text out there.

CHAPTER FOUR: CODE BLUE

1. After we experience death, we will still be alive in one of two places: heaven or hell. Give a brief description of each.

Description of Heaven

Description of Hell

2. Why do you think many flippantly or jokingly talk about hell, even saying they look forward to "being there with my buddies?"
3. If you were to die before completing this study, do you think you would go to heaven or hell?

CHAPTER FIVE: THE ULTIMATE STANDARD

In this chapter God's standard for goodness is explained. If we do not understand God's standard, we will live our life in whatever way suits our desires and pleasures.

1. People will proclaim their own goodness and think of themselves as a good person. According to Matthew 19:16-18, are there good people in this world?
2. There is a way to know whether we measure up to God's standard of goodness. What is it?
3. According to Ezekiel 18:4 what happens to that person who does not live according to God's standard of goodness?
4. Lets go through God's standard for being good to see whether God sees us as good people. Circle your truthful answer.

Have you broken the first commandment by not making God your first priority?

Yes No

Have you broken the second commandment by making a god to suit your life style and beliefs?

Yes No

Have you broken the third commandment by using God's name in a light or profane way?

Yes No

Have you broken the fourth commandment by not keeping God's day holy and reserved for Him?

Yes No

Have you broken the fifth commandment by not honoring your parents or disrespecting or disobeying them?

Yes No

Have you broken the sixth commandment by having anger or hatred toward someone?

Yes No

Have you broken the seventh commandment by looking at others with lust?

Yes No

Have you broken the eighth commandment by stealing even one little thing?

Yes No

Have you broken the ninth commandment by telling even one lie in your life?

Yes No

Have you broken the tenth commandment by strongly desiring what belongs to this world?

Yes No

5. After going through God's standard for goodness we recognize that we are not good enough to enter heaven. It is incredible, but even after acknowledging that God's standard has not been reached, many people think God is weighing their good and bad. As long as the good is greater than the bad they think they will enter heaven. What does the Bible say about our goodness and good works?

James 2:10

Isaiah 64:6

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The bottom-line is that no one is able to measure up to God's standard and all are guilty and condemned to hell. That is a sobering thought. How can we escape hell and enter heaven? We will now find our hope in the next chapter?

CHAPTER SIX: GOOD NEWS

1. So far we have seen that the Ten Commandments, good works, and religious devotion offer no hope for escaping hell. This chapter offers hope. According to Isaiah 45:22, where is our hope found?
2. What does it mean to "look to God?"
3. 1 Timothy 2:5 tells us that there is only one person in all of history who can bring us to God. Who is he?
4. This reconciliation brings to us what, according to Acts 4:12?
5. Why is Jesus not like other religious leaders like Buddha, Mohammed, or Krishna?
6. What incredible act did God do for you through Jesus Christ?

7. People try to earn salvation in three main ways, what are these?
8. What door are we to enter through to enter heaven?
9. How do we open this door to enter heaven?
10. Our salvation cost Jesus His life. It will also cost us something too. Explain this cost according to Luke 9:23-24.
11. Explain the great value that Jesus placed on heaven.
12. According to 2 Corinthians 6:2, when is the best time to receive Jesus and be ready for heaven?
13. Who are condemned to hell right now?

CHAPTER Seven: A New Creation

1. When the decision is made to follow Jesus, amazing changes will begin to happen in your life. Look at what the Bible says about the changes that will take place.

