

Questions Everyone Asks

Ponder: What are the really important questions?

Scripture: “And He has made of one blood every nation of men to dwell on all the face of the earth” (Acts 17:26, NKJV).

Virtually everyone, at one time or another, asks the following questions: “Where did I come from?” “Why am I here?” “Where am I going?” Being made in God’s image, we have a built-in need to know about our origin, purpose, and destiny. Paul dealt those three questions in his sermon on the Areopagus (Mars Hill) in Acts 17.

Where did I come from? Contrary to popular belief, life (including human life) did not emerge by chance out of a warm pond on the side of an ancient volcano. People have long had bizarre theories of human origin. None of them holds a candle to the truth: “The God who made the world and everything in it . . . gives to all life, breath, and all things . . . He has made from one blood every nation of men . . .” (Acts 17:24-26). Where did you come from? You came from God!

Why am I here? Some see their purpose as making money, enjoying physical pleasure, or achieving fame. Since we came from God, shouldn’t we let Him define our purpose? Paul said that God made people “so that they should seek the Lord, in the hope that they might grope for Him and find Him, though He is not far from each one of us” (17:27). How much better our lives would be if we spent our effort seeking God rather than seeking worldly “success”!

Where am I going? The most frequent question I am asked is, “What happens after I die?” Do I just cease to exist? Or is there life after death? Paul said that God “commands all men everywhere to repent, because He has appointed a day on which He will judge the world in righteousness (17:30, 31). Where are you going? You are going to the judgment! Where you go from there depends on your relationship with God now.

You came from God. Your purpose is to seek and find Him. You will be judged by Him. You may ask any number of other questions, but none so crucial as these!