

INTRODUCTION.

- A. Scripture text: [Isaiah 40:27-31](#).
- B. Welcome to guests.
- C. First, there was matter, which begat the, ameba, which begat the worm, which begat the fish, which begat the amphibian, which begat the reptile, which begat the lower mammal, which begat, the lemur, which begat the monkey, which begat man.
This is the genealogy of man, according to a booklet entitled, "Goddess Evolution" published in 1929 by Mr. Charles Smith serving as President of the American Association for the Advancement of Atheism.
- D. He wanted you to know one thing and know it well--there is no God.
- E. George Simpson, a Harvard professor said, "you are nothing more than an accident in a universe that did not have you in mind in the first place."
- F. Atheists have said that "god" is just a crutch that sissies use to get from one Sunday to the next.
- G. Richard Leaky, a famous scientist and archaeologist said that man is nothing more than a summation of countless accidents.
- H. Man's accident went something like this:
 - 1. In the universe, some amorphous mass rolled up on the sea shore, out of the primeval soup.
 - 2. Decided to have a mind, grew a mind, grew 2 arms, 2 legs, then stood erect.
 - 3. Walked off, then turned around and labeled the whole thing organic evolution.
- I. All of these teaching have one very strong underlying viewpoint--there is no God.

I. MAJORITY VIEWPOINT, ANOTHER VIEWPOINT, AND YOUR DECISION.

- A. Evolution, that is godless evolution, is the majority viewpoint in the world today.
- B. Most intelligent people believe in evolution today, because they have been told that most intelligent people believe in evolution.
- C. But there is another alternative because popularity never determines truth.
- D. The other alternative goes like this, "In the beginning God, created the heavens and the earth." Moses said some 1500 years before Christ that God created all things.
- E. The question then is, "Who is right?" We cannot remain neutral on this question (Rev. 3:15-16).
- F. The Bible says we are to "prove all things" this would include God (1Th. 5:21).
- G. Let us not believe in God on the basis that if we didn't (as young people) our parents would "tan our hide." Those days are over, and thank God they are. An inherited religion is usually powerless, conviction-less, and not based on available knowledge taken from the evidence.

II. HOW TO MAKE YOUR DECISION.

- A. The scientific method cannot be used to prove God.
The scientific method cannot be used to prove this no God.
- B. Therefore, one must construct a *prima facie* case. This means that once all the facts are in, and the evidence weighed there will be one and only one possible answer.
- C. In the time left this morning I want to build a *prima facie* case so that when atheism is put against theism, we will choose God.
- D. We shall look at the fruits of atheism and the fruits of theism.

III. THE FRUITS OF ATHEISM.

- A. The story of Liberal, MO.

1. In 1925, Clark Braden of the St. Louis Post-Dispatch was sent to a town in Missouri, called Liberal. The name was appropriate because the town was founded by and inhabited by atheists. Only atheists could live in Liberal. Mr. Braden wrote down what he saw, and his report was published a short time after that. He and the STL P-D were then sued for slander and libel over what he wrote. In the court after the evidence was heard it took only a few minutes for the jury to find Braden and the STL P-D not guilty.
 2. In Liberal, there were no churches, synagogues, no hospitals with God's name on it, no Bibles, nothing that would even suggest God. Present there was rape, incest, murder, homosexuality, theft, greed, drunkenness and almost every evil vice known to man. There was no law, no decency, no morals, no safety, no purpose, and no meaning to life.
 3. Not long after the article appeared the atheistic nature of the town folded up. As one of the last atheists came out he was asked why the town didn't survive, he said, "An atheist can live among Christians spout his infidelity and live with it, but a whole town full of atheists is to horrible to contemplate."
- B. Adolf Hitler.
1. There once was a man who believed in atheism and godless evolution, he also believed:
 - a. That with humans there is the survival of the fittest.
 - b. That the strong should subjugate the weak.
 - c. That the strong should survive and the weak perish.
 2. To illustrate his beliefs he put men to work on roads that never ended, packed babies in box cars with quick lime that took 6 days to eat the flesh off their bones, turned women over to his guards for their wanton pleasure, and because he wanted nothing to do with anyone associated with God he killed over 6 million men, women, and children.
The world knows him as Adolf Hitler. This is atheism carried to its logical end.
- C. Atheism today.
- Some may say at this point that all of this is in the past. I wish to God that was true:
1. Atheists today are insisting that man is nothing more than "matter in motion," just like the podium, the walls, and the animals.
 2. Just as we don't like the cockroach and we kill it, if we don't like an infant human we can kill it. There is no difference according to the atheist, because we are just "matter in motion."
 3. And we are doing it today. On Jan. 22, 1973 abortion was legalized in the U.S. Since 1973 there have been just under 60 million abortions.
 4. Now euthanasia bills are in states all over the land to kill off our old people. Will the mentally retarded, and mentally ill be next?
 5. John Paul Sautra probably said it best when he uttered, "if there is no God then everything is permitted."
- D. Those are the fruits of atheism.

