

2-25-12
I DO NOT HAVE ENOUGH FAITH TO BE AN ATHEIST

This morning I want to declare to you that **"I DO NOT HAVE ENOUGH FAITH TO BE AN ATHEIST"**.. I say, it takes more faith to be an atheist than to believe there is a God.

In fact God just downright calls an atheist a FOOL! The fool has said in his heart there is no God!

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Does God have to repeat himself? PSALM 14 & PSALM 53 REPEAT THIS!!!!

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Intro: Our text is very clear and the Psalm repeats this statement!

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God calls the professing atheist a plain outright fool..

The fool says in his heart.. there is no God..

Consider, I believe it takes more faith to believe there is no God than to believe in His existence..

This morning we are going to look at this statement by the Lord..

"THE FOOL HAS SAID IN HIS HEART THERE IS NO GOD..."

And we are going to show why it is so true in no uncertain terms..

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In fact we are going to show that it takes more faith to be an atheist than to be a believer.. We look at an atheist as being in doubt, but in fact, his denial of God's existence is in fact his belief. Therefore I submit that as foolish as it is it takes more (blind belief) (or faith) on his part to believe there is no God than to believe in God.

I. CONSIDER... I do not have enough faith to be an atheist because to be a professing atheist.. does in fact take faith...

I am using the term faith to mean, a belief system, that cannot be proven but must be believed.

Though the Atheist says their world view is based on facts, rather than faith, they are deceived into thinking this. I believe it takes a greater faith to believe there is no God than to believe there is a God.

What is so deceptive about the so called educated elite.. is that they claim to use science to support their faith.. when in fact their presupposition that there is no God starts out with a leap of faith and faith alone that God does not exist. It takes more faith to believe everything was made without God than to believe by faith God made all things. Since when do we ever observe anything just happens without someone or something to make it happen.

No one was there when everything started up, therefore no one saw what happened in the beginning but God himself. But just because we were not there when everything came into being.. does not negate the fact that there is a creator.

So it is more reasonable to start our faith believing that God was the first cause of all that we see than to believe everything happened by chance..

To be an atheist you have to make the grand leap of faith saying I choose to believe that all that there is, has come into being simply by chance and chance alone. This is the ultimate in foolishness.

The Bible says it is downright foolishness to deny God's existence.. and say there is no God..

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A person may claim they do not know if there is a God..

But to be so presumptuous as to dogmatically declare there is no God is a supreme act of foolishness... It takes more faith to say this .. than to believe in God..

Examples:

Charles Darwin, often called the father of evolution, is best known for his work titled The Origin of the Species. In chapter six of that book, he goes into great detail about the human eye. He writes: "To suppose that the eye, with all its inimitable contrivances for adjusting the focus to different distances, for admitting different amounts of light, and for the correction of the spherical and chromatic aberration, could have been formed by natural selection (evolution), seems, I freely confess, absurd in the highest possible degree."

Darwin then goes on to basically say: "But it could happen." In other words, Darwin says it's absurd to believe that the eye could have been formed by evolution, but he believes it has happened this way anyway.

Renowned scientist Albert Einstein, named Person of the Century by TIME magazine in 1999, was an agnostic. He did not believe in a personal God. However, he did say this: "Everyone who is seriously interested in the pursuit of science becomes convinced that a spirit is manifest in the laws of the universe -- a spirit vastly superior to man, and one in the face of which our modest powers must feel humble."

No matter how smart or intellectual we are, somewhere along the line our learning and ability to test and observe comes to a dead end..

This is where we must take all the evidence and make a leap of faith..

When all the evidence comes in.. that step of faith is greater for the atheist than it is for the Christian.

Here is why....

There is more observable support for God's existence than what the atheist believes.

II. I do not have enough faith to be an atheist because such faith is plain foolishness because of the wide range of observable patterns of God's handiwork in this world....

The Observable Creation itself.. Testifies that God is...

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A fool denies reality..

The reason the atheist is called a fool is because he / she rejects and interprets what can be clearly seen with the eye and read by the eye and rejects what they see.

God's existence is written for everyone to read.. To deny this is foolish!

Does it take faith to believe there is a God? REALLY? I say it takes faith to believe the gospel. But only a fool denies there is a God. To deny there is a God is foolishness.

Romans 10:14 How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher?

Romans 10:15 And how shall they preach, except they be sent? as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!

Romans 10:16 But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Esaias saith, Lord, who hath believed our report?

