

SOMETHING TO CHEW ON

Abraham Lincoln once said "I can see how it might be possible for a man to look down upon the earth and be an atheist, but I cannot conceive how he could look up into the heavens and say there is no god." It would seem that too few people have been looking up lately for more and more people are saying, "There is no God." David said that this would be said by the fool but look how many there are! David, like Abraham Lincoln, was convinced that there is a God when he looked upward and he recorded his thoughts saying, "When I consider thy heavens, the work of thy fingers, the moon and the stars, which thou hast ordained; What is man, that thou art mindful of him? and the son of man, that thou visitest him?"

When we consider the vastness of space measured in light years we also humbly ask, what is man that the God of the universe is mindful of him? The atheist and the agnostic will proudly tell us that all of this "just happened by chance" and that man is the ultimate. Actually this belief requires more faith than that of creation because it is so unscientific and unprovable. Professor Henry Morris rightly said, "The main reason most educated people believe in evolution is simply because they have been told that most educated people believe in evolution." It is so obvious that it is ridiculous to deny it and unnecessary to prove it, so they say, and therefore they accept as a fact what is at best an unproven and unprovable theory.

The professional scientists have an interesting way of quoting one another so that A quotes B and B quotes C and C cites a paper by D while D now refers back to what A has said, and by this process it is quite possible to confuse and therefore convince all those who want desperately to be convinced already.

Charles Darwin said, "I would give absolutely nothing for a theory of natural selection if it required miraculous addition at any one stage of descent."

Dr Watson stated that he believed in evolution "not because it had been observed to occur, or was supported by logically coherent arguments, but because the only alternative, special creation, was clearly incredible."

Yes, those who believe in evolution do so, not because it is scientific because it isn't, or because it can be proved, for it can't, but simply because there is only one alternative and that is in creation as recorded by God in our Bibles. Truly it does take more blind faith to be an evolutionist than it does to be a believer in creation.

Now what are the advantages in being an atheist or agnostic and rejecting creation for evolution? Well, of course, the strongest point in its favour is the fact that now we can do just as we please because there is no one who is greater than us; man is the supreme being. This means that man is the ultimate and therefore there is no hope of salvation and no one who can deliver us from the mess that the world is in as a result of man's bungling. There is no use looking up for there is no one above to help.

Everything just happened by "chance" and no one has the right to tell us to do anything for we are each the master of our own destiny. We haven't any future anyway because death claims each one in due course.

Are we willing to trade evolution for creation? With creation comes the responsibility to learn of God, to obey His commands, to put our faith and hope in Him knowing that as great as He is, and the vastness of His universe, still He cares for us and numbers the very hairs of our head. This is the God who created all things and He invites us to learn of

Him, to obey His commands and to become a recipient of His gift to the faithful, life without end.

We can take our pick, choose between life and death, creation or evolution. The choice is ours, but we must be prepared to accept the consequences of our choice.

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Paul said nearly two thousand years ago "The wisdom of this world is foolishness with God", and the world's wisdom today is just as foolish in God's eyes as it was then. Since Paul penned these words man's wisdom has increased many fold in almost every area except in the things concerning God. Knowledge has been increased as Daniel predicted. Men can now travel many times faster than the speed of sound and split the atom but still "the Lord knoweth of the wise, that they are vain." David wrote this thousands of years ago. We see today that David and Paul correctly assessed the present day situation.

What are the wise of the world thinking about today? It certainly is not about God. Their lives and minds are filled to the brim. Some work all day and spend their evenings in night school and self improvement courses, others are engaged full time in the colleges and universities, while every industry has courses, seminars, and conventions where personnel are taught the latest methods, procedures and systems to increase sales, production, etc. There is so much to know about everything and the more one learns the more one realizes how much more there is to know about any subject. All of this worldly wisdom has created great prosperity, advances in science, more free time for sports and recreation, but no time for God. Leisure time activities are on the increase. Here again there is much to learn and hours of practice to become proficient. When we have done all these things, what have we accomplished? So we have become an expert in our field, so what? Life surely is more than this. All of these wise worldly experts in their field take time to lie down and die and then what becomes of their accomplishments?

It is easy to see the folly of the fool Jesus described in his parable who pulled down his barns and built greater ones only to die and leave it all to others, but what about that person who lives in our shoes who perhaps hasn't been quite so successful and who hasn't yet died? Have we learned from the mistakes of others to lay up our treasure where moths and rust can't get at it and where no thieves can break through and steal?

Where is our treasure? Our hearts and minds are where it is. This is why the wisdom of this world is so foolish with God. Their treasure is here and all their wisdom, which is considerable, goes no higher than their heads and lasts no longer than their life.

This is not the case with those who have set their affection upon things above. Their thoughts are constantly upon the things of God. Their delight is in the law of the Lord; and in His law do they meditate day and night.

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