90 Facts About God...

God reveals Himself in His Word. But do we believe what He says?

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he first recorded question in all the Bible was asked by the Adversary in Genesis 3:1 where he asked simply, "Yea, hath God said...?" His purpose was to cast doubt upon God's words. Today the same adversary continues to cast doubt upon God's Word, but through more sophisticated means and through human agents. In modern times he has raised up "scholars" and theologians who "interpret" God's Word in pedantic nomenclature. Every trade or profession invents a vocabulary to set it apart from other trades and professions. Doctors, lawyers, scientists and, yes, modern-day Pharisees invent words that shut out "outsiders," who must then come to them and pay exorbitant fees and years of time to learn their trade to be accepted into that field. After all, it is reasoned, if a Biblical "scholar" uses terminology like hypostasis, the hypostatic union of Christ, or the hypostatic theory of the nature of God, he must be "exceedingly godly and knowledgeable" and one is immediately placed at a psychological disadvantage and is often hard pressed to cope. The natural reaction is to just throw up one's hands in confusion and reason that such scholarship is too far above him and to close one's mind down and blindly accept whatever such "scholars" spoon feed them. Hence the phrase, "Just smile and check your brain in at the door."

And yet 2 Cor. 11:3 cautions us, "But I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtlety, **so your minds should be corrupted from the** *simplicity* that is in Christ." Do we believe what God *says* about Himself... or do we have to go the egg-spurts?

There is a large body of the Church of God that has recently completely altered its view of the nature of God. In the May 3, 1994, Worldwide *News*, page 4, in the article entitled "Clearing the Picture About Humans Being Made in God's Image," (emphasis mine throughout.) it is asked, "What does it mean to be made in God's image? The question is not easy to answer *because the Bible does not define the nature of God's image*." Well, *my* Bible *does!* They go on to say that "This view does <u>not suggest</u> that God has human form, but only that we individually are a bodily representation of a <u>bodiless</u> God." Read that again! Are we to believe that such gibberish is "scholarly"?

Under the subheading of **Appearances, Anthromorphisms** (a typical jawbreaker catchword to impress others of their supposed superior intelligence) they ask, "Now what about the appearances of God in the Bible? And what about the many references to God's face, eyes, eyelids, nostrils, mouth, voice, arms, hair, hands, palm, fingers, feet heart, bosom and bowels? Are they proof that God has bodily form?" To which they blasphemously answer their own question, "No!" and affirm that such manifestations of God should not be taken literally, but metaphorically, allegorically, or symbolically. Anything but literally! Any literal descriptions of God are spiritualized away. They go on to say in column four that what Moses saw in Exodus33:19-23 was not God, but a physical manifestation of God. Who are we to believe? What does the Bible say?

Under the subheading **God's attributes and the body** they ask such asinine questions as:

- "Why would God have a body like the human body?"
- "Could God have eyes?"
- "What would he *do* with hands and fingers?"
- "Does God *need* a tongue?"
- "If God has ears, what are they for?"
- "Could God have a nose for smelling, teeth for chewing, legs and feet for walking?"
- "Why would God *have* such a body? He certainly doesn't need one. So is it reasonable to believe he *has* one?"

Are we to question God? Let the Scriptures speak! "Woe unto him that striveth with his Maker! Shall the clay say to him that fashioneth it, What makest thou? or thy work, He hath no hand" (Isa 45:9)? See also Romans 1: 19-22.

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Let us set such foolish questions aside (see 2 Tim. 2:23) and hold fast the faithful word *as* we have been taught that we may be able by sound doctrine both exhort and convince the gainsayers (Titus 1:9-11). Let us read and believe the Scriptures AS THEY STAND! Listed below are **90 Facts About God** listed along with Scriptural references, without comment. Ask yourself honestly: Whom do I choose to believe? The pure, unadulterated Word of God... or those who tell us that what we read does not mean what it says? Look the verses up for yourself and make a real Bible Study of it. You'll be glad you did!