Romans 10:17 So then faith [cometh] by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

Romans 10:18 But I say, Have they not heard? Yes verily, their sound went into all the earth, and their words unto the ends of the world.

In sharing how a person is saved, Paul writes that faith comes by hearing and hearing by the word of God.

Then Paul precludes the argument that many would make. What about those who have never heard? Is that fair? He said, Paul says .. yes everyone has heard. And he goes on to quote Psalm 19:

Psalms 19:1 {To the chief Musician, A Psalm of David.} The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handiwork.

Psalms 19:2 Day unto day uttereth speech, and night unto night sheweth knowledge.

Psalms 19:3 [There is] no speech nor language, [where] their voice is not heard.

Psalms 19:4 Their line is gone out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world. In them hath he set a tabernacle for the sun,

Paul quotes Psalm 19 as proof that everyone has heard the message that God is. The heavens, creation itself, speaks to this fact. The heavens are a universal message.

The heavens themselves are a billboard declaring God's existence. It is as much revelation as the Bible itself. It is written in a universal language.

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I believe that those who receive the light that they have will be given more light. The problem is they reject that light and are guilty. So there is no one that is innocent. Anyone who will receive his light will be sent greater light. The problem is people actually believe there are innocent people out there. There are none!

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If anyone will receive the lesser light God can and will send them greater light. The gospel is going out through out the world through radio, internet, TV, missionaries.. The problem is no longer the heathen in Africa, the problem is the heathen in Washington, New York and California and all across America.

It takes more faith for someone to look at the wonders of creation and believe that everything they see came into existence by random chance than to believe and read the billboard God has placed in heaven and conclude there is a God. It doesn't take faith to know there is a God! It only takes eyes to see. Faith comes into play to believe the gospel.

Romans 1:19 Because that which may be known of God is manifest in them; for God hath shewed [it] unto them.

Romans 1:20 For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, [even] his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse:

Romans 1:21 Because that, when they knew God, they glorified [him] not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened.

Romans 1:22 Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools,

To deny God, would be like looking at a sophisticated automobile.. and thinking that it just happened by chance. That would be foolish!

We use the expression that money does not grow on trees.. yet the atheist would have you believe something that is more absurd, that life evolved by a process of chance over a period of millions of years..

Ever notice how when a house is unoccupied for a long period of time, how dilapidated it becomes from not being used, time and chance, never in my experience brings anything good to anything in the natural world. How much more foolish is it to believe time and chance created you?

By observation, we would have to admit that all things around us show the handiwork of a designer (WHO IS GOD) and is not just the by product of chance..

Only a fool could look at the beauty and wonder of the universe and imagine that all that they see is a by product of chance...

Therefore it takes greater faith to deny God than to simply confess there must be a God. In fact I question whether it even takes faith to know there is a God. It just takes a

reasonable thinking person. It takes faith to believe the gospel. It takes faith to believe who this God is through the Word of God. But the Bible says,

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THE BIBLE SAYS, THE FOOL SAYS IN HIS HEART THERE IS NO GOD..

So I submit to you, to believe there is no God takes more faith than to just believe what you can see around you. GOD CREATED YOU!

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The creation is a billboard testifying of God's exist

The creation declares that God is.... and every human being clearly understands that he must choose to deny it which makes him guilty before God.

SO I SUBMIT TO YOU.. I DON'T HAVE ENOUGH FAITH TO BE AN ATHEIST..

III. IT TAKES MORE FAITH TO BE AN ATHEIST BECAUSE THE ATHEIST FOLLOWS THE LIES OF MAN RATHER THAN THE TRUTH OF GOD..

Romans 3:3 For what if some did not believe? shall their unbelief make the faith of God without effect?

Romans 3:4 God forbid: yea, let God be true, but every man a liar; as it is written, That thou mightest be justified in thy sayings, and mightest overcome when thou art judged.

What is happening is that we live in a world that believes if enough people agree to believe in something, that alone makes what they believe a fact.

And the audacity of this world.. is to tell the biggest of all lies..

Hitler said.. that the masses are more likely to believe a big lie than a little lie...

THE BIG LIES ARE..

1. EVOLUTION

That the world is billions of years old.. and came into existence through a process called evolution.. Which is a lie as big as the emperor's new clothes. So big is this lie that people parrot it, believe it, and do not even question it or challenge it.

