Worldviews   
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Theology

**Two Basic Questions:**

1. Is there a God? (a being that is eternal, not limited by time and space, and is powerful)
2. What is He like?

**The Question of God**

Suppose you ended up on a desolate island far out in the ocean. It is completely uninhabited and unowned, but you manage to survive by catching fish and eating wild fruit. After 6 months of living there, you find a set of fresh footprints in the interior of the island. You follow the footsteps for a mile or so and arrive at a bluff, on top of which is a state of the art house built completely out of glass. On the pinnacle of the structure rises a flag. What does that make you feel like? How does that change your situation on the island? You thought you were alone, but now it looks like you are not.

In some ways, that is our position in the universe. The question is: are we alone or are we not?

**The Significance of the Question:**

Suppose you had the choice…live in a universe with God or live in a universe without a God. Which would you choose? How would these worlds be different? Depends a lot on what kind of God we’re talking about, right?

Freedom vs. limits, chaos vs. order, no justice vs. justice, vanity vs. meaning, aloneness vs. companionship

* Freedom is nice, but would you want to live in a world with no limits?
* We don’t enjoy negative consequences, but would we like a world with no justice? Where terrible actions are never punished?
* In a world with no God, there would be no one to turn to in times of tragedy and no one to worship or thank in times of celebration.

Of course, what we would prefer is beside the point…we are here and the question is, have we landed in a world with a God or have we landed in a world that is alone? We could talk about whether we would prefer a school with a school board or without a school board, but we don’t get to choose. If we don’t accept the reality of what is, we are fools.