



God and Ice Cream

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As we struggle with the crises of our time many are asking the big question. Does God exist? If he does, does he care? Where can we find the answer?

Plato, the wise sage from Athens, shared many profound insights into Reality, Truth, and Virtue. For that reason, the renowned British philosopher Sir Alfred North Whitehead, reflecting on his influence, made the famous remark, “All Western philosophy is a series of footnotes to Plato.”



The wisdom of this great intellectual is worthy to note in the light of our contemporary Approach to faith and beliefs. Plato rightly insists, “*One who holds a true belief or faith without understanding it is like a blind man who happens to take the right road.*” A blind faith may comfort you but an intelligent faith will convince others. We do not have to walk the path of darkness holding on to blind faith. Pascal was right in suggesting, “There is enough evidence for the man who wants to believe but there is no evidence for the man who refuses to believe.”

There is a big difference between choosing an ice cream flavor and choosing a medicine. When choosing ice cream you choose what appeals to your taste. But when it comes to medicine you choose what heals. When it comes to God and religion people generally use their heart rather than the head. They kiss the brain goodbye and never bother to use it again. They go by what feels good rather than what is true. The question of truth hardly appears in the conversation. Life is too expensive for shallow thinking. Too valuable to be mindless. When reason is abandoned nonsense will become our friend.

Edgar Brightman former professor of philosophy at Boston University notes, “*In a universe where Christianity and Christian Science are both true, we do not have a universe, but a cosmic nut-house!*” If Jesus Christ is the risen Son of God, he has the answer to the greatest questions of life, death, and truth. In a world of many conflicting

beliefs, it's imperative that we test before we try. To commit one's life to a faith without reason is like the plight of a man without hope. The Apostle Peter advises all Christians: ***“Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have”*** 1 Peter 3:15.

**In Today's culture
people's beliefs are
formed by persuasion
rather than by rational
reflection.**

Plato