

Clue 1 We Are Talking About God  
Acts 17.22-23

*So, Paul, standing in the midst of the Areopagus, said: “Men of Athens, I perceive that in every way you are very religious. <sup>23</sup>For as I passed along and observed the objects of your worship, I found also an altar with this inscription: ‘To the unknown god.’ What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you.*

Every culture has a deity or deities.

In the Old Testament

In the New Testament

Modern secular gods.

What makes God, God?

God made man to discover and worship him and has shared parts of his image to do those things.

Knowledge

Rationality

Speech

What is man?

We are creatures of discovery

Origin

Morality

Accountability

Destiny

The Discoverable God 2

Every culture on earth has a deity. No culture is “godless.” Communist ideology taught strict atheism to the children in the Soviet Union for 73 years, yet the Russian Orthodox Church still had its buildings and priests. The Same was true of China, yet they still have temples. Castro might have taught the same, but there was still worship in Catholic churches, and the ancient gods of the island are still worshiped.

The Old Testament LORD God had his rivals in Baal, Chemosh, Molech, and others. God has holy jealousy (Exo 20.4-6). These other gods were demonic spirits that tried to steal the hearts of the people. In the New Testament, the Church spread to many nations of many gods. Thomas went to India where there are thirty million gods. In our godless-leaning culture, we have our secular gods: entertainment, status, popularity, and sadly science. Science is necessary and good; a beautiful gift from God, but people have set it against the Creator.

What makes God, “God.” Next week, Sisters and Brothers. One major thing, and 15 things that only he has and can do. The fact that we discuss God is my prime proof that God wants us to discover him. God has shared some of his communicable attributes with humanity. God literally stamps on us the desire to discover and know him as the Creator.

First, there is the gift of knowledge. We have the ability to store information and use that information to be co-regents and co-creators. 1 John 3.20. As man has advanced in knowledge, they have been able to manipulate matter and energy and create things. Through knowledge, one can improve life, feed more and extend life.

Following knowledge is rationality. We can process knowledge into thought and divide truth and lie. We can change things that are wrong. Rationality can be clouded by sin. Look at Eve and the serpent.

We have speech and with that comes language and writing. God spoke to Abraham, Moses, David, and Daniel. Stories and information flow down through the generations through oral and then written records. So, each generation can discover God and add to their knowledge of him.

What is man? Two weeks away Sisters and Brothers. Suffice it to say that we are creatures of exploration and discovery.