

From God is 'no-where' to God is 'now here!'

World-famous comedian, Robin Williams, made millions laugh and had more money than he could spend. Yet he took his own life like a number of other celebrities.

I understand that. My life had also slowly faded into despair in spite of my success as a radar field engineer for the Navy.

I spent a whole year studying philosophies, then religions, seeking the ultimate purpose of life. I found only ideas. No facts. Booze helped deaden the pain of a pointless life for a while, but the next step was suicide.

Could there be a life beyond this one? If true, this engineer should be able to find the supporting scientific evidence. (*Superscripts refer to the free download on the last page. You'll read how my search for meaning in life unfolds as percentages of an aircraft's climb through the heavy overcast of doubt.*)

Since accidental evolution needs no God, I looked at that next. The 'scientific' evidence was shaky at best, based mostly on unprovable assumptions, especially dates millions of years

old. Darwin's own fossil-series proof of evolution is still missing! Cambrian era fossils of nearly every family of animals show no previous evolution at all! Millions of years of evolution simulated in fruit flies for 71 years at 100 labs showed no evolution. (Well, one fly did 'evolve' a leg growing out of his head. I believe that he died young.)

In contrast to the accidental '*un-intelligent design*' of evolution, I found overwhelming scientific '*intelligent design*' evidence everywhere! ¹ However, in an 'AHA' moment this engineer realized that common sense is the best proof of a real God! Just as the **existence** of a complex building is evidence there had to be a designer, so the **existence** of our ultra-complex universe proves a 'universe designer', **God**, and we're therefore without excuse! ² (Rom. 1:20)



If you believe our universe evolved from something existing previously, keep asking at each stage, "And where did that come from?" Show me your evidence, not speculation! ¹ *Duuuuh!* Climbing higher through the 'overcast' of doubt, I went to a church just to

ask questions like, "Who is God that we should obey him?" ³ **IF there's a God, why does He permit suffering and evil?"** ⁴ (*Oh, I also nearly got run over in the parking lot by my future wife of 55 years!*) My next question was, "**Is the Bible really God's message?**" ⁵

The pastor replied, "**Absolutely! Millions of lives have been transformed over many centuries by its power.**" Evidence has also proven that biblical prophecies of Jesus, of cities, and of nations were written centuries in advance. Only God could have done that! However, I didn't need a Bible to tell me I'd disobeyed God. His commandments are written in our conscience! (Rom. 2:15)

Who of us has never lied, lusted, and even done worse? **God even knows things we've all done in secret.** I, like most people, believed we'd be judged on a 'good-deed/bad-deed balance.' **Was I wrong!** Just one unforgiven sin will convict us because God will judge us by the perfect life of Jesus Christ, not by how good we THINK we are or by mere church membership. **SCARY!** (Acts 17:31) Yes, every one of us has disobeyed God, making all of us sinners. (Rom. 3:23) **Ignoring your conscience or doing more**

good deeds won't cancel sins any more than *adding more coffee to a previously poisoned cup would render it harmless.* Neither will just forgetting about sins. They're still written in God's heavenly books. (**Rev. 20:11-12, Rev. 21:8**)

I still hadn't found answers to all my questions, but I was like a parachutist who doesn't need to know all about trajectory physics. I just needed to pull the ripcord or die. Without Christ I was on an irreversible trajectory to fiery eternal torment.



No 'do-overs!' (Matt. 13:41-42, Luke 16:19-31)
No second chance after death! ³
So how could ANY of us ever get to Heaven?

The word 'gospel' means 'good news' and here it is! We all stand guilty before God without excuse. But God's love for us sent Jesus, His only Son, to pay the sin penalty on our behalf. (Jn. 3:16, 1 Pet. 3:18) Then God raised Him from the dead on the third day which **declared Him to be the Son of God with power! Jesus' claim to be the only way to Heaven was fully validated!** (Rom. 1:4, Jn. 14:6) This also validated all Jesus told us about God, about Heaven, about Hell! No, His body was not

stolen as asserted by non-Christian religions. ⁶

After death, Jesus appeared alive to His apostles for 40 days, and to over 500 other eyewitnesses! (Acts 1:3, 1 Cor. 15:6) Over 700 million first-century Christian martyrs buried in the ancient Roman catacombs still attest to the truth of the resurrection they could not deny. *Who would've knowingly died for a lie?*

God offers us an eternity of joy in Heaven as a free gift. (Romans 6:23) This is not a license to sin. Repeatedly asking forgiveness for sins you fully intend to repeat won't fool God. An *'attitude of gratitude'* compels us to turn from our sins. (2 Cor. 5:14-21, Rom. 12:1, 2)

Skeptical? Bravely ask God to reveal Himself to you. **Unwilling** to begin turning from your sins? Pray as I did, "God, please help me to become willing!" (John 7:17) Yes, that may be hard at first, but **God's power** can give you victory. (1 Cor. 10:12-13) If you fall now and then, ask God's forgiveness. He'll say, with love, *"Forgiven! You're still mine. I'm not giving up on you!"* (1 John 1:9, Philippians 1:6)

Still unwilling to seek God? You're trying to hide from a powerful God who even knows

your very thoughts. Not cool! **Rejecting Christ closes Heaven's door. Sin wrecks both your earthly and eternal future.**

40,000 people were killed with no warning by drunk drivers last year and 17,000 were murdered this year.
Are you ready to meet God today?

God loves you very much! If you truly believe Christ's message, this prayer will help you prepare to enjoy eternity with Him in Heaven one day instead of in the very unpleasant alternative that needs a LOT of 'air conditioning.' (Matthew 13:41, 42)



*Dear God, Yes, I'm a sinner. I believe Jesus came to pay for my sins, then rose from the dead to validate His message. Jesus, come into my heart and give me the gift of eternal life. Help me to begin turning from my sins and to follow You.⁷
In Jesus' name, Amen.*

Still have questions? Our free e-book will give you in-depth answers we found over a period of 55 years. We don't claim to have all the answers. God only becomes real when His Spirit and His forgiveness lovingly draws you to Himself.

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The author at a summer air show in an F4 with two radars he formerly helped engineer for Navy fighter squadrons.

