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WHERE IS YOUR GOD?

"Here's something else that's weird but true: in the day-to day trenches of adult life, there is actually no such thing as atheism. There is no such thing as not worshipping. Everybody worships. The only choice we get is what to worship. And the compelling reason for maybe choosing some sort of god or spiritual-type thing to worship is that pretty much anything else you worship will eat you alive." David Foster Wallace

Not to us, LORD, not to us, but to your name give glory because of your faithful love, because of your truth. Why should the nations say, "Where is their God?" Our God is in heaven and does whatever he pleases. Their idols are silver and gold, made by human hands. They have mouths but cannot speak, eyes, but cannot see. They have ears but cannot hear, noses, but cannot smell. They have hands but cannot feel, feet, but cannot walk. They cannot make a sound with their throats. Those who make them are just like them, as are all who trust in them. Israel, trust in the LORD! Psalm 115:1-9

"What each one honors before all else, what before all things he admires and loves, this for him is God." Origen

1. Our God is timeless: the gods are temporary.

"If we have broken any idols, it is merely through a transfer of idolatry." Ralph Waldo Emerson

2. Our God is powerful; the gods are powerless.

He spoke, and it came into being; he commanded, and it came into existence. Psalm 33:9

For the eyes of the LORD roam throughout the earth to show himself strong for those who are wholeheartedly devoted to him. 2 Chronicles 16:9

3. We become what we behold.

Those who make them are just like them, as are all who trust in them. Psalm 115:8

"We resemble what we revere for our ruin or our restoration."
GK Beale

"Worship power, you will end up feeling weak and afraid, and you will need ever more power over others to numb you to your own fear. Worship your intellect, being seen as smart, you will end up feeling stupid, a fraud, always on the verge of being found out." David Foster Wallace

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