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2 Corinthians 5:17

Galatians 2:20

John 1:12

Galatians 5:22-25

2. What two expectations does God have for His Children?

Expectation One:

Expectation Two:

3. What are the four ways that an ambassador of God represents God?

One:

Two:

Three:

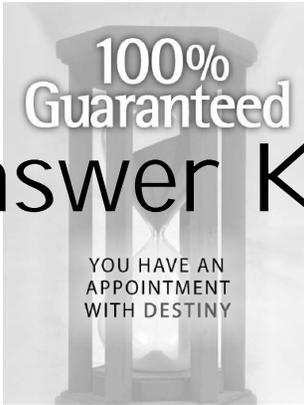
Four:

CLIFF JUMPERS

1. What is the equivalent of not having an answer to, "What will happen after I die?"

2. Don't you think this is one question you should have a definite answer for?

~ END OF STUDY QUESTIONS ~



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CHAPTER ONE: 100% GUARANTEED

1. Self-answer (S/A). (p. 7)
2. S/A. (p. 7)
3. Many answer with an uneasy, uncertain, or flippant response. (p. 7)
4. Many think that reality is determined by what they believe or think is true...this is false. Reality is based on what is true not what we want to be true. Since death is permanent and unchangeable, we should be certain that what we believe is based on reality and not wishful thinking. (p. 9-10)
5. Death is 100% guaranteed, unexpected, experienced once, permanent, and unchangeable. (p. 8)

CHAPTER TWO: THE DESIGN DILEMMA

1. ORDER OUT OF CHAOS (p. 10-11)
The theory of evolution claims that all things exist because of a “big bang” which gave order and design to all things.

This goes against all observable explosions recorded throughout history: if you have an explosion, it creates only disorder and chaos, not order and beauty. This theory does not explain where all the elements came from, nor what caused them to go “bang.”

Believing in a Creator God answers the question of how time, space, matter, power, and motion were able to come into existence with such precision, orderliness, and complexity. An orderly and complex creation requires an equally or more complex Creator.
2. A FIRST CAUSE (p. 11-12)
The theory of evolution claims that every effect must have a cause and does not admit a first cause.

Even Charles Darwin admitted that the most natural and reasonable conclusion is that if there is a creation, there must have been a Creator. All of life confirms this to be true: if there is a painting, there must be a painter. If there is a building, there must be a builder. To not believe in a first

cause is to go against logic.

Believing in a Creator God is the most logical choice. Even Charles Darwin admitted that this is the most natural and reasonable conclusion we can draw when looking at our universe. Science has yet to offer any evidence for its origins.

3. TRANSITIONAL FORMS (p. 13-14)

The theory of evolution claims that in order for its theory to be true, there must exist millions of transitional forms.

It has been nearly 150 years since Darwin published his theory. Scientists have found millions of fossils, but none have revealed transitional forms—not a single one.

Believing that a Creator God created all things without going through any transitional stages is the most logical choice. The fossil record confirms this by its lack of transitional forms. In the period known as the Cambrian Explosion, all the major animal groups appeared fully formed, all at once, confirming that the conditions necessary for transitional forms to exist never existed.

4. THE MORAL CODE (p. 14-15)

The theory of evolution has no explanation for why a moral code is found in people and not other living creatures.

If humans were just more highly developed animals, why shouldn't we act more like animals—do whatever it takes to ensure our own individual survival? Animals don't feel guilty nor set up courts to seek justice, yet humans do this all the time.

Believing in a Creator God and that we were created after His image with intellect and morals is the most logical explanation for the moral code in people.

5. S/A. (p. 15-16)

CHAPTER THREE: COMPLETELY CREDIBLE

1. Logic informs us that it is impossible for two or more contradictory statements to be true at the same time. If you are wearing a solid white shirt, you cannot truthfully say the color of your shirt is blue. (p. 17)

2. Area 1 – Archeological Evidence: Over 25,000 archeological finds have verified the Bible's accuracy and not one archeological finding has ever refuted the Bible. (p.18)

Area 2 – Historical Evidence: Over 24,000 ancient copies of portions of the New Testament are still in existence today. These far exceed its closest competitor, Homer's Iliad, which has only 643 ancient copies. (p. 18-19)

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Area 3 – Scientific Evidence: Thousands of years before they were accepted by science, the Bible recorded scientific and medical knowledge. (p. 19)

