

# “GODSISNOWHERE”

## Introduction:

I'm going to make yellow letters appear using this black paint brush. I'd like you to tell me what you think this phrase says.

Title: "GODISNOWHERE"

Person (1) reads, "God is no-where."

Person (2) reads, "God is now-here."

## Law of Non-Contradiction

1. (Ask the crowd) "Can both these people be correct at the same time?" You will most likely hear, "YES" from your crowd. (I wouldn't ask them to explain☺)

(It may help to rephrase the question. "God exists/God does not exist. Can both statements be true?")

Explain...two contradictory statements cannot both be true in the same sense at the same time. We call this the law of non-contradiction.

(Don't answer the question of God's existence yet...you want them to come to this conclusion on their own.)

## OPINION

2. Using a paint brush to point at the glass of water, (Ask the crowd) "What do you see when you look at this?"

Answer(s), glass  $\frac{1}{2}$  full/empty. Use black brush over the candle (OPINION).

(We all have the right to our own opinions and in this case, both people's opinions would be correct.)

## TRUTH

3. (Ask the crowd) "What does 2+2 equal? "4"

(Ask the crowd) "If someone was of a different opinion, would 2+2 still = 4?"

Yes, of course it would. Opinion doesn't change TRUTH.

Example: Larry and gravity...

We all live out of our beliefs. Even if Larry is very SINCERE in his opinion, it doesn't change reality, the "truth" of gravity's effect on matter – SPLAT.

(Treats us all the same)

## Does God Exist?

4. I think this question can be answered logically – it's not a faith question.



Explain: A painting is all the evidence one requires to be confident there is a painter. We don't need to observe the painting being painted...The building is sufficient evidence for the existence of a builder. It would be silly to assume otherwise. Using the same logic (finish partial lettering: **CREATION**) what would be a logical conclusion when we see creation? (**CREATOR**)

## Who is God?

5. This is a great question!

(Ask the crowd) "Unless God were to reveal Himself to us, how could we possibly know the truth about who God is?" (Point at **TRUTH** on the board) All we would be left with is our opinions. (Point at **OPINION** on the board) If wrong...that could end poorly. (Point at **SPLAT** on the board)

This is why I personally love the Bible. See if you have ever heard this before. I would like to give you a quick summary of what the Bible says about the **CREATOR** and his relationship with his **CREATION**.

**"GOSPEL"**  
***Creation (Good relationship)***  
***Fall/Sin (Separation)***  
***Reconciled (Jesus/personal substitute)***

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Note: The **Gospel** and **salvation** are different things. Preach the gospel and call sinners everywhere to repent.

- The gospel is TRUTH! It's done - a work of God. The gospel doesn't need us to believe or validate it in order to be true. "...Christ died for our sin...was buried, and rose again the third day according to God's Word." (1 Cor. 15:3&4)
- Salvation is an event, a declaration that a person is justified. The blessing of forgiveness is attributed to those who repent and believe on his name. (John 3:16b, Luke 13:3, 1 John 1:9, Romans 10:9)



