

GOD-IN-A-BOX

- Concept:** A skit based on an "infomercial" featuring a product, "GOD-IN-A-BOX." Two people give testimonies to how the product has changed their lives. The cue-card person, however, points out the problem of such a limited God.
- Scripture:** Acts 17:24; 1 Kings 8:27
- Cast:** Alan Alwaysknows, Milton Davenport, LeBron James, cue-card person, cue-card assistant.
- Set:** Room set up like a stage. Two chairs face each other with space between for product sign on wall. Cue-card persons kneel off to the side in front of the audience.

Alan enters with big fanfare

- Alan:** Hello everybody, and welcome to the show. I'm Alan Alwaysknows and I want to introduce you to an exciting new product, "GOD-IN-A-BOX".

Overhead transparency "GOD-IN-A-BOX" flashes on wall

- Alan:** Today you will meet real people who have used "GOD-IN-A-BOX" and they will tell you how wonderful this product is. Our first guest is Mr. Milton Davenport, from Shreveport, Louisiana. Let's hear it for Mr. Davenport.

Milton enters and is extremely nervous and stiff. He sits down opposite Terry, facing cue cards. When he speaks, it is obvious that he is reading directly from the cards in a monotone voice. He does not pause as he reads his and Alan's lines.

- Milton:** Thank-you-Alan-it's-great-to-be-here.-Alan-Why-don't-you-tell-us-about-yourself-Milton:-Okay-Alan-I-have-a-wife-and-four-children-and-I-work-at...

- Alan:** *Interrupting* Whoa there, Milt, you only need to read your lines; I'll read mine. Okay?

- Milton:** Oh, sorry.

- Alan:** So, Milton, tell us something about yourself.

- Milton:** *Reading* Okay-Alan-I-have-a-wife-and-four-children-and-I-work-at-the-Shell-plant-down-in-Shreveport.

- Alan:** Wonderful! Now, tell the audience about our wonderful product, GOD-IN-A-BOX.

Flash GOD-IN-A-BOX transparency on wall

- Milton:** *Reading* Sure-thing-Alan-I-have-used-GOD-IN-A-BOX
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Now-for-six-months-and-I-have-had-peace-and-confidence-in-my-life-that-I-have-not-had-for-some...*pauses*

- Alan:** For some...?

Cue-card person flips to next card

Milton: ...time-and-I-really-feel-that-my-life-is-better-since-I-have-made-GOD-IN-A-BOX
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part-of-my-life-it-is-really-awful, er I mean awesome. Sorry.

Alan: That's okay Milt. Now, in your own words, tell us what you really like about GOD-IN-A-BOX
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Milton search the cue card, then realizes he must ad-lib a response

Milton: Well... er... um... I think the product is, er... um... uh... uh..., wonderful, and I also think it's just uh, great and uh, wonderful.

Alan: Well, thanks ever so much for joining us today, Milt.

Milton: Thank you, Terry.

Remains seated

Alan: *In stage whisper* You can leave now.

Milton: Uh, okay.

Milton exits

Alan: Our next guest is... *does a double take at card...* Oh, wow!! *to assistant cue-card person...* Is this right? *Assistant nods..* Ladies and gentlemen, I present LeBron James!

LeBron enters. Terry tries to see the "real" LeBron and is looking around to find him.

Alan: *To LeBron..* Is he back there? I still don't see him.

LeBron: I'm right here, Alan.

Alan: Oh, gosh, I'm sorry. It's a real pleasure to meet you. I must say you look a lot different in real life. I just wanted to say that I love the Bulls, and basket...

LeBron: I'm not THAT LeBron James.

Alan: Oh. Sorry. Why don't you tell us about yourself?

LeBron: Okay, Alan *begins reading cue card without thinking about what is written..* I have a wife and four children and I work at... WHAT?!

Alan: *To cue-card person...* What's the problem?

Cue-card person: Well, we didn't have enough money in the budget to make up two sets of cue cards, and I figured that they were going to say basically the same things, so there wouldn't really be a problem with using the same set for both. Sorry.

Alan: *To LeBron...* Why don't you tell us about your experience with GOD-IN-A-BOX.
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LeBron: Sure, Alan. I've been using GOD-IN-A-BOX
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for about a year or so and I must say that I find the product wonderful. *Pulls out box...* It is really wonderful to know that God is right here in this box, ready to do whatever you ask Him to do, and I think...

Assistant: *Interrupting...* Excuse me, did you just say that **God** is in that box?

LeBron: I sure did. The instructions said so. All I have to do is rub the box and say my wish and God does it.

Assistant: But the Bible says that God can't be put in a box. *Grabs Bible and leafs through it...* I was just reading it this morning in the book of Acts... *read Acts 17:24...* It says that God can't be contained in an entire building, let alone a tiny box. Even in the Old Testament, it says... *read 1 Kings 8:27.*

LeBron: So what exactly did my \$29.95 plus shipping, handling, tax, license, and destination charges buy?

Assistant: Besides a pretty nice box, nothing, God loves you and wants a relationship with you. He wants to give you what you need to live this life, but He isn't under any obligation to give you your wishes like a genie. After all, He's God. He's created this whole world and everyone in it.

LeBron: I'd like to hear more about this God that can't be contained in a box or even a building.

Cue-Card person: Same here. It's a wrap on this show. Let's head on outside.

LeBron, Cue-Card Person and Assistant exit

Alan: Well, uh, this is the end of the show. If you would like to order this amazing and wonderful product, call the number on the screen now... *motions to blank wall...* I'm Alan Alwaysknows saying good-bye until next time.

Lights out