

PENINSULA CHRISTIAN F E L L O W S H I P

Mind Games - Origins & Outcomes

Romans 12:2, “**And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.**”

Our lives will come down to **what** we believe... **who** we believe, really.

That will result from **what we receive into our minds**.

So, what we hear is important.

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“**In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth... Then God said, ‘Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness... So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.’”**
(Gen. 1)

“**In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God... And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us... as many as receive Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name”** (John 1)

“**His Son... being the brightness of His glory and the express image of His person”** (Heb. 1)

“**Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me. In My Father’s house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and**

receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also.” (John 14)

Our life will come down to whether we believe God.

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In 1859 Charles Darwin wrote – “**Origin of Species**”, the theory of evolution.

Godless society has chosen to believe Him, instead of God.

It is now taught as “science” in most schools and universities

All we need to believe is that God, who created all that science can discover, is not true.

God has lied to us. In fact, He doesn’t even exist. Man made Him up to frighten and control us.

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Who and what shall we believe? – Origins

And based on that decision...

Where and what will become of us? – Outcomes

Do people consider the outcome of what they believe about their origin?

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My neighbor’s Darwin fish

The best the evolutionist can hope for is oblivion

In the age of self-esteem, is it better to:

- Descend from **pond scum**? Or...
- Be **made in God’s own image**?

Our belief is our choice

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Jesus told the thief dying on the cross beside Him,
"Truly I tell you, today **you will be with Me in paradise.**"

God, who didn't create us for sin and died to free us from it...

Promises us **Life in and with His Son** that will never end.

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He promises those who believe, trust and receive Christ Jesus as the **ONLY Savior** of mankind...

Eternal Life, free of sin **AND all of its consequences.**

Jesus, who never sinned – and none will live with Him, said...

"Because I live, you will live also." (John 14)

He prayed, "Now **this is eternal life:** that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent." (John 17)

"I do not pray for these alone, but also for those who will believe in Me through their word; that they all may be one, **as You, Father, are in Me, and I in You; that they also may be one in Us,** that the

world may believe that You sent Me. And the glory which You gave Me I have given them, that they may be one just as We are one: I in them, and You in Me; that they may be made perfect in one, and that the world may know **that You** have sent Me, and **have loved them as You have loved Me.**

Father, **I desire that they** also whom You gave Me **may be with Me where I am"**

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Where do we come from and where are we going?

No matter what we may have believed before...

God calls us to **Be transformed by the renewing of your mind**

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New England folk lore – "You can get there from here"

Darwin would say the same thing today.

C.S. Lewis said, In the end **we will get what we insisted on from God**

The deceiver first asked Eve, **"Did God really say?"**

The question remains the same

Choose wisely