2. GLOBAL Warming.. that fossil fuels and man are the cause.. NONSENSE.. IF THE WORLD IS GETTING WARMER IT IS BECAUSE GOD IS DOING IT..

3. THAT WE SHOULD BELIEVE AND TRUST IN SCIENCE

THE BOTTOM LINE OF ALL THIS IS

AN ATHEIST... FEELS COMFORTABLE IN HIS FAITH OF DENYING THE EXISTENCE OF GOD.. BECAUSE HE HAS ENOUGH COMPANY IN HIS BELIEF. SO IT IS BECAUSE SO MANY PEOPLE BELIEVE IT TO BE TRUE IT MUST BE TRUE..

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Here in is where the power of the big lie comes into play...

Why is it that people will believe a lie?

What makes people willing to believe a lie?

How is that so many people can fall for a lie?

HERE IS HOW IT WORKS....

The power behind a lie and the vulnerability and allurements .. is based on this..

IT IS SIMPLY BASED ON THIS FACT...

PEOPLE BELIEVE A LIE BECAUSE THEY WANT THE LIE TO BE TRUE..

When it seems too good to be true.. usually it is not true..

Craig's list Scams: Free Steinway or Yamaha Grand Piano, moving just pay the shipping..

People want to believe it to be true... so they fall for it...

Here is why people are willing to make the tremendous leap of faith... and I say faith in atheism..

Though they say their belief system is based on facts science and not faith.

It is, in fact, a greater leap of faith to doubt God existence than to believe what can be clearly observed in creation.

What is the appeal of such a grand leap of godless faith? The appeal of it, is that such a person thinks they can be the supreme authority of their own life morally.

They buy into the greatest spiritual Ponzi Scheme of all time.. worse than worshiping an idol...

Idolatry as foolish as it is .. at least has some material thing to show..

Atheism.. has a void.. a hole.. a nothing to show just a black whole of a belief (FAITH) there is no God.

Here in is the power of it the big lie..

MEN WANT TO BELIEVE THAT THERE IS NO GREATER BEING THAT THEY ARE RESPONSIBLE TO OBEY..

If there is a God.. Then that God created all things .. and created them..
If God created them.. than they are responsible to him .. to obey him..
If they do not obey him they will be held accountable for their actions..
Then the things they do in rebellion against Him will be judged..

THEY ARE NOT ABLE TO CHOOSE RIGHT AND WRONG FOR THEMSELVES..

In essence if they can feel comfortable in their faith which is a rejection of God as their creator.. they can live their lives as they please ...

There is no moral standard.. except that which they decide to agree on..
This belief system appeases their conscience and can make wrong right and right wrong, good evil and evil good if they so choose..
They feel less convicted about sin..
They want to believe the lie...

This is the power of the big lie.

A few years back someone went to all the major Christian Universities and colleges.. and told them they had an Anonymous donor who would match all funds they were able to raise for their organization..

So they recruited some well known universities, like Liberty or Moody. So other colleges got in on the scam. It was really just another pyramid scheme. Raise money, look good and pay out here and soon others would believe the lie and join up..

Even BBC fell for it, it was nothing more than just a big pyramid scheme..

THE BIG LIE THAT EVERYONE WANTED TO BELIEVE....

THAT IS OUR PROBLEM.. MANY TIMES WE DO NOT WANT TO BELIEVE THE TRUTH..

THEREFORE WE FALL FOR A LIE..

How many people through the ages have been hurt this way?

THE REASON A PERSON MAKES THE GRAND LEAP OF FAITH INTO ATHEISM.. IS BECAUSE THEY WANT TO BELIEVE THEY ARE NOT RESPONSIBLE TO A HOLY GOD..

WE CALL ATHEISM FAITHLESS... YE FAITHLESS IN GOD.. BUT NOT WITHOUT BELIEF.. TO HOLD THIS BELIEF TAKES MORE FAITH THEN TO BELIEVE IN GOD WHICH IS THE ONLY REASONABLE EXPLANATION FOR CREATION.

What is the appeal of atheism?

If there is no God there is no judgment for sin.

My Testimony..

I did not want to believe.. but God.. sought after me.. NO MAN SEEKETH AFTER GOD...

Notice how Paul Quotes Psalm 14 when sharing where we all were before we were saved:

Romans 3:10 As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one:

Romans 3:11 There is none that understandeth, there is none that seeketh after God.

