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“The God who made the world and everything in it is the Lord of heaven and earth and does not live in temples built by human hands.”

ACTS 17:24



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“And He is not served by human hands, as if He needed anything. Rather, He himself gives everyone life and breath and everything else.”

ACTS 17:25



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“‘For in Him we live and move and have our being.’ As some of your own poets have said, ‘We are His offspring.’”

ACTS 17:28



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“Therefore since we are God’s offspring, we should not think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone – an image made by human design and skill.”

ACTS 17:29



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God / Man / Christ / Response



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**God created each of us in His
image. We are loved by Him
and accountable to Him.**



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**Man has rebelled against God
and, because of that sin, we
stand under His judgment.**



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**Through Jesus Christ — His life,
death, and resurrection — God
intervened in our desperate
plight and offers us salvation, the
forgiveness of sin, and new life.**



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This good news demands a response from each of us, and the appropriate response is repentance and faith.

$$\text{MI} = \text{HP} + \text{CP} + \text{CC}$$



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**Maximum Impact =
High Potency
+ Close Proximity
+ Clear Communication**

MARK MITTELBERG



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“We cannot expect unbelievers to learn our ideas first so that they can understand us.”

PAUL COPAN



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“We need to go to them, learn what they think, and find ways to present them with the truths of the Gospel in ways that will be meaningful to them.”

PAUL COPAN



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The Reality of Religion

The Nature of God

The Purpose of History

The Necessity of Salvation



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Understanding
the nature of
God is central
to the Gospel.



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“The most important fact about any [person] is not what he at a given time may say or do, but what he deep in his heart conceives God to be like.”

A.W. TOZER



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“We learn from Paul that we cannot preach the Gospel of Jesus without the doctrine of God, or the cross without the creation, or salvation without judgment.”

JOHN STOTT



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“Today’s world needs a bigger Gospel, the full Gospel of Scripture.”

JOHN STOTT



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The transcendence
and immanence of
God is crucial to
our understanding.



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What if God Was One of Us?

JOAN OSBORNE

If God had a name what would it be?

And would you call it to His face?

If you were faced with Him in all His glory

What would you ask if you

had just one question?



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*What if God was one of us?
Just a slob like one of us
Just a stranger on the bus
Tryin' to make His way home?*



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God is far more
independent and
self-sufficient than
we tend to believe.



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“It would be pointless to preach Jesus as Lord if He were merely to be thought of as an addition to the already-overcrowded pantheon.”

MICHAEL GREEN



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“His whole significance depended on His being the manifestation of the One true God.”

MICHAEL GREEN



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“The human heart is an idol factory. The human heart takes good things...and turns them into ultimate things.”

TIM KELLER



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“Our hearts deify them as the center of our lives, because, we think, they can give us significance and security, safety and fulfillment, if we attain them.

TIM KELLER



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Contemporary Idols

JOHN STONESTREET

Science

Sex

State

Stuff



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We are far more
dependent and
needy than we
tend to believe.



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I have become all things to all people so that by all possible means I might save some.

1 CORINTHIANS 9:22B



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I do all this for the sake
of the Gospel, that I may
share in its blessings.

1 CORINTHIANS 9:23



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“Paul quoted [pagan unbelievers] here and there to aid in defending and spreading the Gospel.”

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“If Paul could do it, so can we as long as we are putting quotes in the proper context, either exposing error and/or building a bridge by which we might better present the truth of God’s Word.”

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“Paul consistently endeavors to have as much common ground as possible with his audience — when while he is at work undermining their position!”

MICHAEL GREEN



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“What is most important is faithfully to proclaim the Gospel. If we can find points of contact with our audience along the way, we should use them, but the Gospel is always what is primary.”

AJITH FERNANDO



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**The Gospel of Jesus
hinges on an accurate
understanding of God.**



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