

You asked for a sign

- God

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Has your curiosity ever been aroused, if you have read this sign?

You might have seen the various billboard signs up around Auckland and elsewhere. Plain black background, with white lettering.

Have you ever thought about God, or if you think there is a God, or not? Have you ever challenged Him to give you a sign to prove his existence? Are you waiting for a dramatic, earth shattering revelation? You probably won't get one.

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What is a sign? If you look up the Oxford Dictionary, you'll wish you hadn't, as a full page of meanings will leave you more confused!

However, one that stood out for me was, "a publicly displayed board etc. giving information; a signboard or signpost."

Look around you. Take time to walk through one of the many beautiful parks that are scattered throughout the country. There are signs everywhere.

The trees, the many varieties, shapes, sizes – how could they just evolve from nothing? What about the flowers, their individual colours, intricacies, scents? The birds, each breed, their habits, their individual call signs. The insects, the butterflies. What variety, what incredible lifecycles. Look at the mountains, the snow. Ponder on the beauty of nature. Look up at the sky – the blue beyond, the clouds, their formations and colour, the sun – feel its warmth. Don't forget to look at the night sky too. How awesome are the trillions upon trillions of stars, and the moon!

Take a walk along a beach, feel the sand beneath your feet, and the breeze against your face. Where did that breeze come from? Where did it go? Pick up a shell, or two, ponder

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over their inhabitants, long gone. Listen to the waves roll in and out as the tide ebbs and flows. What about the sea creatures that inhabit the vast oceans? Could this be the handiwork of a great Creator?

Where did this universe of wonderful things come from? “Well, you asked for a sign” –God.

Could that be the answer? Have you ever thought about that? It seems to me that all of nature is a public sign, making a statement and giving us information. Look at the wonder of a new life – human or animal. Have you ever thought about that miracle? Have you ever thought about how you came into being, why you are here, and what your purpose in life is?

I fear people are too busy these days, earning a living and fitting in everything today, just in case tomorrow doesn't come. Busy looking at, and sending text messages, talking and walking, or listening to iPods and dreaming of another place. Connecting with others via all available technology, just in case they are forgotten, or isolating themselves with their music or game plans. Meeting face to face only when necessary, but craving for relationships. We humans need fellowship with people.

Guess what? Our Creator made us for relationships. With each other, yes, but also with him. God is not far from any of us. He would love a relationship with you, but he won't force you into it. You have a choice. He made you to have the freedom to choose. Take time out of your busy day, look, hear and ponder on signs. I think you will find they are everywhere...

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