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Are Children Born Believing in God?

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[Ed. note: This article appeared in a OneNewsNow.com report and was submitted by Richard Harvey. I believe the report is right and always have believed that we are all predisposed to believe in God and long for heaven. Ecclesiastes 3:11 tells us that God has put eternity into the heart of all people and our common experience with children would convince us of this truth. A child who speaks of "evolution" has to be taught to think that way. dp]

According to a senior researcher at the University of Oxford's Center for Anthropology and Mind, "young people have a predisposition to believe in a supreme being because they assume that everything in the world was created with a purpose."

Dr. Justin Barrett reports that even children who haven't been taught about faith often believe in God. Based on his studies, he believes that "if we threw a handful [of young children] on a desert island...they would believe in God."

One study of six and seven-year-old children were asked why the first bird existed. Their answer: "to make nice music" and "because it makes the world look nice."

Based on his research, Barrett thinks children are naturally prone to believe that creation was divinely ordered.

It reminds me of Jesus' words to the disciples in Matthew 18 verse 3: "Verily I say unto you, Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven" (KJV).

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Bibles and Cell Phones

I wonder what would happen if we treated our Bible like we treat our cell phone.

- ◆ What if we carried it around in our purse or pocket?
- ◆ What if we turned around to get it if we forgot it?
- ◆ What if we flipped through it several times a day?
- ◆ What if we used it to receive messages from the text?
- ◆ What if we treated like we couldn't live without it?
 - ◆ What if we gave it to kids as gifts?
 - ◆ What if we used it when we traveled?
 - ◆ What if we used it in case of emergency?
 - ◆ What if we upgraded it to the latest version?



This is something to make you go... hmmm... where is my Bible? Oh, and one more thing. Unlike our cell phone, we don't ever have to worry about our Bible being disconnected. Jesus Christ has already paid the bill.

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Seven Things God Won't Ask* on Judgment Day.

- 1...God won't ask what kind of car you drove, He'll ask how many people you drove who didn't have transportation.
- 2...God won't ask the square footage of your house, He'll ask how many people you welcomed into your home.
- 3...God won't ask about the clothes you had in your closet, He'll ask how many you helped to clothe.
- 4...God won't ask what your highest salary was, He'll ask if you compromised your character to obtain it.
- 5...God won't ask what your job title was, He'll ask if you performed your job to the best of your ability.
- 6...God won't ask how many friends you had, He'll ask how many people to whom you were a friend.
- 7...God won't ask in what neighborhood you lived, He'll ask how you treated your neighbors.

*Poetic license (who issues these licenses, anyway?). God will not be asking us anything, literally. He will say, as Jesus said to the churches in Asia Minor (Revelation 2 & 3), "I know your works."

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Be Fishers of Men.... You catch 'em, He'll clean 'em.

A family altar can alter a family.

A lot of kneeling will keep you in good standing.

Don't put a question mark where God put a period.

Don't wait for six strong men to take you to church.

Exercise daily. Walk with the Lord!

Forbidden fruits create many jams.

Give God what's right, not what's left!

Give Satan an inch and he'll be a ruler.

God doesn't call the qualified; He qualifies the called.

God grades on the cross, not the curve.

God loves everyone, but probably prefers "fruits of the spirit" over "religious nuts."

God promises a safe landing, not a calm passage.

Having truth decay? Brush up on your Bible!

He who angers you, controls you!

He who is good at making excuses is seldom good for anything else.