

Don't all roads lead to God?

“There are many ways to what
you call God”- Oprah

OR ARE THERE?

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**“Aren’t all religions pretty
similar?”**

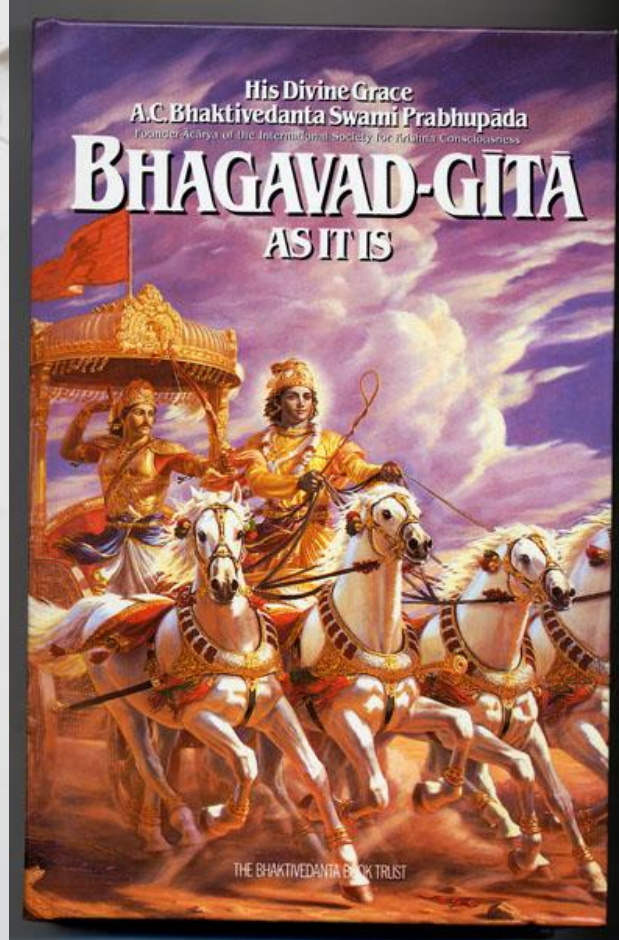
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“Man has no soul; there is no supernatural.”

-Sidhartha Gautama, the “Buddha”

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“Your inner self is actually God.”

-core Hindu teaching

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“Allah does not love sinners.”

-Surah 2: 190 (and 23 other places)

in the Qu’ran

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“I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.”

-JESUS, in John 14: 6

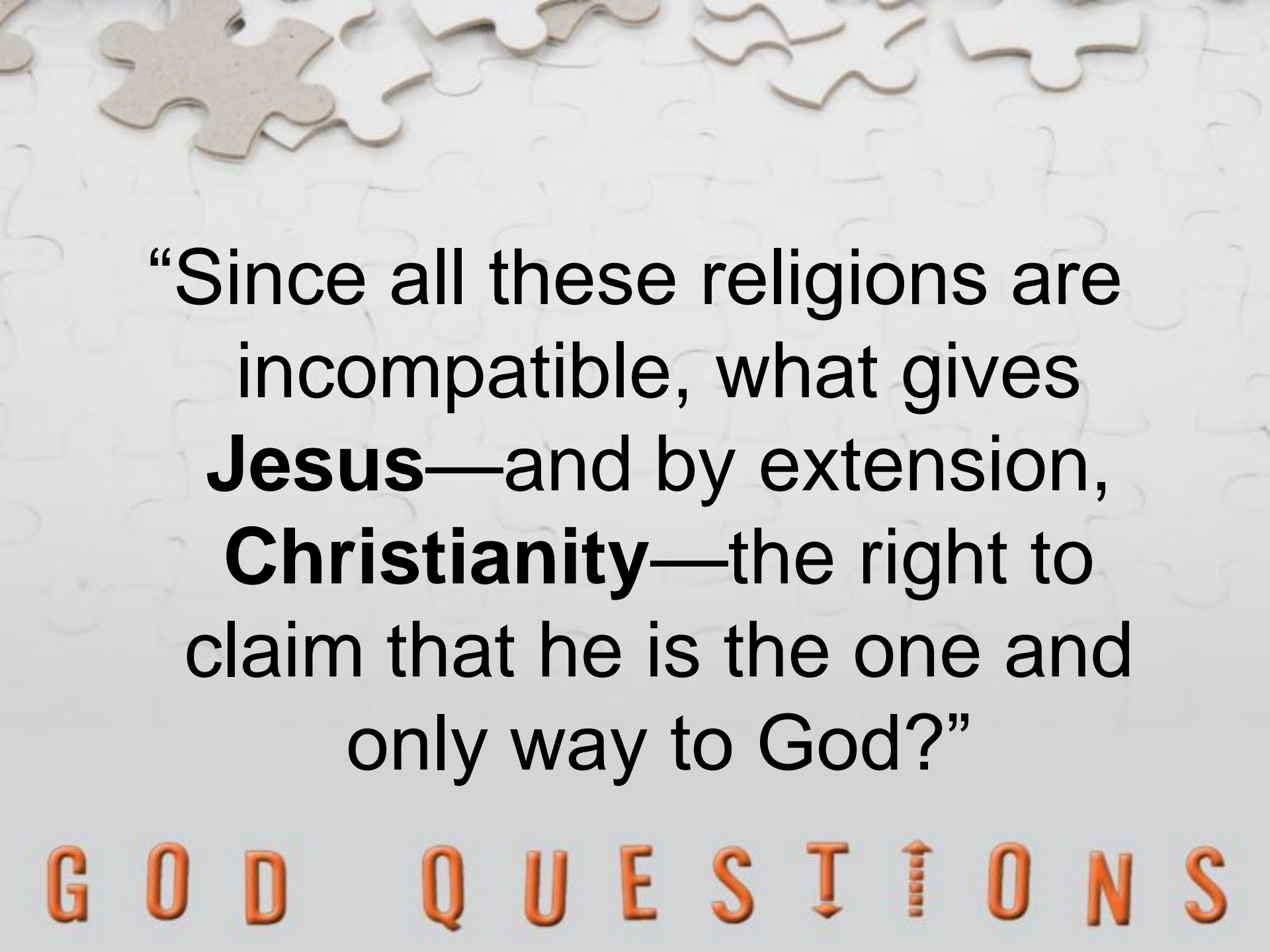
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“Jesus can’t possibly be the only way to God.”

