

Question: How can we know about God?

We can only know what He chooses to **reveal** about Himself.

Question: How does God reveal Himself?

1. Through His **Creation** (Nature)—Because God's creation has been damaged by sin, we cannot get a clear picture of God through nature, but there are some things we can learn.

The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handywork. Day unto day uttereth speech, and night unto night sheweth knowledge. There is no speech nor language, where their voice is not heard. (Psalms 19:1-3 KJV)

The beauty of the sunset, the glory of the starry night sky, the power of the thunder, the glory of the clouds, all proclaim God's glory and power.

In every language.

When I consider thy heavens, the work of thy fingers, the moon and the stars, which thou hast ordained; What is man, that thou art mindful of him? and the son of man, that thou visitest him? (Psalms 8:3-4 KJV)

Creation tells us about God, but it does not give us direct contact with God. No one can talk to God through nature. We only can see his handiwork and power on display.

2. Through the **Conscience**—God has written his law upon our conscience. When a person sins, the conscience becomes alarmed. The conscience is limited. It can be ignored, or it can be altered by wrong beliefs.
3. Through the **Written Word**—The Bible. (2 Timothy 3:16) All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: (KJV)
4. Through the **Living Word**—Jesus Christ

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(John 1:1) In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. (KJV)

(Hebrews 1:1-3) God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, Hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds; Who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high. (KJV)

5. Through the **Holy Spirit**

(John 14:26) But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you. (KJV)

6. In **Heaven.**

(1 Corinthians 2:9) But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him. (KJV)

KEY Thought: The ultimate plan of God is to bring every individual into personal fellowship and relationship with Himself.

(John 14:20) At that day ye shall know that I am in my Father, and ye in me, and I in you. (KJV)

Divine Revelation is God reaching down to man. He pursues us. He loves us. He has given us everything we need to know him personally.