- 1. **GOD IS** ... A Person (Job 13:8; Heb. 1:3)
- 2. **GOD HAS**... A spirit body (Dan. 7:9-14; 10:5-19; cp. I Cor. 15:44,49; Phil. 3:21)
- 3. Shape (Jn. 5:37)
- 4. Form (Phil. 2:5-7; 3:21)
- 5. Image and likeness (Gen. 1:26; 9:6; I Cor. 11:7; Jas. 3:9)
- 6. Countenance (Ps. 11:7)
- 7. A head (Dan. 9:7)
- 8. A face (Deut. 34:10; Gen. 33:10; Ex. 33:11)
- 9. Hair (Dan. 7:9; Rev. 1:14)
- 10. Eyes (Rev. 1:14; Ps. 11:4; 18:24; 33:18)
- 11. Ears (Ps. 18:6; 34:15)
- 12. Hands (Ps. 102:25-26; Heb. 1:10)
- 13. Fingers (Ex. 31:18; Ps. 8:3-6)
- 14. Arms (Ps. 44:3; Jn.12: 38)
- 15. Loins (Ezek. 1:26-28; 8:1-4)

- 16. Feet (Ps 18:9; Ezek. 1:26; 24:10; 1 Cor. 15:27; Heb 2:8; Rev. 1:15; 2:18)
- 17. Back parts (Ex. 33:23)
- 18. A mouth (Num. 12:8; Isa. 1:20)
- 19. Lips (Isa. 11:4; 30:27)
- 20. A tongue (Isa. 30:27)
- 21. A voice (Ps. 29:1-9; Heb 12:19, 26; Rev 1:10; 10:3-4; Rev. 14:21
- 22. A heart (Gen. 6:6; 8:21)
- 23. Breath (Gen. 2:7)

24. **GOD HAS FEELING AND AFFECTIONS** ... such as love (Jn. 3:16)

- 25. Hate (Pr. 6:16)
- 26. Pity (Ps. 103:13)
- 27. Anger (I Ki. 11:9)
- 28. Repentance (Gen. 6:6)
- 29. Jealousy (Ex. 20:5; 34:14)
- 30. Pleasure and delight (Ps. 147:10)
- 31. Fellowship (I Jn.1:1-7)
- 32. Joy (Neh. 8:10; Gal. 5:22)
- 33. Peace (Gal. 5:22)
- 34. Longsuffering (Gal. 5:22)
- 35. Gentleness (Gal. 5:22)
- 36. Goodness (Gal. 5:22)
- 37. Faith (Gal. 5:22)
- 38. Self-control (Gal. 5:22)
- 39. Spirit (Ps. 143:10; Isa. 30:1)

40. **GOD HAS SPIRIT FACULTIES**... He has mind (Rom. 11:34)

- 41. Intelligence (Gen. 1:26)
- 42. Wisdom (I Tim. 1:17; Ps. 119:130; Ps. 51:6; 1 Cor. 1:30)
- 43. Knowledge (Isa. 11:2; Rom. 1:20)
- 44. Discernment (Heb. 4:12)
- 45. Will (Rom. 8:27; 9:19)
- 46. Righteousness (Ps. 45:4)
- 47. Faith (Rom. 4:17; 12:3)
- 48. Faithfulness (I Cor. 10:13)
- 49. Hope (I Cor. 13:3)
- 50. Truth (Ps. 91:4; Jn. 17:17)