-Oprah Winfrey

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“Since all these religions are incompatible, what gives **Jesus**—and by extension, **Christianity**—the right to claim that he is the one and only way to God?”

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Testing religious claims (OT)

I Kings 18: 16-39

“How long will you waver between two opinions? If the LORD is God, follow him. If Baal is God, follow him.”

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The test: make a dead cow spontaneously combust



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Baal prophets

- sincerity
 - effort
 - intense spirituality
 - personal sacrifice
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Losers

Elijah

- terrible technique
 - low energy
 - weak spirituality
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Winner

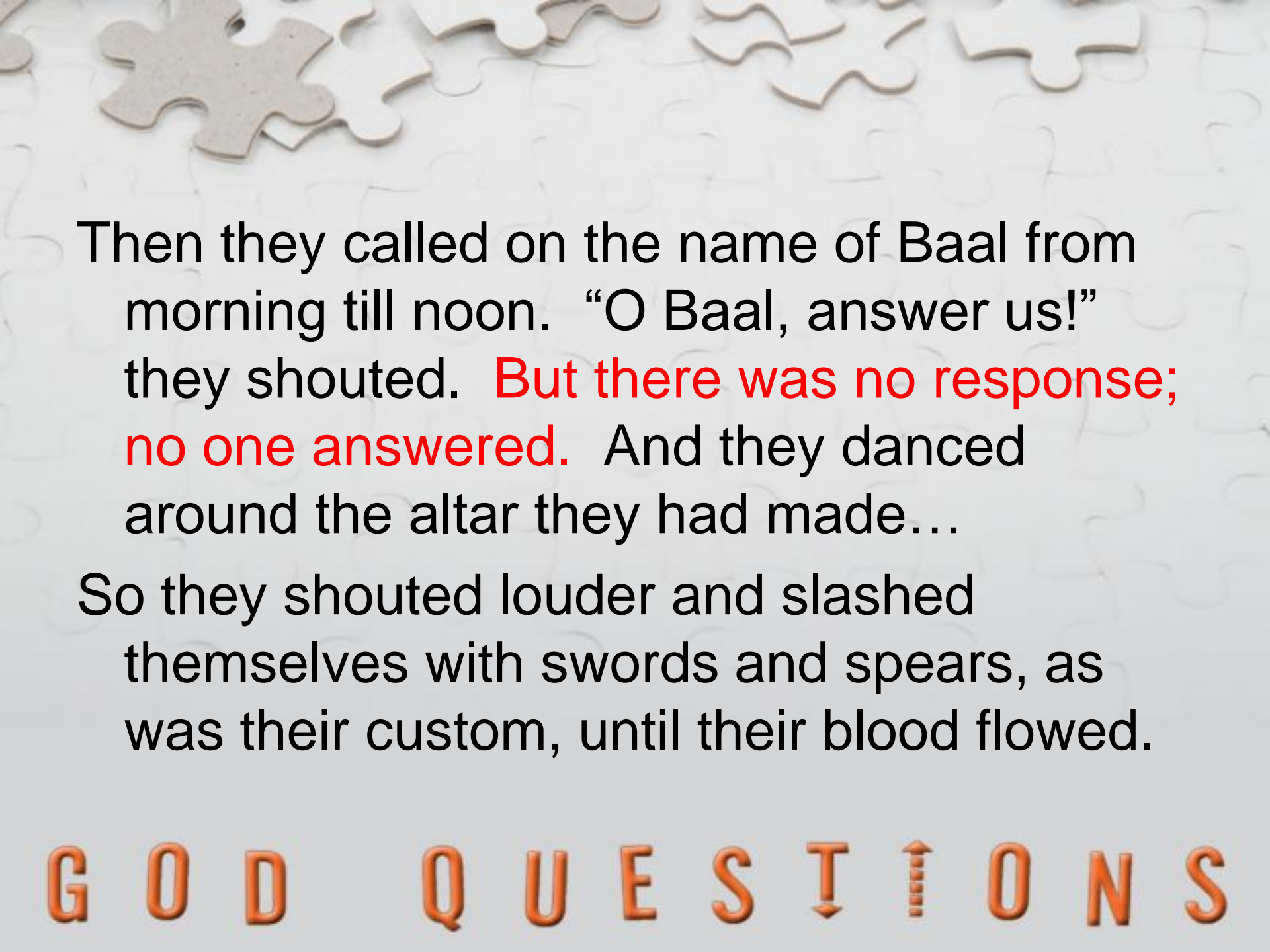
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The wrong way