Area 4- Fulfilled Prophecy: The Bible is the only book that contains thousands of detailed prophecies and records their precise fulfillment. (p. 19- 20)

Area 5 – Internal Consistency: The Bible's amazing consistency confirms that an overseeing power must have guided it. The Bible consists of sixty-six books written in three languages by forty writers from various backgrounds over a period of 1500 years, yet maintains complete harmony and consistency of thought—incredible! (p. 20-21)

Area 6 – The Test of Time: The Bible remains an all-time best-seller, selling over 150 million copies each year. No other book comes close to the Bible in total circulation with over seven billion copies printed. (p. 21)

CHAPTER FOUR: CODE BLUE

1. Heaven is a better country where we will live in what is called a mansion. There will be no decay, corruption, aging, health problems, death, sorrow, pain, hunger, thirst, or tears. (p.23)
2. Hell is a place of excruciating torment in unquenchable fire. There will be everlasting punishment, great weeping and gnashing of teeth, indignation, wrath, tribulation, and anguish on all who find themselves in hell. (p.24)
3. S/A. (p.25)

CHAPTER FIVE: THE ULTIMATE STANDARD

1. There are no good people since good people must live up to God's standard of perfection and holiness. (p. 26)
2. The Ten Commandments reflect God's standard of goodness. (p. 27)
3. That person will die. This isn't a physical death, but the punishment of eternity in hell. (p.27)
4. S/A. (p. 27-31)
5. James 2:10 informs us that when we break one of the Ten Commandments we are guilty of breaking all the commandments. (p. 32)

Isaiah 64:6 informs us that all of our good deeds are like filthy rags. (p.33)

CHAPTER SIX: GOOD NEWS

1. We are to look to God and recognize that there is only one God and none other. (p. 34)

2. To look to God means to put our trust in God. (p. 34)
3. Salvation from eternal punishment. (p. 34)
4. The man Christ Jesus. (p. 35)
5. Jesus is more than a man—he is God. Jesus was born of a virgin, lived a sinless life, died on the cross, and was resurrected from the dead. (p.35)
6. Jesus died on the cross, suffering an excruciating death in order to take the punishment we deserved for our sin. He took our place—incredible! (p. 35)
7. Through obeying the Ten Commandments, doing good works, and through religious devotion. (p.35)
8. Jesus is the only door through which we can enter heaven. (p. 36)
9. Acknowledge our sin through confessing our sin. (1 John 1:9)
Be truly humble. (Ezekiel 20:43; Psalm 34:18)
Repent of our sin—don't do them anymore. (Proverbs 28:13) (p.36-37)
10. God asks that we surrender all of our life to Him. (p. 38)
11. Heaven is so valuable that we should be willing to give up everything we have and everything we are. (p. 38)
12. Today is the best time to put your trust in Jesus and prepare for heaven. There is no guarantee that we will be here tonight or wake up tomorrow. There is no guarantee that you will finish this study guide. (p. 39)
13. Everyone who does not make a conscious decision to repent and put their trust in Jesus are condemned to hell. (p. 40)

CHAPTER SEVEN: A NEW CREATION

1. 2 Corinthians 5:17: We become a completely new person. (p.41)

Galatians 2:20: Christ now lives in us and we now live by faith in Jesus. (p. 41)

John 1:12: We become children of God. (p. 42)

Galatians 5:22-25: We become like God in His character. (p. 42)
2. To serve God and others by doing good works. (p. 42-43)

To represent God on earth and continue His work of encouraging others to repent of their sins, put their trust in Christ, and follow his teachings. (p. 43)

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3. Reading the Bible, living a life of prayer, loving others, and telling the good news of the gospel. (p. 43-44)

CLIFF JUMPERS

1. Jumping off a 500 foot cliff and hoping you will hit the jagged rocks below without any harm. (p. 45)
2. S/A.

~END OF ANSWER KEY ~