

"Who Made God?"

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"Who made God?" "Was God married?" "Why did God make the devil?" "Why does God let people die?" An "associate rector" of a local Episcopal church began an article in that church's weekly bulletin with those four questions. He then called them, "Difficult questions asked of me by students in religion classes in the Day School this week."

Next came this paragraph: "They were questions of children struggling to move in their faith and knowledge beyond the tangible and readily understandable into the area of the intangible and conceptual understanding of God -- what we grown-ups call 'theology' or 'belief' or 'our faith.'" There are many questions the Bible does not answer, but it does not leave us in doubt about such as posed by the students.

The writer then went on to talk about simplicity in expressing your faith, but he closed his article with this remarkable statement: "P.S. I really don't know who made God -- or if God was married." How pathetic! Would you want this man teaching your children?

Anybody who knows and believes what the Bible teaches can answer those questions, but most theologians of today do not believe the Bible to be a revelation of absolute truth from God, and are, therefore, not that interested in knowing what it teaches and not at all willing to accept any of it as absolute truth.

If you spell "God" with a capital "G," if you believe He is all-wise and all-powerful, if you believe He created the universe and everything in it, if you believe He formed within man a spirit that will never cease to exist, if you believe what the Bible teaches, then you would have no problem answering the question, "Who made God?" Here are some passages that give a clear Bible answer to this question:

"Blessed be Jehovah, the God of Israel, from everlasting to everlasting"(1 Chron. 16:36).

"Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever thou hast formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, thou art God" (Ps. 90:2).

Looking back: **"Thy throne is established: thou art from everlasting"** (Ps. 93:2). Looking ahead: **"But thou art the same, and thy years shall have no end"** (Ps. 102:27). Of course God was not and is not married. Nor are the angels (Matt. 22:29-30).

Marriage is for men, in this life, on the earth (Gen. 3:18-24). The devil has been very clever (Do we believe the warning of 1 Peter 5:8?). At one extreme he has religious leaders who are so *"liberal"* that they do not even view the Bible as the revelation of God and God's will to men. At the other extreme he has religious *"fundamentalists"* (so-called) who, while claiming to believe the Bible to be the revelation of God's will to men, are ever taking passages out of context and misapplying them and both making claims and teaching things that are contrary to the Bible. Many good people fall victim to one or the other.

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