



## A Completely Independent God

Psalm 111:10a (NIV)

*The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom;*

I. God is independent!

Genesis 1:1 (NIV)

*In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.*

Exodus 3:14 (NIV)

*God said to Moses, "I am who I am. This is what you are to say to the Israelites: 'I am has sent me to you.'"*

Acts 17:24-25 (NIV)

*"The God who made the world and everything in it is the Lord of heaven and earth and does not live in temples built by human hands. <sup>25</sup> And he is not served by human hands, as if he needed anything. Rather, he himself gives everyone life and breath and everything else.*

John 5:26 (NIV)

*For as the Father has life in himself, so he has granted the Son also to have life in himself.*

- God is becoming God enough when we live in awe of His independence.

II. Implication of God's independence:

I. Worship

- Our primary task is not understanding of God but adoration.

Four questions every skeptic must answer:

1. Do you believe you exist?
2. Do you believe you are a complex being?
3. Do you believe in basic human rights?
4. Does it make more sense to believe in an independent creator or life arising from spontaneous generation?

Romans 1:20 (NIV)

*For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities—his eternal power and divine nature—have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that people are without excuse.*

Worship begins when:

1. We realize the madness of self-worship. (Daniel 4:28-34)
2. When we realize we are stewards, not owners. (1 Corinthians 4:7)
3. When we realize God doesn't need anything!
4. When we praise his independence and celebrate our dependence. (Acts 17:28)

Marks of our independence:

1. Prayerlessness
2. Forgetfulness
3. Anger in trials
4. Lack of conviction of personal sin
5. Avoidance of Christian community