1. Do what feels right religiously.
2. Initiate frantic activity.
3. If #2 fails, step up frantic activities.

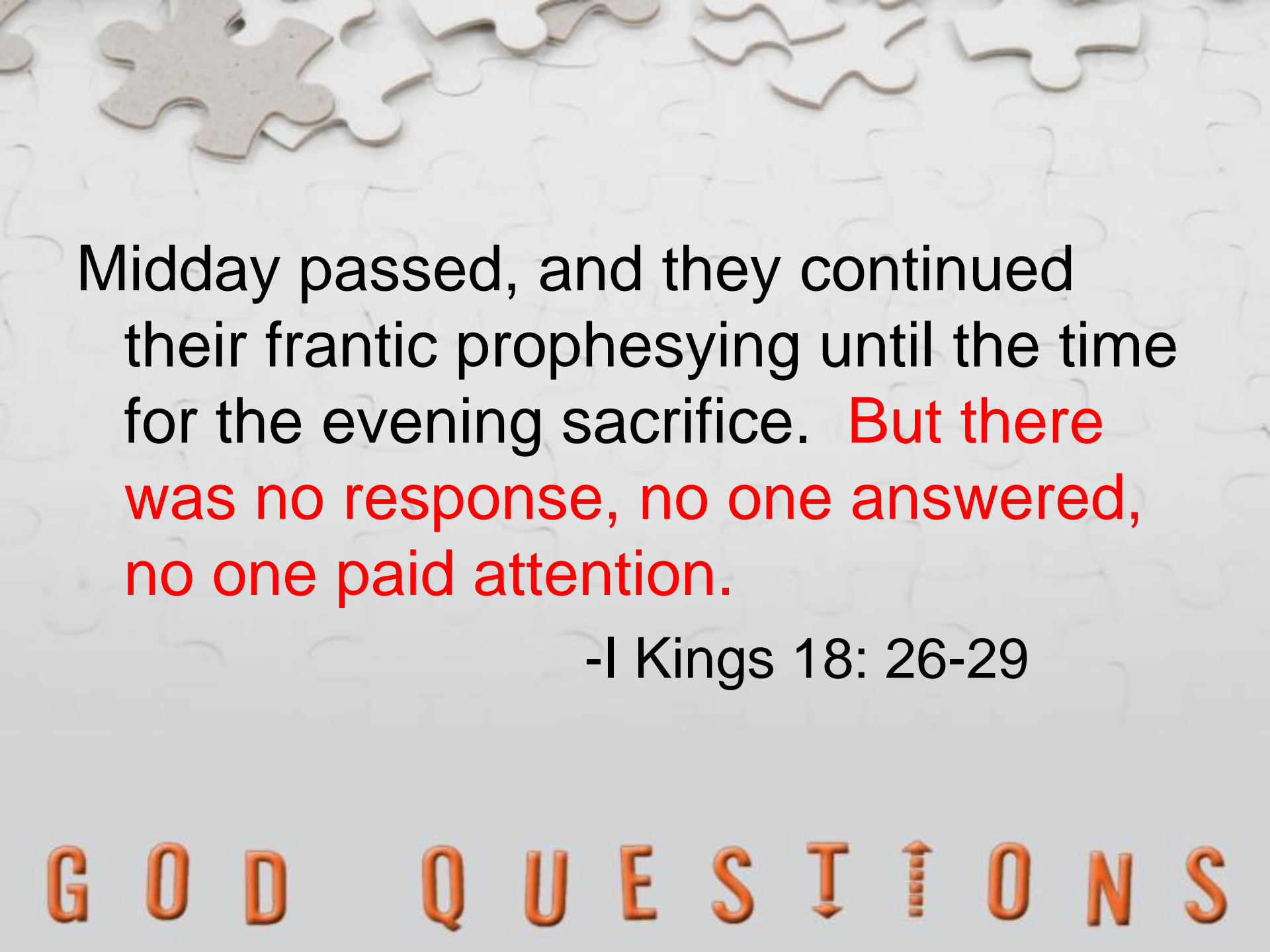
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Then they called on the name of Baal from morning till noon. “O Baal, answer us!” they shouted. **But there was no response; no one answered.** And they danced around the altar they had made...

