## Here's how you might tell him you're listening

Since the price of your sinful attitudes and actions are paid in full, there is nothing standing between you and God except your pride. Pride that says it's silly to talk to him, pride that says "I don't need him" or more subtle pride that says "wait till I get my life in order".

If you have the courage to take God seriously then all you need to do is to find a quiet place and say something like this to God:

"Lord I don't know for sure if you are there but if you are please help me to believe. I am sorry that I have not taken you seriously before and also for my sins. Please forgive me. I am willing to take you seriously and treat you as God. I am also willing to seriously seek a deeper understanding of you and what you want me to do with my life".

When you have done this go to your Christian friend and ask him/her to help you do the things you have just promised. You might like to contact us.

Let us answer your questions

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# Is God Trying to get your attention?

Reasons why you might want to take notice



### Is God there or am I just imagining it?

The wonderful creation with its intricate complexity should convince most that He is there, in fact even in this cynical world, surveys consistently show that more than 80% of people are convinced that God exists.

God actually wants you to do more than agree that he exists. He wants you to love him and take him seriously. He does many things to get your attention. In fact it would be fair to say that every thought, emotion and event in your life might have made you realise he is interested in you, had you'd been really listening.

#### Why doesn't he show himself and end all the doubt and speculation?

He has and he does. God has revealed himself in many convincing ways in the past. He's spoken audibly to people, he has suspended the laws of nature and done those spectacular things we call miracles. He's shown people amazing visions and dreams. But the most convincing thing he ever did was to come to earth as a man named Jesus so we would know what kind of person he was.

He also inspired men to record all these things in the Bible so we could read it all for ourselves.

#### Surely God could give us something more convincing than an old book!!

The Bible is reliable and true, it ought to

convince, but God understands your difficulty. So in addition to his written word and the overwhelming evidence found in his creation, God works actively in this world through his Spirit to help you believe.

People who are Christians have become so because God's Spirit has opened their eyes and shown them that the Bible is true. He does that in very personal

and subtle ways. Some read it or hear it explained and quite miraculously find themselves convinced that it's true. Others call out to God in painful periods of their lives and find that he is there and that he cares. Some experience things that simply can't be easily explained – things that touch them deeply, convincing them of their need for forgiveness and the kind of love that only the God of the Bible can give.

#### Has God been trying to get your attention?

Have there been things in your life of recent times that have made you think about God? Have you found yourself wondering why you are here or where you will go when you die? Have you a heightened sense of guilt? Are you becoming strangely aware of the spiritual dimension of life? Perhaps you have found yourself becoming more emotional about things?

#### Be encouraged, if you're starting to think God is interested in you, then he is!

Look at what he says in the Bible: "Look I knock at the door, if anyone hears my voice



The Bible is reliable and true, it ought to convince but God understands your difficulty and opens the door I will come in and eat with him and he with me" (Rev 3:20). God wants you to be his friend, he wants to forgive you and give you a place in his eternal kingdom with him and his people forever. That means living in a renewed universe full of purpose, peace and joy where the creator himself will rule over the affairs of men with perfect love and justice for all eternity.

God sent his Son Jesus to die and thereby pay the price, take the punishment, accept the blame for our sins by dying in our place on the cross. That makes it possible for you to be free to come to God without shame or fear.

He won't force you to into Heaven but he would dearly love you to come. He has been trying to get your attention all your life, don't you think it would be polite to respond?

"Look! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door I will come in....." Rev 3:20

Turn over to see how to respond to God