Romans 3:12 They are all gone out of the way, they are together become unprofitable; there is none that doeth good, no, not one.

Romans 3:13 Their throat [is] an open sepulchre; with their tongues they have used deceit; the poison of asps [is] under their lips:

Romans 3:14 Whose mouth [is] full of cursing and bitterness:

Romans 3:15 Their feet [are] swift to shed blood:

Romans 3:16 Destruction and misery [are] in their ways:

Romans 3:17 And the way of peace have they not known:

Romans 3:18 There is no fear of God before their eyes.

Now read about the atheist crowd.. it is the same description given by Paul:
Paul seems to be quoting the Psalm that says the fool has said in their hearts there is no God.. Psalm, 14 sounds just like Romans 3:

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Men choose to run from God because of their sin nature.
Atheism is just the ultimate form of rebellion against God.
False religion and idolatry are just as bad..

When Adam and Eve ran from God in Genesis 3 they tried to cover their nakedness with fig leaves.. Atheism is nothing more than the ultimate fig leaf religion and faith in nothing.. Which takes a man further from God...

And so men with all their imaginations and intellectual prowess skill come up with all kind of arguments against the existence of God..

THEY WILL ACTUALLY MAKE YOUR HEAD SPIN WITH THEIR ARGUMENTS.. THEY WILL TWIST THE TRUTH .. THEY WILL CONIVE.. CUNNINGLY LIE.. ALL TO CONVINCe THEMSELVES THAT THEIR IMMORAL ACTIONS AND EVIL DEEDS AGAINST THEIR CREATOR ARE OK.

THEY WANT TO BELIEVE A LIE..

Romans 1:21 Because that, **when they knew God**, they glorified [him] not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened.

Romans 1:22 **Professing themselves to be wise**, they became **fools**,

Romans 1:23 And changed the glory of the uncorruptible God into an image made like to corruptible man, and to birds, and fourfooted beasts, and creeping things.

So men have seen and read the billboard that is a 24 hour a day advertisement for the existence of our creator. Instead of simply acknowledging God, they became fools. Who are these fools? These are the so called educated and wise ones. Those who are learned. The higher educated the more foolish they seem to be. Instead of acknowledging God, they instead glorify man, and nature itself, which leads to radical environmentalism. All this leads men down a degrading road of moral decay.

Romans 1:24 Wherefore God also gave them up to uncleanness through the lusts of their own hearts, to dishonour their own bodies between themselves:

Romans 1:25 Who changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator, who is blessed for ever. Amen.

Romans 1:26 For this cause God gave them up unto vile affections: for even their women did change the natural use into that which is against nature:

Romans 1:27 And likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust one toward another; men with men working that which is unseemly, and receiving in themselves that recompense of their error which was meet.

Romans 1:28 And even as they did not like to retain God in [their] knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, **to do those things which are not convenient;**

Romans 1:29 Being filled with all unrighteousness, fornication, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, debate, deceit, malignity; whisperers,

Romans 1:30 Backbiters, haters of God, despiteful, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents,

Romans 1:31 Without understanding, covenantbreakers, without natural affection, implacable, unmerciful:

Romans 1:32 Who knowing the judgment of God, that they which commit such things are worthy of death, not only do the same, but have pleasure in them that do them.

So in the end, I conclude that it takes more faith to believe the big lie than to just acknowledge God. So I say,

I JUST DON'T HAVE ENOUGH FAITH TO BE AN ATHEIST!

An atheist has to believe there is not a creator when their eyes tell them the opposite. They have to deny what God has made known to them.

CONCLUSION:

The Bible says that God has revealed to every man HE IS..

Romans 1:21 Because that, when they knew God, they glorified [him] not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened.

For a person to deny what he clearly knows is nothing but foolishness..

The Bible says that the heavens declare God's existence.. they speak this truth in every language and tongue. To deny this is plain foolishness..

So I conclude.. it takes more faith to deny the existence of God than to believe there is a God. What takes faith is this:

Once a person accepts the God who is our creator he should want to know more about who this God is.. This is where the gospel comes into play.

When we hear the gospel and believe the gospel.. we then can be restored unto God. This is where true faith brings us to Christ.

I question whether it even takes faith to believe there is a God. Knowing there is a God is just reasonable and logical and easy. to deny him is plain old foolish! Atheism is a smoke screen to keep people from coming to Christ.

Remove the smoke screen and now they can hear the gospel and be saved.