So they shouted louder and slashed themselves with swords and spears, as was their custom, until their blood flowed.

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Midday passed, and they continued their frantic prophesying until the time for the evening sacrifice. **But there was no response, no one answered, no one paid attention.**

-1 Kings 18: 26-29

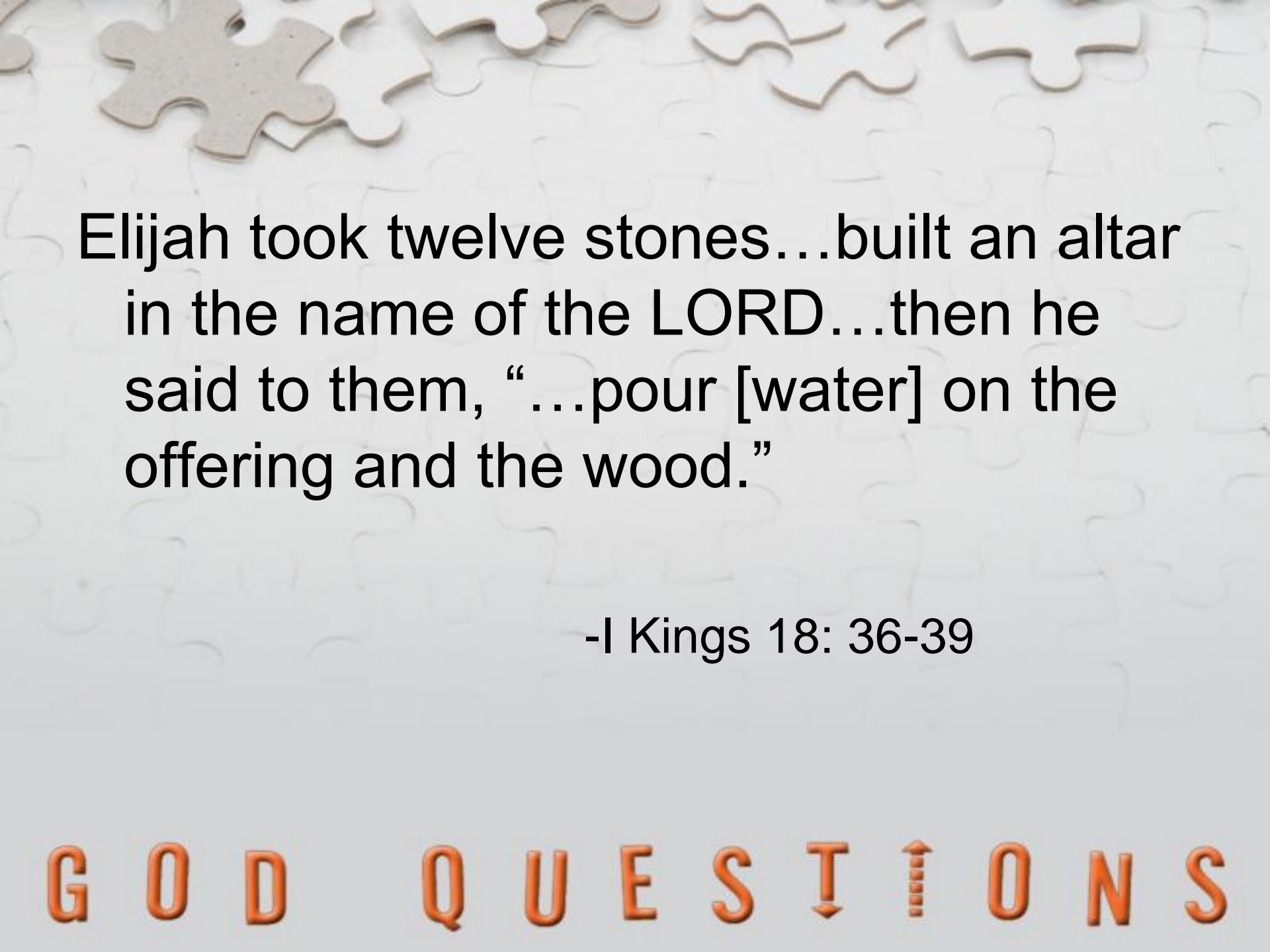
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The right way

1. Investigate God's resume.
2. Meet him personally.
3. Entrust your situation to him.

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Elijah took twelve stones...built an altar
in the name of the LORD...then he
said to them, "...pour [water] on the
offering and the wood."

