

Yes, God is real

Can we know there's a Creator? Is there such a Being, or not? If so, is he One who is distant, or near at hand?

Before convincing ourselves that such a One is unknowable – beyond human knowledge, even non-existent! – we should consider the following –

First, what is the source of joy, self-control, and peace? Also kindness, gentleness and faithfulness? They are certainly not characteristics that we acquire from our sinful world.

Second, they are not found in our genes, being foreign to our humanity from birth. Our smallest tots expertly demonstrate this with their tantrums, disobedience, selfishness, etc.

Third, so who gave us the capacity to love?

“He who planted the ear, shall he not hear? He who formed the eye, shall he not see?” Psalm 94.9.

And he who taught us to love, will he not himself be the ultimate lover?

The Bible reveals that love comes from God because “God is love” 1 John 4.8. And because his love is for the whole world – see John 3.16 – it is totally unique.

We can know more than we may have realised about the God who made us, the important factor beyond all else being his great love for us.

*

*

*

God's love is a hammer that can break the hardest heart.

Ken Packer