

*The 'Unknown God' Made Known*

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Littleton Bible Chapel – Brenden Carlson

Acts 17:16-34



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## Scripture Reading: Acts 17:22-23

22 So Paul, standing in the midst of the Areopagus, said: “Men of Athens, I perceive that in every way you are very religious. 23 For as I passed along and observed the objects of your worship, I found also an altar with this inscription: ‘To the unknown god.’ What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you.



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Proverbs 14:12

12 There is a way that seems right to a man, but its end is the way to death.



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Ligonier Survey - The State of Theology.

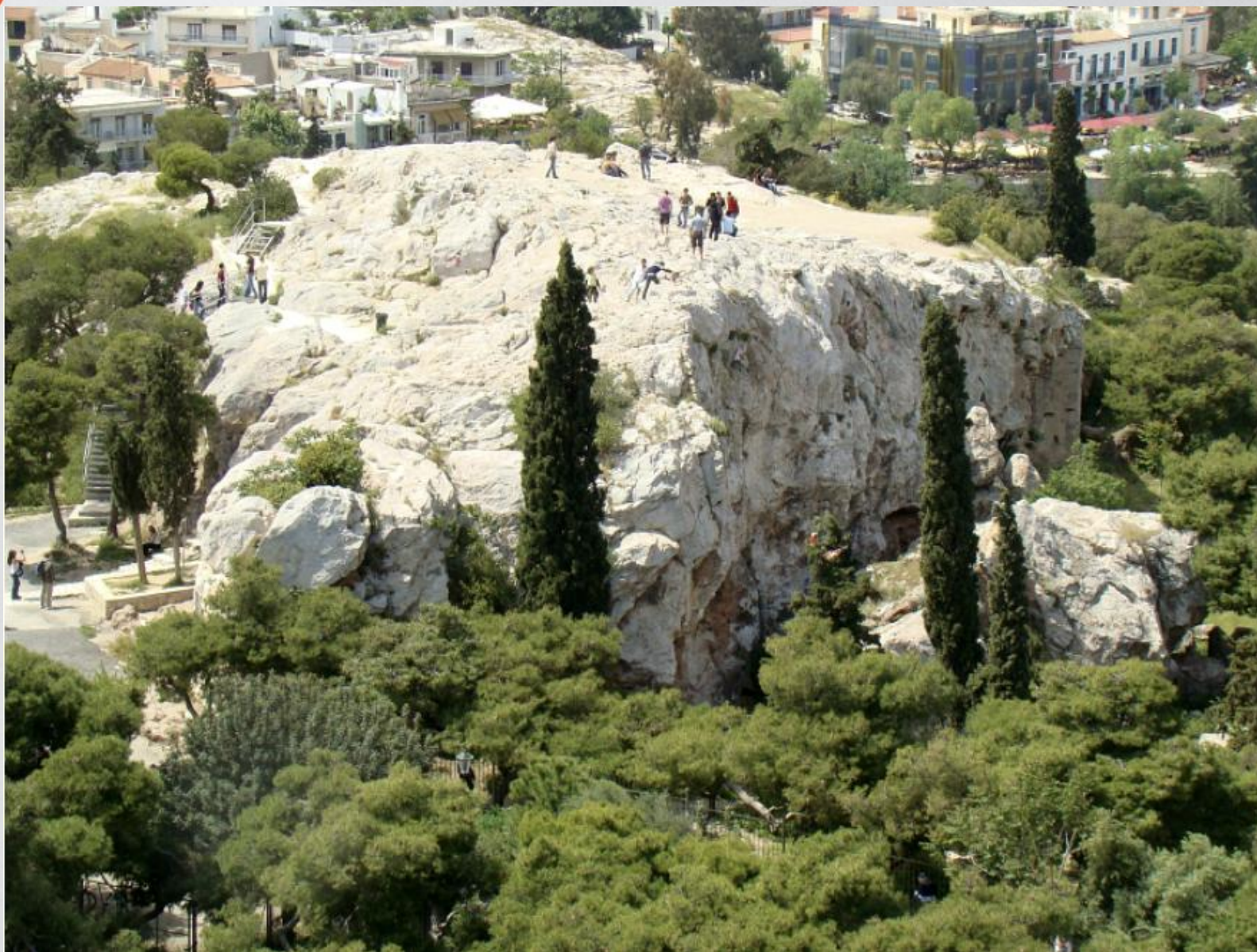
Agree or Disagree with the following statement:

“God accepts the worship of all religions, including Christianity, Judaism, and Islam.”

Among Evangelicals 47% Agree 8% Not Sure and 35% Strongly Disagree



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## 1. Jesus is Supreme

24 The God who made the world and everything in it, being Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in temples made by man,



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Isaiah 42:5

5 Thus says the God, Yahweh, Who created the heavens and stretched them out, Who spread out the earth and its offspring, Who gives breath to the people on it And spirit to those who walk in it,

Isaiah 44:24

24 Thus says Yahweh, your Redeemer, and the one who formed you from the womb, “I, Yahweh, am the maker of all things, Stretching out the heavens by Myself And spreading out the earth all alone,



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Jeremiah 10:12

12 It is he who made the earth by his power, who established the world by his wisdom, and by his understanding stretched out the heavens.

Jeremiah 32:17

17 'Ah, Lord God! It is you who have made the heavens and the earth by your great power and by your outstretched arm! Nothing is too hard for you.



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## 2. Jesus is Sufficient

25 nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mankind life and breath and everything.



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John MacArthur –

*“Man is never more sinful than when he is inventing a false god or a false Christ. It is the epitome of wicked depravity for the sinner to create a god whose standard of goodness is low enough for the sinner’s own corrupt works to save him.”*



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## 3. Jesus is Revealer

26 And he made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined allotted periods and the boundaries of their dwelling place, 27 that they should seek God, and perhaps feel their way toward him and find him. Yet he is actually not far from each one of us,



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Psalm 145:18

18 The Lord is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth.

19 He fulfills the desire of those who fear him; he also hears their cry and saves them.



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## 4. Jesus is Reflector

28 for “ ‘In him we live and move and have our being’; as even some of your own poets have said, “ ‘For we are indeed his offspring.’



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## 5. Jesus is Lord

**30 The times of ignorance God overlooked, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent, 31 because he has fixed a day on which he will judge the world in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed; and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.”**



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## 1 Corinthians 1:20

20 Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world?

21 For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe.

22 For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom,

23 but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles,



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