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## Why I Believe God Is - Part 4

### Introduction

An individual could go on at infinitum on the evidences for the Creator God from non Biblical sources. However, since I believe in the inerrancy of the scriptures, this last article is based on the greatest evidence of all, the person of our Lord Jesus Christ.

- a) There are very few who, being atheists etc. when shown the evidence for God from creation, will accept the truth of a supernatural creation. There will almost always be the statement or objection, "that does not prove it to me" or like expressions. The fact is, there is an unwillingness to accept the evidence from the universe around us. The rich man in Hell asked for his brethren to be shown evidence of an after life by a resurrection. The response was, "They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them" (Lk. 16:29). Then it was said, "If they hear not Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded, though one rose from the dead" (Lk. 16:31). If there is rejection of the truth of the written word of God, a person will remain unmoved. To my understanding, the greatest proof of God is our Lord Himself. One will have to accept the scriptures, and in particular, the truths of the New Testament as being from the God who is truth (Deut. 32:4), and of whom it is stated, "He cannot lie" (Titus 1:2).

### Did Jesus believe God is or was He self deceived?

To deny the existence of God is to deny the inspiration and inerrancy of the scripture of truth (Dan. 10:1) and consequently, the greatest evidence for God is rejected. While the scriptures do give major evidence to the existence of God, the even greater evidence is the person of our Lord Jesus. To argue that Jesus was just another historical religious figure, one of many "messiahs" or messiah influences, is to reject the uniqueness of every aspect of Him. The question becomes, "Was Jesus just another religious leader, was He a religious fraud, a confidence man, a deceiver a liar, or was He all that He declared Himself to be? Were His apparent miracles really works by the Holy Spirit in fellowship with God and the same with His words, or was He a self deceived fool?"

Accepting the fact that all the scriptures are the inspired word of the Living God (2 Tim. 3:16), then that which they record is one hundred percent true without mistake or misuse of words. With this in mind, what do they reveal about His witness concerning God? A reading of the New Testament will give abundant evidence that He believed in God, at times calling Him Father. It is observed how God was a major part of His life.

### Some of the times when the Lord spoke to God as Father

When the Lord prayed He was speaking to God.

- a) He spoke to God as Father in the garden of Gethsemane (Matt. 26:39). When the soldiers were coming to take Him He said, "Thinkest thou that I cannot now pray to my Father" (Matt. 26:53). It is recorded that He went into a mountain and prayed all night to God (Lk. 6:12).
- b) He told the disciples He would pray to the Father for the Comforter to come (Jn 14:16). When speaking to God He said, "Father, the hour is come" (Jn. 17:1); "Holy Father" (Jn. 17:11); "Righteous Father" (Jn. 17:25). Furthermore, the Lord taught His own to pray, "Our Father which art in Heaven" (Matt. 6:9). To Christ there was no doubt about the existence of God as Father.

I go into a care home where there are multiples of people suffering from dementia. It is a very sad place for there are those who are speaking to an imaginary person, there is no one there, it is all in their mind. Was the Lord just speaking to an imaginary person? Just as I know the voice of my earthly Father, the Lord knew the voice of God. How foolish it would be to try to convince me that I had no dad and it was just a problem in my mind.

### Some of the times when He spoke to God calling Him God

He spoke to and about God as "God". Prophetically He said of Him, "Thou art my God from my mother's belly" (Psa. 22:10). Who could ever forget the plaintive cry from the cross, "My God, My God, why hast Thou

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forsaken me?" (Matt. 27:46). After His resurrection He said unto them, I ascend to "my God, and your God" (Jn. 20:17).

#### Times when Christ prayed

- 1) Before Great Events In His Life:
  - a) Before His choosing of the twelve (Lk. 6:12)
  - b) Before His transfiguration (Lk. 9:28-29)
  - c) Before asking the disciples who the people said He was (Lk. 9:18)
  - d) Before instructing the disciples on how to pray (Lk. 11:1)
  - e) Before walking on the water (Matt. 14:23)
  - f) Before raising Lazarus (Jn. 11:41)
  - g) Before feeding the 5000 (Mk. 6:41)
  - h) Before setting out on a missionary trip (Mk. 1:35)
  
