

THE REAL APRIL FOOL

This coming Sunday is the first day of April. That comes as no surprise to anyone who has looked at the calendar. But to those more observant, April 1st is known as "April Fool's Day." This All Fools Day is observed by adults as well as children playing practical jokes on one another. Most of the time these jokes are harmless, but they can get out of hand. The one who falls prey to an April Fool Is joke is known as the April Fool.

No one likes to be called a fool, and worse yet is someone who made out to be one. When our particular behaviors such that we seem to others we will usually alter our actions accordingly. History is full of individuals who were considered fools by their peers, only to be considered as genius later in life.

As Ben Franklin played with his kite and key, many I tm sure, thought he was quite foolish, not to mention being outside during a lightning and thunder storm. What may have seemed to be absurd at the time has proven be quite valuable today (excuse me while I turn on the light, above typewriter). We take our electricity for granted, but we owe it, to a man we might, have called a fool for standing out in the rain.

Albert Einstein was so far ahead of the rest of the class (and the teacher) when it came to algebra that when he flunked some of the tests, thus they thought, he was without the ability to understand it. Today scientists do not consider Einstein a fool at all. Many of his theories cannot be disproven and remain as valid scientific concepts to be dealt with in attempting to understand the workings of the universe.

The Bible also speaks of one kind of man as being a fool. Psalm 14:1 says, "The fool has said in his heart, 'There is no God.'" The apostle Paul echoed this statement when he wrote the Romans and said professing themselves to be wise, they became fools" (Rom. 1:22). Although we cannot within the length of this article disprove all of the arguments made by atheists, we can summarize much of what they say into a simple thought provoking argument which in and of itself becomes an irrefutable case for believing and living for God.

The argument goes like this: If there is no God, then, both the atheist and the Christian have nothing to gain (after death) and nothing to lose (after death); but if there is a God, then the atheist, has nothing to gain (after death) and everything to lose, while the Christian has nothing to lose (after death) and everything to gain.

If we bank our life on the statement of the atheist, we have everything to lose and nothing to gain. A foolish way to live one's life Isn't it? But if we bank our lives on the belief there is a God then by our faithful actions, we have nothing to lose and everything to gain!

It doesn't take an Albert Einstein or Ben Franklin to figure out that to not be foolish in this life is to live for God. All it takes to reach the conclusion that the smart thing is theism, is not to let Satan make an "April Fool" out of you.