



*The question you have to ask is this—Are you the kind of person who sees signs, sees miracles, or do you believe that people just get lucky. Take the kids to town and get their minds and your mind on **everyday things**, its good medicine*

## The Person to Watch

**Graham Hess**

- Reverend Hess he has forsaken prayer, refuses to be called father, and has placed his trust in himself and his own efforts.
- What effect does it have on the movie's plot that the main character is an ex-minister who has forsaken faith in God?
- Does he ever really disbelieve in God?

## Themes and Discussion

**The Couch Discussion** — Two views of the universe are offered—one is a universe without any meaning or purpose, the other is one in which all things happen for a reason. Discuss the two themes of hope and fear.

**The Son Reading the Book on Aliens** — What inferences are made about the aliens? How might this be the movie communicating an underlying worldview.

**The Theme of Providence** — The movie has strong providential overtones...that all things happen for a reason. Does this concur better with an atheistic, pantheistic or theistic worldview? Discuss each in turn.

## Alien Persuasion

ET—Exists? Doesn't Exist? What difference would it make to you? Your Faith? If an alien were to land and tell you "God does not exist!" or "There is a God and his name is Jesus!" What would you say to her?

What would you say to someone who assumes there are Extraterrestrials due to the vast size of the Universe? What if someone said "Why did God make such an enormous universe and leave it virtually empty? It seems to have no purpose"

### God or Aliens— Salvation Themes

Have you observed in our culture that some seem to think that salvation will be found in extraterrestrial life? SETI, Carl Sagan's **Contact**, and the general hope that they will have all the answers we need.



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