- 2) During The Great Events In His Life:
  - a) His baptism (Lk. 3:21)
  - b) Healing the deaf mute (Mk. 7:34)
  - c) When He was about to probe the disciples who the people said He was (Lk. 9:18)
  - d) Before teaching (Lk. 11:1)
  - e) Before the partaking of food. "Jesus . . . when He had given thanks" (Jn. 6:11)
  - f) After a time of spiritually giving out (Lk. 5:16) Cp. verse 15.
  - g) Having cleansed the leper: "He withdrew Himself and prayed" (Lk. 5:12, 16)
  - h) Before choosing the twelve disciples we read: He "continued all night in prayer" (Lk. 6:12-13)
  - i) He was transfigured: "as He prayed" (Lk. 9:29)
  - j) At the declaring of the cross and sufferings loomed before him (Jn. 12:27)
  - k) In the darkness of Gethsemane, when the hour of crisis was approaching (Matt. 26:39-44)
  - l) When surrounded by those who hated Him and mocked Him (Lk. 23:34; 1 Pet. 2:23)
  - m) God was silent and He in deep aloneness, His hour of desolation (Matt. 27:46; Mk. 15:34)
  - n) When He prayed for forgiveness of those who rejected Him (Lk. 23:34)
  
- 3) After The Great Events Of His life
  - a) After the healing of the leprous man and healing many (Lk. 5:16)
  - b) After the Greeks came to Him (Jn. 12:27)
  - c) After the feeding of the 5000 (Mk. 6:46)
  - d) "My God, My God, why hast Thou forsaken me?" (Matt. 27:46)
  - e) "Father, into Thy hands I commend my spirit" (Lk. 23:46)
  
- 4) It would be extremely evil and blasphemous to say that there is no God and our Lord was a disillusioned man, or at the least, an ignorant carpenter who just went along with the teachings of his culture.

#### Some of the times when Christ spoke about God

The Lord spoke about God to others, for instance:

- a) "And think not to say within yourselves, We have Abraham to our father: for I say unto you, that God is able of these stones to raise up children unto Abraham" (Matt. 3:9)
- b) "But I say unto you, Swear not at all; neither by heaven; for it is God's throne" (Matt. 5:34)
- c) "But he answered and said unto them, Why do ye also transgress the commandment of God by your tradition?" (Matt. 15:3)
- d) "Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind" (Matt. 22:37).

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### Some of the times when Christ spoke specifically of His equality of deity

How foolish it would be to speak of oneself equal with a non entity or imaginary person. If one were to say they are equal with Santa Clause, being able to do what He does etc., his sanity would be questioned. When Christ declared His equality with God, had He lost His mind or declaring the truth?

- a) “For **as** the Father raiseth up the dead, and quickeneth them; even **so** the Son quickeneth whom he will. For the Father judgeth no man, but hath committed all judgment unto the Son: That all men should honor the Son, even **as** they honor the Father. He that honoureth not the Son honoureth not the Father which hath sent him.” (Jn. 5:21-23)
- b) “For **as** the Father hath life in himself; **so** hath he given to the Son to have life in himself” (Jn. 5:26).
- c) Note the “as” and “so” in this section.

### Times when Christ spoke of His manifesting of God

- 1) “Jesus saith unto him, Have I been so long time with you, and yet hast thou not known me, Philip? he that hath seen me hath seen the Father; and how sayest thou then, Shew us the Father?” (Jn. 14:9)
- 2) “No man hath seen God at any time; the only begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, he hath declared him.” (Jn. 1:18)
- 3) “For the Father loveth the Son, and sheweth him all things that himself doeth: and he will shew him greater works than these, that ye may marvel.” (Jn. 5:20)
- 4) “Believest thou not that I am in the Father, and the Father in me? the words that I speak unto you I speak not of myself: but the Father that dwelleth in me, he doeth the works.” Jn. (14:10)

### Concluding Thoughts

Of course there were others of high rank believed in God such as Pharaoh.

- a) Others who believe in God:
  - i) The Man of sin who sets himself up as God (2 Thess. 2:4; Rev. 13:6)
  - ii) The demons believe there is a God (Jam. 2:19). (The word “devils” ought to be demons, for there is only one devil).
  - iii) Satanically blinded people (Rev. 11:13; 16:9), as well as the Devil.
  - iv) For anyone to deny the existence of God is one whom the scriptures call a “Fool” (Psa. 14:1). A person, despite what they might learn in the universities of men or brilliancy in their own field of achievement, in the evaluation of God they are “fools”.

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