Question: Ought everyone to believe there is a God? Answer: Everyone ought to believe there is a God; and it is their great sin and folly who do not. (Hebrews 11:6; Psalm. 14:1).

- 1. Are there any that disbelieve the being of a God? Yes. They say in their heart there is no God (Psa. 14:1).
- 2. And does this open a door to all immoralities? Yes. They are corrupt, they have done abominable works (Psa. 14:1).
- 3. Is the being of God then a necessary article of the Christian faith? Yes He that cometh to God must believe that he is (**Heb. 11:6**).
- 4. And is it the foundation of all practical religion? Yes. How shall they call on him in whom they have not believed (**Rom. 10:14**).
- 5. Is God's existence a comfortable thought to the saint? Yes. Verily, there is a God that judgeth in the earth (**Psa. 58:11**).
- 6. And an awful thought to the wicked? Yes. Fear ye not me, saith the Lord (Jer. 5:22).
- 7. Did the first man believe there was a God? Yes. For he heard his voice and was afraid (**Gen. 3:10**).
- 8. Did other men in the first ages of the world believe it? Yes. For they called upon his name (Gen. 4:26).
- 9. Have not all nations believed it? Yes. They knew God, though they glorified him not as God (Rom. 1:21).
- 10. Do holy spirits above believe there is a God? Yes. They rest not day and night, saying, Holy, holy, Lord God Almighty (**Rev. 4:8**).
- 11. Do the devils believe it? Yes. The devils believe and tremble (Jas. 2:19).
- 12. Do we well then to believe it? Yes. Thou believest that there is one God; thou dost well (Jas. 2:19).
- 13. Is ignorance of God a folly? Yes. My people are foolish, they have not known me (Jer. 4:22).
- 14. And a shame? Yes. Some have not the knowledge of God, I speak it to your shame (1 Cor. 15:34).
- 15. And a sin? Yes. They have perverted their way, and forgotten the Lord their God (Jer. 3:21).
- 16. Is it an inexcusable sin? Yes. They are without excuse (Rom. 1:20).
- 17. And a destructive sin? Yes. He shall be driven from light into darkness, this is the place of him that knoweth not God (**Job 18:21**).

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