- 51. Power (Eph. 1:19; 3:7,20; Heb. 1:3)
- 52. Immutability (Heb. 6:17)
- 53. **GOD DOES**... sit on a throne (Isa. 6:1; Dan. 7:9-11; Rev. 3:21)
- 54. Wear clothes (Dan. 7:7-9; Rev. 1:13)
- 55. Dwell in a city (Jn. 14:1-3)
- 56. Walk (Gen. 3:8; 18:1-8)
- 57. Ride (Ps. 18:19; 68:17; Ezek. 1)
- 58. Rest (Gen. 2:1-4; Heb. 4:4)
- 59. Eat food (Gen. 18:1-8)
- 60. Drink wine (Jud. 9:13; Mt. 26:29)
- 61. Hear and answer prayer (Ps. 84:11; Isa. 45:11; Jn. 16:23; Phil. 4:6; I Jn 5:14-15)
- 62. **GOD DOES NOT**... CHANGE (Mal. 3:6; Heb. 13:8; Jas. 1:17)
- 63. **GOD IS** ... Good (Mt. 5: 25; Rom 2:4; Acts. 14:17)
- 64. Love (Jn. 3:16; Rom.15:30; I Jn. 4:8)
- 65. Truth (Dt. 34:2; Jn. 17:3, 17; I Jn. 5:20)
- 66. Holy (Ex. 15:11; Isa. 6:3; I Pet. 1:16)
- 67. Perfect (Dt. 32:4; Ps. 18:30; Mt. 5:48)
- 68. Merciful (Rom.12:1-2; 2 Cor. 1-2; Tit. 3:5)
- 69. Faithful (I Cor. 10:13; 2 Cor. 1:20; Heb.6: 18)
- 70. Provident (Job 38:41)
- 71. Comforter (Isa. 51:12; 2 Cor. 1:4; 7:6)
- 72. Deliverer (2 Sam 2:22; Ps.40: 17; 70:5; Rom. 11:26)
- 73. Preserver (Ps. 12:6-7; 30:3; 33:19; 41:2; 12:7)
- 74. Healer (Ps. 103:3; Ex. 15:26; 23:38; Isa. 33:24; 35:5-6; Jas. 5:14-15)
- 75. Helper (Heb. 13:6; Ps. 37:40; 46:5; Isa. 50:7,9)
- 76. Invisible (Col. 1:15)
- 77. Immortal (1 Tim. 1:17)
- 78. Life (Jer. 10:10; Jn. 5:26; Heb. 7:16; Rev. 11:11)
- 79. Self-existent (Ex. 3:14; 6:3; Jn.1: 4; 5:26)
- 80. Ever present (I Ki. 8:27; Ps. 139:7-12; Mt. 28:28))
- 81. All powerful (Mt. 28:18; Rev. 19:6)
- 82. Eternal (Dt. 33:27; Ps. 90:2; Isa. 57:15)
- 83. All knowing (Rom. 11:33; Ps. 44:21; 139:1-6; Pr. 24:12)
- 84. Omnipresent through His spirit (I Ki. 8:27; Ps. 139:7-12; Mt. 28:20)

- 85. Unsearchable in greatness (Ps. 145:3)
- 86. **GOD WILL**... Reign on the earth (Dan. 2:44; 7:13-14, 27; Zech. 14:9; Rev. 5:10)
- 87. Regather all Israel (Isa. 11:11-12; 61:4-6; Amo. 9:14,15; Ezek. 11:17-20;)
- 88. Resurrect the dead (Job 14:14-15; I Cor. 15; 2 Thes. 4:14-17; Rev. 20:4-6)
- 89. Judge all (Ps 7:8; Ps 82:8; Heb 13:4; Ps 98:9; Ezek. 33:20; Heb 13:4; Rev 19:11)
- 90. Fill all the earth with knowledge of Himself (Isa. 11:9; Hab. 2:14)

The list could go on and on. God manifests many other attributes and has bodily presence like other beings. God made man after His image, after His likeness (Gen. 1:26). The only difference is that He is composed of Spirit (Jn. 4:24), while we are composed of physical matter.

It is not asked in this religious organization if we believe God and His Word, but if we accept the doctrinal assumptions and presuppositions OF THAT ORGANIZATION. If one dares to believe the Scriptures as they stand, or to think for himself and to question aloud, he soon finds himself interrogated and, if he does not subject himself to their—not God's—authority, he will soon find himself "marked" and ostracized (cp. 1 Pet. 5:3 & 3 Jn. 10-11). This, of course, is in accord with the prevailing religious habit of saying that the Scriptures never mean what they say but are capable of some sort of private interpretation disguised as "growing in grace and knowledge" (2 Pet. 1:20). Actually, they are returning back to the age-old Babylonian Mystery religious system and when the blind lead the blind they will all fall into the ditch (See Luke 6:39 & 2 Pet. 2:1-3). God is making a separation to see if you will follow Him and His Word... or if you will follow a man and an organization. Christ said, "I am the vine and ye are the branches" (John 15:5). There is no one between you and God, no "middle" man, organization or intercessor but Christ. Whom will you choose? If you find yourself compromising with God's Word and going along with the system, then that is your choice. Are you so soon removed (Gal.1:6-7)? How much better to choose the Lord, no matter what the cost (Josh. 24:15 and Luke 14:28)!

It is hoped that this short list can provide an impetus to your *own* Bible study. It should be plain to see that those pseudo-intellectuals who would convince you that God does not have a body or other human-like attributes either do not read their Bible... or hold their own exalted intellect and the desire for a paycheck over the word of God. We have seen clearly *what* they have done. Next, we need to ask ourselves, "*Why* would anyone want to do that?"

The bottom line is this: some people believe the Book–and some don't. Whom will *you* believe? God warns, let *no* man deceive *you* (Mat. 24:4-5; Eph. 5:6-7).

Yea, God *hath* said. Will you believe *Him?*

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