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*“Why People Believe In God”*

When you listen to people talk about “why they believe in God,” a few consistent answers are given. Over and over people say that they believe in God because of the beauty they find in nature. Ugliness in nature does not seem to detract from this opinion. They know that babies are sometimes born deformed and that predators sometimes devour their prey while their prey is still alive. But, they believe in God because of the beauty of flowers and sunsets.

Other people say that they believe in God because of their parents. Parents often teach people to believe in God. However, other parents abandon their children. When he was a child Adolf Hitler was beaten almost every day. You would have to carefully choose your parents to be sure and have good ones.

Other people say that they believe in God because of the complicated forms of life found in the world. The world, they say, is full of evidence of a powerful and intelligent source. How much this source might care about the creatures in this world is a question these people need to ponder. Does intelligence imply mercy? Cancer cells are complicated.

Some of us find evidence for God in Christian faith. In Hebrews, chapter 11, we hear the Holy Spirit saying “By faith we understand that the world was created by the word of God.” Our Christian faith overcomes the ugliness, brutality, and cruelty of the world. Jesus said, “I have overcome the world!” And he did, as sure as his resurrection followed his suffering and his death. He overcame the world, and he calls us into his church to learn to follow his victorious way of life. Come to Grace Reformed Church and learn to overcome the world by following the Lord Jesus. Praise his name! Find his spirit! You will believe with all your heart in God.

Your friend,  
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