-I Kings 18: 36-39

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MET PERSONALLY

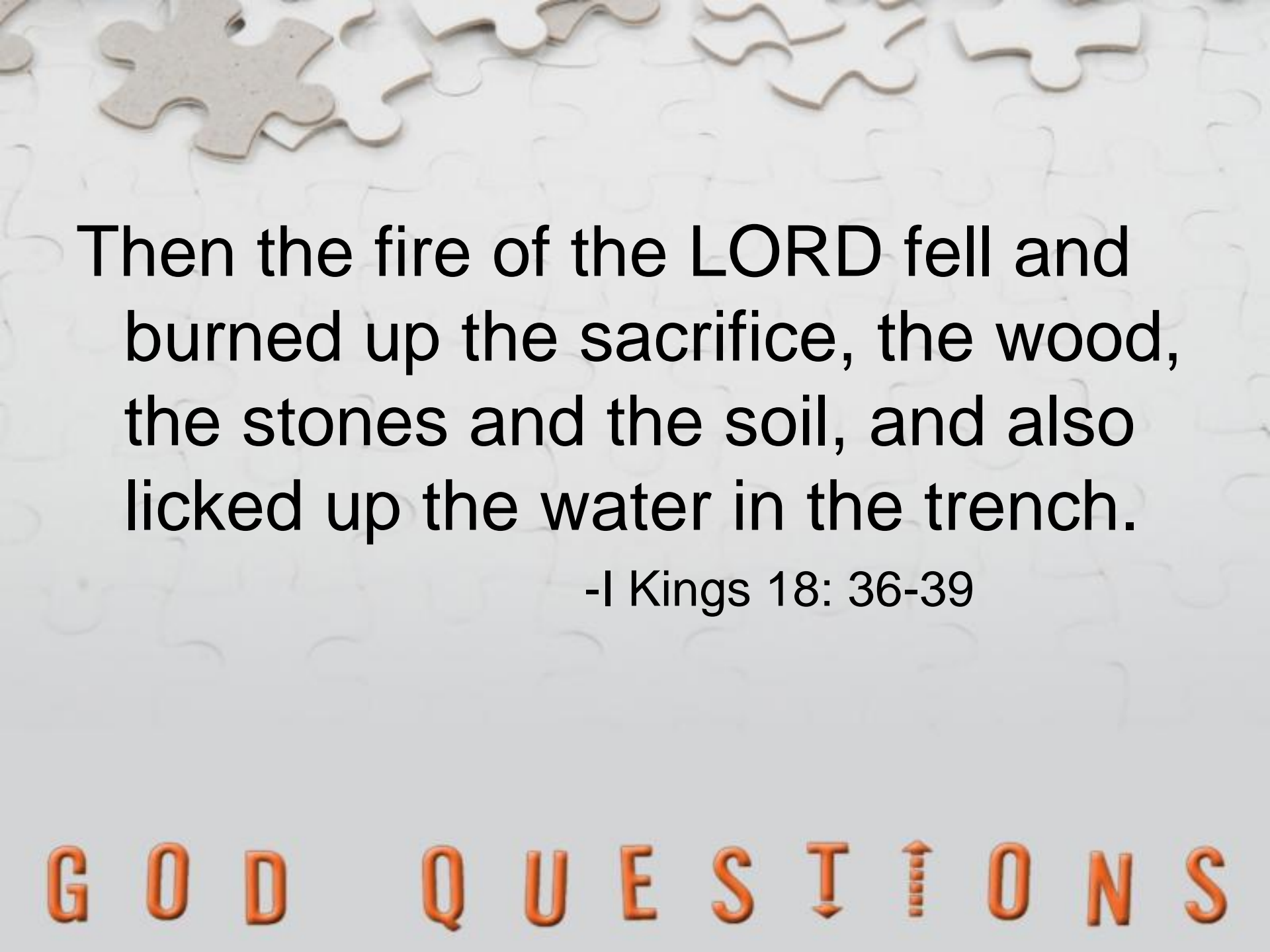
At the time of the sacrifice, the prophet Elijah stepped forward and prayed: “O LORD, God of Abraham, Isaac and Israel, let it be known today that you are God in Israel and that I am your servant and have done all these things at your command.

“Answer me, O LORD, answer me, so these people will know that you are God, and that you are turning their hearts back again.”

-1 Kings 18: 36-39

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Then the fire of the LORD fell and
burned up the sacrifice, the wood,
the stones and the soil, and also
licked up the water in the trench.

