

The Foolishness of Atheism

Eric Lyons

Atheists are fond of claiming that their way of thinking is logical, reasonable, and intellectual. They maintain that they are open-minded and refer to themselves as free thinkers. Unlike Christians, who are allegedly delusional, irrational, blind, and absurd, atheists consider themselves utterly rational, sensible people who follow the evidence wherever it leads.

Yet atheism says that everything came from nothing. Atheism says that an explosion caused exquisite order. It says that random chances produced precision and that life popped into existence in nature from non-life. Atheism says that the design of the human eye is a delusion, while the design of a camera is apparent. Atheism says that fish and frogs are man's distant forefathers and that intelligence is the result of non-intelligence. Atheism alleges that either man is on the same moral plane as a moose, or he actually evolved a sense of morality from amoral monkeys. Atheism spends multiplied millions of dollars and countless thousands of hours in search of extra-terrestrial life, which has never been found.

When atheism is stripped of pompous proclamations and arrogant allegations, its naked soul is seen for what it really is: weak, illogical, unscientific, and worthless. Atheists blindly believe that, for example, life came from non-life. Rather than accept what scientific experimentation has repeatedly concluded over the past 200 years (that in nature life comes only from life and that of its own kind), atheists remain committed to a disproven theory. Man has never witnessed mindlessness bring forth intelligence. He's never seen something come from nothing.

While trying to convince others he is galloping confidently atop a stallion called Common Sense, in truth, atheism stumbles on the back of a donkey called Foolishness. Is there any wonder why David said, "The fool has said in his heart, 'There is no God'" (Psalm 14:1)?

For since the creation of the world His [God's] invisible attributes are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse, because, although they knew God, they did not glorify Him as God, nor were thankful, but became futile in their thoughts, and their foolish hearts were darkened. Professing to be wise, they became fools (Romans 1:20-22).

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The Restoration Plea

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Continued from last week...

The restoration plea implies that man left God's pattern.

By becoming too well known, a product can lose its distinctiveness. The Trademark Association calls this problem "genericide." Marlin Connelly gives some examples:

All facial tissue is called Kleenex,
Any gelatin dessert is Jello,
Any clear, sticky tape is Scotch Tape,
Any carbonated drink is a Coke (at least in the South),
Any adhesive bandage is a Band-Aid.

This has happened to the words *Christian* and *Christianity*. Once brand names for a definite product, they are now used for any kind of vague religiosity connected loosely with the historical Christ. In the minds of some, the rigid New Testament ethical code is now fluid and accommodating. Doctrines that in Bible times were black and white are now gray and faded. Practices that were then commanded are now optional. For instance, the creed book of the largest Protestant denomination states:

It is most likely that in the Apostolic age when there was but “one Lord, one faith, and one baptism,” and no differing denominations existed, the baptism of a convert by that very act constituted him a member of the church, and at once endowed him with all the rights and privileges of full membership. In that sense, “baptism was the door into the church.” Now, it is different.²

Why is it different today? God has not changed His mind. Men have usurped authority not belonging to them and changed God’s church into something different from what He intended. Surely God wants us to return to His original vision for the church.

The restoration plea implies that God wants his people to restore his original pattern today.

In the long ago, God’s prophet urged, as we do today, “Stand ye in the ways, and see, and ask for the old paths, where is the good way, and walk therein, and ye shall find rest for your souls” ([Jeremiah 6:16](#)). Let’s go out among our neighbors with an open Bible and call them back to these old paths.

Endnotes:

¹ These points are not original, but I do not know from whom I first heard or read them.

² Hiscox, Edward T. 1890. The Standard Manual for Baptist Churches. Philadelphia, PA: The American Baptist Publication Society, page 22.

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Sermon CD Requests

A sign-up sheet is located in the foyer for anyone would like to request a CD of any of the sermons. Simply put your name, the date of the sermon and service in which it was preached, and the number of copies. Many of these will become available on the webpage in the coming months, but this is a great option for now.

Prayer Requests and Notes

Please continue to remember: Al & Pat Mitchell, Doris Archer, Bethann Archer, Gay Mathis, Chris Driver, Dorothy Thornton, Reggie & Vanessa Trotter, Gross family, and Marc & Tina Shafford.

Prayer Requests: Hazel Ehnes, had some testing done this past week and is now receiving treatment. **Pat Bolinger**, Tim Hawkin’s mother, is home from the hospital and doing much better. **Crystal Harvey** continues to recover from back surgery. Pray for **Beth Ross’s family**, Bret Collier’s sister, in the passing of Beth’s father in-law. The **Ypsilanti, MI congregation** as their long-time preacher of 40 years has passed away. **Julie Casella**, Hazel Ehnes’ daughter, has walking pneumonia. **Carmen Barnes** has been under the weather this week. **Jessica & Stephen Kulick** have found out they are expecting. Jess is due in July. This will be Tim and Lora Adams’ first grandchild!

Traveling: Please remember all that are traveling.

Deployed: Stephen Kulick

Additional Announcement: Myron Bell has returned home safely from Iraq! Thank God for this great blessing.

Thanks so much for everyone’s generosity and time in providing the food baskets. We were able to provide 20 food baskets.

Please check your e-mail for an update on the transportation list for Gay Mathis.

Upcoming Events

- **TODAY:** We will have song service tonight.
- December 30: The James Family will be having their New Year’s Event on Friday. The party will begin at 7pm. A sign-up sheet for bringing breakfast items will be posted in the foyer.
- January 1: There will be a New Year’s potluck for anyone interested. Bring your traditional New Year’s fare and enjoy time with the brethren.
- January 1: Pew Packers at 4:45pm.
- January 1: NEW EVENING SERVICE TIME of 5pm.

Daily Bible Reading

Dec 30– Revelation 15-18	Jan. 3 Genesis 7-9
Dec. 31- Revelation 19-22	Jan. 4 Genesis 10-12
Jan. 1- Genesis 1-3	Jan. 5 Genesis 13-16
Jan. 2- Genesis 4-6	Jan. 6 Genesis 17-19

“Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth” (2 Timothy 2:15).