

AWE FOR

GOD

AWE

Awwww!



Definition of awe:

"an overwhelming feeling of reverence, admiration, fear, etc., produced by that which is grand, sublime, extremely powerful, or the like."

- Dictionary.com

*The fear of the LORD is the
beginning of wisdom,
and the knowledge of the
Holy One is insight.*

- Proverbs 9:10

*By the word of the LORD the heavens
were made, and by the breath of his
mouth all their host.*

*He gathers the waters of the sea as a
heap; he puts the deeps in storehouses.*

*Let all the earth fear the LORD;
let all the inhabitants of the world
stand in awe of him!*

- Psalm 33:6-8

*"an overwhelming feeling of:
reverence AND admiration AND
fear that is produced by that
which is grand AND sublime
AND extremely powerful...God!"*

- Nictionary.com

God is:

- *Grand*
- *Extremely Powerful*
- *Worthy of ALL:*
 - *Praise*
 - *Reverence*
 - *AWE*

Making some Assumptions:

- *That you believe in God*
- *Your faith steers you*
- *You want to grow*

Why you need a Strong Awe

- *Awe gives us direction for physical well-being*

*“The fear of the Lord
leads to life, and whoever
has it rests satisfied;
he will not be
visited by harm.”*

- Proverbs 19:23

*“The fear of the Lord is a
fountain of life,
that one may turn
away from the snares of
death.”*

- Proverbs 14:27

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- *Awe gives us direction for spiritual well-being*

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*For I am not ashamed of the
gospel, for it is the power of
God for salvation to
everyone who believes, to
the Jew first and also to the
Greek.*

- Romans 1:16

Losing Our Awe?

- *The religious world is losing its "awe"*
- *Not a new thing:*
 - *Adam* *(Genesis 3)*
 - *Days of Noah* *(Genesis 6)*
 - *Israelites* *(2 Chron. 36:15-17)*
 - *Church of Ephesus* *(Rev. 2:4)*

Losing Our Awe?

- *Definite moral decline in US*



Belief in God

% of adults who say they...

Chart

Trends

Table

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Survey year	Believe In God; absolutely certain	Believe In God; fairly certain	Believe In God; not too/not at all certain	Believe In God; don't know	Do not believe In God	Other/don't know If they believe In God	Sample Size
2014	63%	20%	5%	1%	9%	2%	35,071
2007	71%	17%	3%	1%	5%	3%	35,556

Sample sizes and margins of error vary from subgroup to subgroup, from year to year and from state to state. You can see the sample size for the estimates in this chart on rollover or in the last column of the table. And visit [this table](#) to see approximate margins of error for a group of a given size. Readers should always bear in mind the approximate margin of error for the group they are examining when making comparisons with other groups or assessing the significance of trends over time. For full question wording, see the [survey questionnaire](#).

Believe in God: Absolutely Certain

2007 71%

2014 63%

2019 57%



Losing Our Awe?

- *Definite moral decline in US*
- *Excessive use of vulgarity*
- *Loss of modesty*
- *Loss of faith!*

**Are we influenced by the
world we live in?**

*...and if he rescued righteous Lot,
greatly distressed by the sensual
conduct of the wicked (for as that
righteous man lived among them
day after day, he was tormenting
his righteous soul over their lawless
deeds that he saw and heard)*

- 2 Peter 2:7-8

*When we stop having
reverence for God, and
lose our fear of His power
and might...we have lost
our AWE for God!*

*When we do not have
AWE for God, we replace it
with a feeling of awe for
ourselves...*

This is called arrogance.

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WHAT DO
THEY PROMISE?

**WHAT IS THE AGENT
OF CHANGE IN ALL
THESE BOOKS?**



Self

*"The fear of the Lord is
hatred of evil. Pride and
arrogance and the way of evil
and perverted speech I hate."*

- Proverbs 8:13

***"Pride goes before
destruction, and a haughty
spirit before a fall."***

- Proverbs 16:18

Awe Begins with Humility

- *Meeting someone famous*
- *Meeting with God*
 - *Exodus 20:18-20*
 - *Isaiah 6:5*
 - *Revelations 1:17-18*

Discovering your AWE

- *Being awe inspired*

Creation Event:



¹⁹ The LORD by wisdom founded the earth; by understanding he established the heavens;

²⁰ by his knowledge the deeps broke open, and the clouds drop down the dew.

- Proverbs 3:19-20











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Discovering you AWE



- *Being awe inspired*
- *Where does that inspiration lead you?*
 - *Some turn to self*

Self



Disbelief:

Stephen Hawking's told ABC News: "One can't prove that God doesn't exist. But science makes God unnecessary. ... The laws of physics can explain the universe without the need for a creator."

Hawking's earlier best-selling cosmology book, "A Brief History of Time," also discussed black holes and the big bang. The 1988 book offered his "theory of everything" that understanding the universe offers a glimpse of "the mind of God." (Although he never believed in God)

A Witness:



Romans 1: 18-25

Discovering your AWE



- *Being awe inspired*
- *Where does that inspiration lead you?*
 - *Some to self*
 - *Others to God*

God



Belief:

*The heavens declare the glory of God,
and the sky above proclaims his handiwork.*

*Day to day pours out speech,
and night to night reveals knowledge.*

*There is no speech, nor are there words,
whose voice is not heard.*

*Their voice goes out through all the earth,
and their words to the end of the world.*

- Psalms 19:1-4a



...the disciples were gathered around the table...
...and Jesus said to them...
...I have chosen you...
...and you are to be witnesses...
...of all that I have done for you...
...and of all that I shall do for you...
...and of all that I shall do for the world...
...and of all that I shall do for the Father...
...and of all that I shall do for the Holy Spirit...
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The Gospel according to **JOHN**

JUST as a coin has two sides, both sides of which are both valid, Luke presents Christ in the beginning of the Gospel as typical in His deity in order to lay the foundation and seven "I am" statements of Christ. Following an extended epilogue (chapter 14) which discourses on the statements of Christ, the Gospel of John records the statements of Christ in the Gospel. The title of the Fourth Gospel (John) was added later. It has been graciously...

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Discovering your AWE



- *Where will your discovery of awe inspiring things lead you?*

There is a God...hikers get it.



