

A Founders' Letter From Roy and Rex

Scripture reveals that human beings were created for relationship with God — to know Him and to be known by Him. Yet, if we are to fully know Him, **we must strive to know Him as He truly is.**

The Ambassadors Forum mission was born out of a sobering burden: large numbers of Christian young people were walking away from that relationship. These were not distant statistics; we personally knew students from faithful families, strong churches, and active youth groups who were suddenly abandoning what they believed.

When we asked why, their answers were remarkably consistent: they were not receiving thoughtful, credible responses to their deepest questions:

- *Where did everything come from? Why am I here? What should I do with my life?*
- *How do we know the Bible is true? Hasn't science disproved God?*
- *How can God be good when there is so much evil in the world, even in the church?*
- *Is there something wrong with me for even asking these questions?*

In an age overflowing with both information and disinformation, these questions ultimately converge into a deeper cry of the heart: Is God real? Can I trust Him?

We needed a method of determining truth: it was not enough to know WHAT we believed, we needed to understand WHY we believed it; and be able to explain that confidence to others.

Because many on our founding team came from engineering backgrounds, our approach was shaped by a simple scientific insight: it is often easier to recognize error than to construct truth. When Michelangelo was asked how he sculpted the beautiful statue of David he replied, "I simply removed the stone that wasn't David". And so it is with God, if we can simply carve away all that is false what remains will be the truth about God.

We have cultivated an approach around critical thinking that we call the Ambassadors Method, a framework for discovering what God has already revealed in Scripture and nature:

1. Commit your thoughts to writing
2. Use precise language and define your terms
3. Recognize the presuppositions and biases we all bring to every conversation
4. Test ideas by searching for even one error by which the entire argument either stands or falls

"Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known."

1 Corinthians 13:12

"We know when Christ returns, we will be like him, because we will see him as he truly is."

1 John 3:2

These passages describe a state of perfection that all Christians will someday realize: **fully knowing and being fully known.** While we cannot achieve that perfection short of glory, in the meantime we can strive towards that end by seeking to know God through His Word and by consistently refuting every falsehood about God or His world that we encounter.

We have found that this method resonates deeply with young people. Like all of us, they do not want slogans or evasions. They are willing to face tough questions and do the hard work. Above all they are drawn to what is REAL. For that reason, our guiding aim has been simple: **Make God Known, as He truly is.**