-I Kings 18: 36-39

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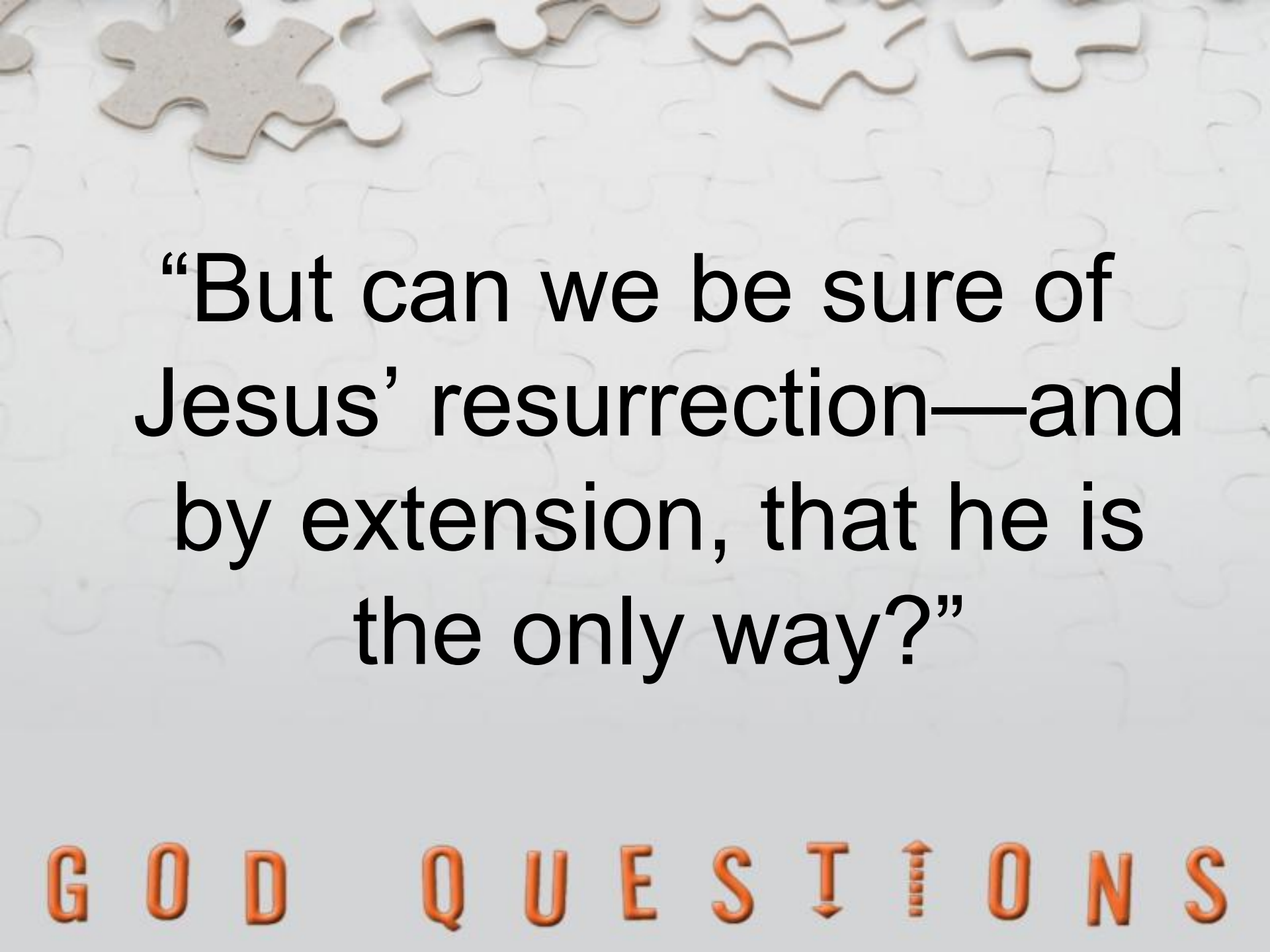
Testing religious claims (NT)

“...we should not think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone—an image made by man’s design and skill. In the past God overlooked such ignorance, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent.

For he has set a day when he will judge the world with justice by the man he has appointed. **He has given proof of this to all men by raising him from the dead.”**

-Acts 17: 29-31

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**“But can we be sure of
Jesus’ resurrection—and
by extension, that he is
the only way?”**

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“There was sniper fire at the airport when we landed... There was supposed to be some kind of greeting ceremony at the airport, but instead we just ran with our heads down to get into vehicles to get to our base.”

-Hillary Clinton, 3/8/08



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Evaluating the evidence

1. Physical evidence
2. Eyewitness testimony
3. Credibility of witnesses

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1. Physical evidence



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2. Eyewitness testimony

What I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, and that he appeared to Peter, and then to the Twelve.

After that he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers at the same time, most of whom are still living....Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles, and last of all he appeared to me also....

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-I Cor. 15: 3-8

3. Credibility of witnesses



“I believe those witnesses that get their throats cut.”

