

LOGICAL MINDS

ACTS 17:16-34

How did you see God working in your life this week?

BACKGROUND: Read **Acts 17:16-23, fn 17:18**. Epicureans believed all events happen by chance and the soul dies with the body. They were given to luxuries, sensual enjoyment, and food. Stoics repressed their feelings, unmoved by joy or grief, and thought that virtue alone made for happiness. They believed in a divine being. Zodiates, The Complete Word Study Dictionary: New Testament, pages 629 and 1318. Paul reasoned for conclusion by logic.

UNDERSTAND that there must be a creator. It is not what we make that reveals God. It is what He has made. (**Acts 17:24, 25, Romans 1:18-23, fn 1:18-20[1st], fn 1:20[1st], fn 1:21-23, Acts 14:14-17, fn 14:15-18, Colossians 1:15-22, fn 1:17, Hebrews 1:1-3, fn 1:3, Psalms 19:1-4, fn 9:3, 4**) *How do you see God's creation in your work?*

KNOW that their lives are special not only because of God's creation but because of the evidence of their circumstances. Each person lives at a certain time and place to help him seek God. This seeking to know God is placed within each individual's heart even though he may not recognize it for what it is, and he can attempt to satisfy it in many ways. However, it can only be truly satisfied with a relationship with Jesus Christ. (**Acts 17:26-28, Ecclesiastes 3:11, fn 3:11, Psalms 139:1-16, fn 139:1-5, John 10:10, Hebrews 11:6, fn 11:6[2nd]**) *How did circumstances play a role in your spiritual journey?*

TRUST. The life of Jesus is documented as events of history are dated B.C. or A.D. His death and resurrection were proclaimed by many witnesses and by His disciples and Paul. God has set a day when Jesus, His Appointed One, will judge the world. These facts convinced the logical-minded person that he or she should trust Jesus as his Savior. (**Acts 17:29-34, fn 17:30, 31, I Corinthians 15:3-7, fn 15:5-8, Acts 2:25-32, fn 2:25-32, Hebrews 9:27**) *As a father, why is it important for you to know the facts of Jesus' life?*

Pray for one another's needs.

Who in your group needs your encouragement by phone or personal attention?

