



Life Is A Test!

God has books that he will use on the Day of Judgment when every human being who has ever lived will take the final exam.

Revelation 20:11-13, NIV

Then I saw a great white throne and him who was seated on it... and the books were opened...and each person was judged...

Practical Atheism

Many people deal with the discomfoting prospect of final judgment by living as if the Judge doesn't exist!

Psalm 10:11 & 13, NLT

The wicked think, "God isn't watching us! He has closed his eyes and won't even see what we do!"...They think, "God will never call us to account."

Acts 24:24-25, NLT

As [Paul] reasoned with them about righteousness and self-control and the coming day of judgment, Felix became frightened. "Go away for now," he replied. "When it is more convenient, I'll call for you again."

Accountability = Dignity

It's part of the glory of being human that we are held responsible for our choices and actions!

Since we matter to God, *what we do* matters too!

So then, each of us will give a personal account to God.
Romans 14:12, NIV

Mandatory Attendance!

ALL human beings "great and small" will report to God's throne—alive and in bodily form!

Revelation 20:12-13, NLT

I saw the dead, both great and small, standing before God's throne... The sea gave up its dead, and death and the grave gave up their dead.

Hebrews 9:27 & John 5:28-29, NLT

...each person is destined to die once and after that comes judgment... Indeed, the time is coming when all the dead in their graves will hear the voice of God's Son and they will rise again.

Mandatory Attendance!

ALL human beings "righteous and wicked" will report to God's throne—alive and in bodily form!

Acts 24:15, NIV & Daniel 12:2, NLT

...there will be a resurrection of both the righteous and the wicked...those whose bodies lie dead and buried will rise up, some to everlasting life and some to shame and everlasting disgrace.

The Basis Of Judgment: God's Books!

God will determine who is righteous and who is not—based on what's in the Book of Deeds.

Revelation 20:12-13, NLT

...and the books were opened...and the dead were judged according to what they had done, as recorded in the books ...all were judged according to their deeds.

God Won't Miss A Thing!

“The books” are a metaphor for the Judge’s unfailing memory!

His verdict will be based on ALL the evidence!

Hebrews 4:13, Romans 2:16 & 1 Corinthians 4:5, NLT

Nothing in all creation is hidden from God. Everything is naked and exposed before his eyes, and he is the one to whom we are accountable...the day is coming when God, through Christ Jesus, will judge everyone’s secret life...for he will bring our darkest secrets to light and will reveal our private motives.

Why A Book of DEEDS?

What a person has done will reveal the presence or absence of faith in Jesus.

James 2:18, 21, 24 & Matthew 12:36-37, NLT

How can you show me your faith if you don't have good deeds? I will show you my faith by my good deeds...our ancestor Abraham was shown to be right with God by his actions...So, you see that we are shown to be right with God by what we do...you must give an account on judgment day for every idle word you speak. The words you say will either acquit you or condemn you.

Why A Book of DEEDS?

What a follower of Jesus has done will determine the degree of their eternal reward.

Revelation 14:13, 22:12 & 2 Corinthians 5:10, NIV

Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord...their deeds will follow them...Look, I am coming soon! My reward is with me, and I will give to each person according to what they have done...For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one of us may receive what is due us for the things done in the body, whether good or bad.

Why A Book of DEEDS?

What an unbeliever has done will determine the degree of their eternal punishment.

Matthew 11:22 & 24, NLT

I tell you, Tyre and Sidon will be better off on judgment day than you...even Sodom will be better off on judgment day than you.

The Decisive Book Of God

While the Book of Deeds will provide corroborating evidence, "another book" will certify each person's eternal destiny—heaven or hell.

Revelation 20:12,15, NIV; Daniel 12:1 & Revelation 21:27, NLT

Another book was opened, which is the Book of Life...Anyone whose name was not found in the Book of Life was thrown into the lake of fire...But at that time every one of your people whose name is written in the book will be rescued...only those whose names are written in the Lamb's Book of Life.

The LAMB'S Book Of Life!

The only way to pass the final exam: tie your destiny to what the sacrificial Lamb has done for you!

John 1:29 & 1 Peter 1:18-19, NLT

Look! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world... For you know that God paid a ransom to save you...it was the precious blood of Christ, the sinless, spotless Lamb of God.

The Bible And The Book Of Life

The main purpose of God's Book on earth is to tell you how to make sure your name is in God's Book in heaven!

Jesus said: *Rejoice that your names are written in heaven!*
Luke 10:20, NIV

Can you rejoice?