IV. **THE FRUITS OF (BIBLICAL) THEISM.**

- A. First, you will worship and serve a great God.
God's characteristics according to the Bible.
1. He is spiritual, immaterial, and incorporeal; that is, not composed of matter (Jn. 4:24; Lk. 24:39).
 2. He is invisible and living (1Tim. 1:17; 1Th. 1:9).
 3. He manifests the attributes of His personality:
 - a. Self-consciousness (Ac. 15:18).
 - b. Self-determination (Isa. 46:11).
 4. God is self-existent:
 - a. He exists in and of Himself, dependent on nothing (Jn. 5:26).

- b. He exists outside human comprehension (Ac. 17:24; 1Tim. 6:16).
 - 5. God is eternal:
 - a. He is without beginning or end (Isa. 57:15).
 - b. He is free from the succession of time (1Tim. 1:17).
 - c. He has never been young or will never be old, exists only in the present.
 - 6. God is morally perfect:
 - a. He is holy, He has justice, righteousness, and wrath. He cannot lie, sin, tempt or be tempted to sin (Ti. 1:2; Jas. 1:13).
 - b. He is love (1Jn. 4:8). He has mercy, grace, patience, goodness, and faithfulness.
 - c. He is truth, He has all wisdom (Jude v25; Prov. 8; 1Tim. 1:17).
- B. Second, a (theistic) life of serving God gives the following things:
 - 1. Meaning for life, only the Bible gives man his past, present, and future.
 - 2. Purpose in life, a reason to do things and not to do other things.
 - 3. Direction for our life, goals worth attaining and living for.
 - 4. Law and order, a set of rules to guard our safety.
 - 5. A moral code to regulate our thoughts as well as actions.
 - 6. The preservation of life a more abundant one, Jn. 10:10.
 - 7. Freedom from:
 - a. Guilt.
 - b. Worry.
 - c. Emotional pain.
 - d. Fear.
 - 8. A hope of life and an existence after death.
 - 9. A fair and righteous judgment on all people according to their works.
 - 10. A just punishment and a just vindication accordingly for all.
- C. Abraham Lincoln said the following about God and the Bible, "the best gift God has ever given to man... But for it we could not know right from wrong."

V. **DECISION ON THE PRIMA FACIE CASE.**

- A. The evidence for both sides has been presented. The *prima facie* case now has but one answer that is tenable, plausible, or feasible. The answer is God. Atheism is wrong and sinful.
- B. Atheism has nothing to offer in this life, and certainly not any life beyond death.
- C. If atheism is allowed to pursue its normal course it shall destroy all life as we now know it. I concur with John, "Lord Jesus come quickly" (Rev. 22:20).

CONCLUSION AND INVITATION.

- A. The fruits of atheism are obvious:
 - 1. No hospitals, orphans homes, half-way houses, etc.
 - 2. The espousal of no law, no morals, no sacredness of life.
 - 3. No hope in this life or a life to come.
- B. The fruits of (Bible) theism are obvious:
 - 1. Meaning, purpose, and direction in this life.
 - 2. Help for the fearful, sick, afflicted, orphaned, and the anxious.
 - 3. The blessings of life beyond death with a just reward for all.
- C. You have everything to lose and nothing to gain by going the way of atheism.
- D. You have everything to gain and nothing to lose by going the way of God (theism).
- E. Plan of salvation for non-Xians; erring Xians.