-Blaise Pascal

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Jesus' Resurrection: FACT

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Meeting and Trusting God

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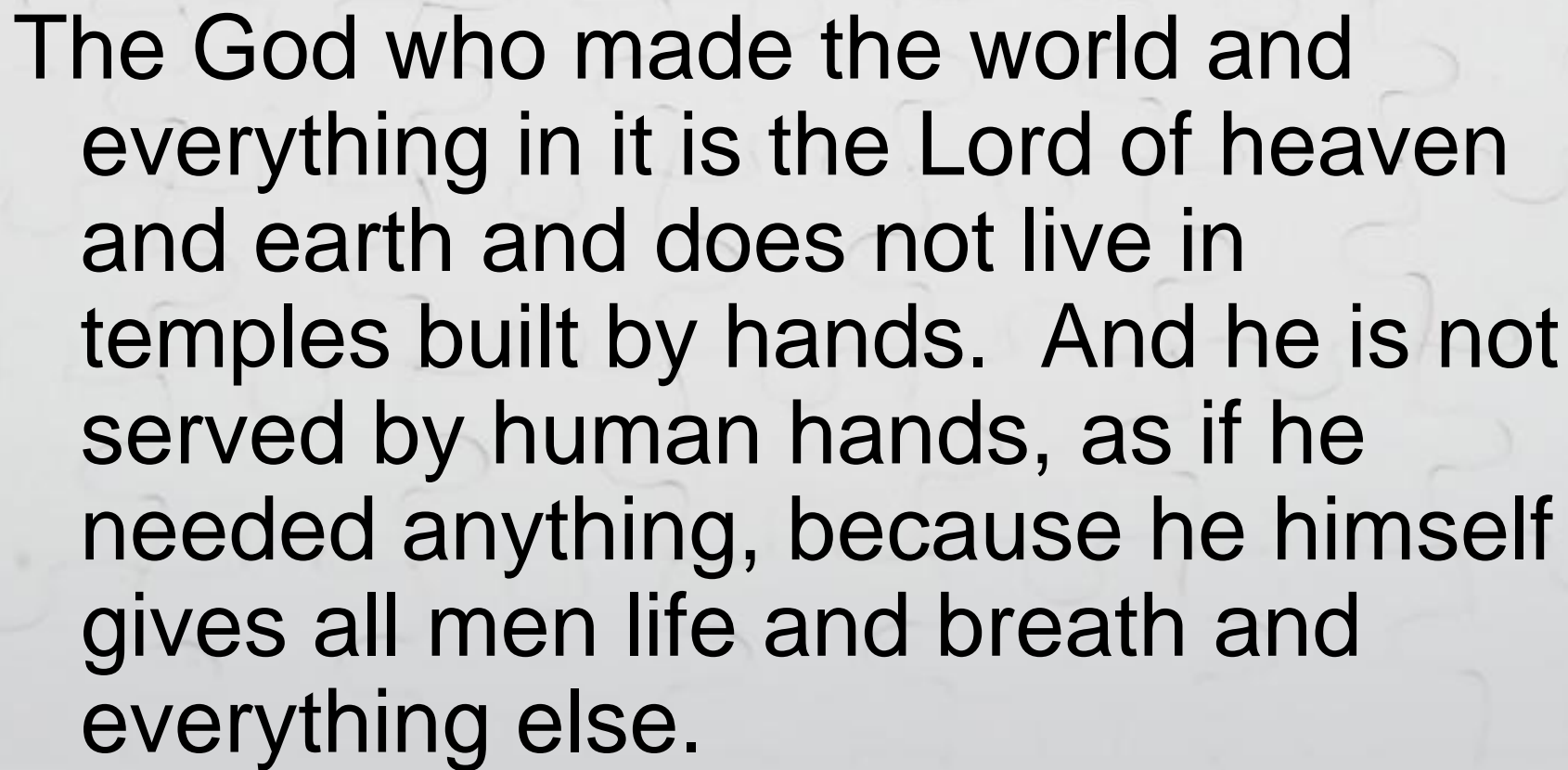
-Romans 10: 9-13

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**“But what about those
who haven’t heard?”**

