

Can a person with a very low IQ with virtually no formal education know enough about God?

Helen Keller was stricken with an illness at the age of nineteen months that left her unable to see, hear or speak. Anne Sullivan helped to teach Keller how to communicate. She introduced her to Phillips Brooks, who taught her about Jesus. Keller said: "I always knew He was there, but I didn't know His name!"¹

God is able to make himself known to any one of us.

Darrell Ferguson explains God's creation of light at the beginning of our world:

Light is the basis of perception. When we understand something for the first time we talk about the effect of seeing, "Ah, I see," to mean that we understand. Seeing light is our clearest method of perceiving. Light is the only thing that you can actually see. You can't see anything other than light. All you can see is light bounding off of things into your eyes. Without light we could not perceive the world around us.

God made the heavens and the earth and then he started making it fit for human life and the very first thing he did was create an avenue for perception. God wanted us to be able to know the real world. He wanted us to be able to perceive the world around us.

A rock has no clue about the real world. God didn't want us to be like that. He wanted us to be aware of reality. He wanted us to have the ability to know truth and truth is that which corresponds with reality. In Genesis and in John 1 God created light so that we can perceive the world. The apostle John borrowing that same language in Genesis says that in the beginning was Jesus Christ who fulfills the same function as light in the spiritual realm. He makes us able to perceive what's true spiritually. Some think that we can know the physical world but the immaterial world is a mystery--that it can't be observed in a test tube and therefore nobody knows. That is not the case. Christ is the bridge between the invisible spiritual realm and the physical world that we are bound to because he's God in human flesh. He's been in both realms. He exists in both realms.

Some doubt whether or not he reveals anything to us. They doubt whether God is knowable or whether the spiritual realm is knowable. Those people should think through the significance of the fact that God created light. The fact that he made light should clue them into something very important about his nature. He wants us to be able to perceive the real state of affairs around us. And if that's true in the physical realm why wouldn't it be true in the spiritual realm? If God wants us to

¹ H. L. Willmington. *Willmington's Guide to the Bible*. Tyndale House Publishers. Retrieved October 18, 2007. Sometime after she had progressed to the point that she could engage in conversation, she was told of God and his love in sending Christ to die on the cross. She is said to have responded with joy, "I always knew he was there, but I didn't know his name!"

be aware of realities of relatively minor importance in the physical realm, why would he want us to be ignorant of realities of greater importance that have to do with our eternal destiny? Isn't it apparent that God by creating light is letting us know that he wants us to be aware of reality?²

God wants to reveal his truth to us. The Holy Spirit is able to draw each person near to himself (Re 22:17). He is able to illuminate one's mind to his truth (Eph. 1:18). All three persons of the trinity (Father [1 Cor. 4:5] Son [Jn 1:9] and Holy Spirit [Jn 16:13–16]) work to do this. God's spirit speaks to man's spirit on a deep level (1 Jn 5:6). It is Christ's goal to have fellowship with each of us (1 Cor. 1:9). He knew us before we are ever born (Jer 1:5) and he cares for us (1 Pe 5:7).

Men are judged not by what they don't know but by what they do know. Charles Stanley said: "We will be judged according to the truth that we've known, the opportunity we had, and what we did with that opportunity (1 Pe 4:5)."

Jesus is able to make himself known to everyone: The entrance of Your words gives light; It gives understanding to the simple (Ps 119:130).

² Ferguson, Darrell. Sermon *Day 1: Let There Be Light*: 17 Mar 2002.