

Whispers of God in the Soul

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He has also set eternity in the human heart.
Ecclesiastes 3:11 NIV

The Evidence Within:

- An uncanny ability to know right from wrong

Even Gentiles, who do not have God's written law, show that they know his law when they instinctively obey it, even without having heard it. They demonstrate that God's law is written in their hearts, for their own conscience and thoughts either accuse them or tell them they are doing right.

Romans 2:14-15 NLT

- A heart that's stirred by beauty

Who can be compared with you in majesty...with beautiful branches overshadowing the forest: it towered on high...no tree in the garden of God could match its beauty.

Ezekiel 31:2-9 NIV

One thing I ask from the Lord, this only do I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to gaze on the beauty of the Lord. Psalm 27:4 NIV

- Inner longings we can't ignore such as the desire for...
 - Purpose (Genesis 2:27-28, Eph. 2:10, Isaiah 43:21)
 - Love (1 John 4:7)
 - Joy (John 15:11, Psalm 43:4, John 4:14)

Next Steps

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Take some time to answer the following questions with your spouse, children, or small group...

- On a scale of 1-10, how convinced are you of God's existence? How did you arrive at this conviction?
- What is something beautiful that stirs your soul? Read Ecclesiastes 3:11. How might our sense of beauty be evidence of God's existence? Why would God want our hearts to be stirred by beauty? (*read Psalm 27:4 for a clue*)
- Tell about a time in your life when you were longing for purpose or significance. What does this tell us about God? How does this provide evidence that He exists?
- In what ways do you find yourself longing for joy or happiness? Is this something you can escape? Read John 4:14 and discuss what this has to say about why God put this longing in your soul.