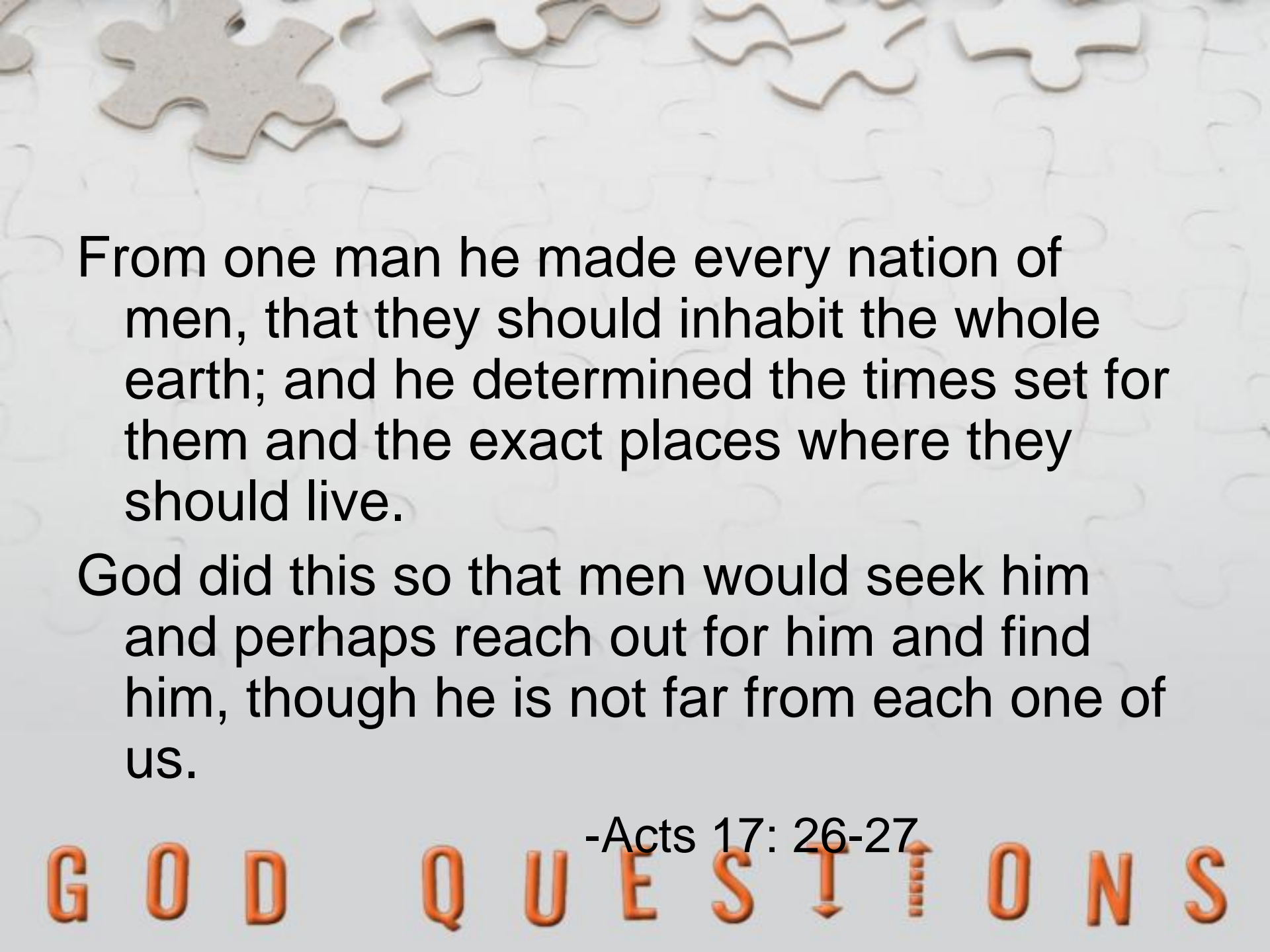
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The God who made the world and everything in it is the Lord of heaven and earth and does not live in temples built by hands. And he is not served by human hands, as if he needed anything, because he himself gives all men life and breath and everything else.

-Acts 17: 24-25

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From one man he made every nation of men, that they should inhabit the whole earth; and he determined the times set for them and the exact places where they should live.

God did this so that men would seek him and perhaps reach out for him and find him, though he is not far from each one of us.

-Acts 17: 26-27

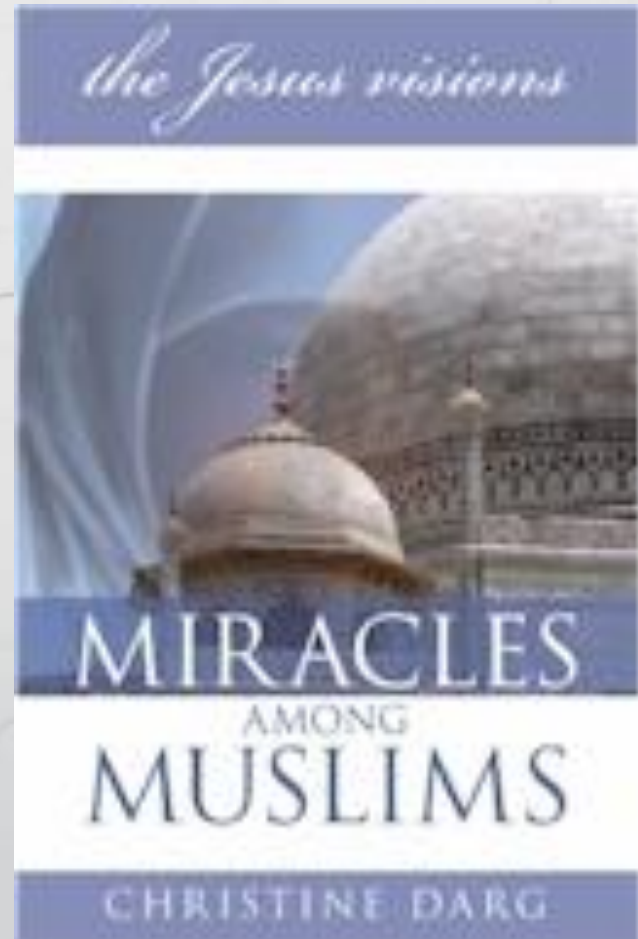
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“You will seek
me and find
me when you
seek me with
all your
heart.”

-Jeremiah 29: 13



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The Bottom Line

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