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Chapter 1

Does God exist?

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THE Bible begins with the statement: *'In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth'* (Gen. 1:1). God's existence is assumed, self-evident. In Psalm 14:1 we are told, *'The fool has said in his heart, There is no God! They acted corruptly; they have done abominable works, there is none who does good.'*

Here we see that the Bible connects corrupt thoughts about God—especially denying His very existence—with corrupt morals. And it is true that, if there is no God, no Creator who sets the rules, then we are set adrift morally. When the children of Israel forgot their Creator in the times of the Judges, when they had no one leading them in being faithful to God, *'... every man did that which was right in his own eyes'* (Judges 21:25), and chaos reigned.

We see the same thing happening today. Countries where the people once honoured God, recognizing that *'God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself'* (2 Cor. 5:19), experienced unprecedented security and prosperity. Those same countries today are crumbling as people turn their backs on God. *'Righteousness lifts up a nation, but sin is a shame to any people'* (Prov. 14:34).

As nations turn their backs on God, living as if He does not exist, sin abounds—political corruption, lying, slander, public displays of debauchery, violent crime, abortion, theft, adultery, drug-taking, drunkenness, gambling and greed of all kinds. Economic woes follow as taxes increase and governments borrow money to pay for bigger and bigger police forces, jails, and social security systems to patch up the problems.

Romans chapter one reads like a commentary on today's world:

¹⁸For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who by their unrighteousness suppress the truth. ¹⁹For what can be known about God is plain to them, because God has shown it to them. ²⁰For his invisible attributes, namely, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made. So they are without excuse.

²¹For although they knew God, they did not honor him as God or give thanks to him, but they became futile in their thinking, and their foolish hearts were darkened. ²²Claiming to be wise, they became fools, ²³and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images resembling mortal man and birds and animals and reptiles.

²⁴Therefore God gave them up in the lusts of their hearts to impurity, to the dishonoring of their bodies among themselves, ²⁵because they exchanged the truth about God for a lie and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever! Amen.

²⁶For this reason God gave them up to dishonorable passions. For their women exchanged natural relations for those that are contrary to nature; ²⁷and the men likewise gave up natural relations with women and were consumed with passion for one another, men committing shameless acts with men and receiving in themselves the due penalty for their error. ²⁸And since they did not see fit to acknowledge God, God gave them up to a debased mind to do what ought not to be done. ²⁹They were filled with all manner of unrighteousness, evil, covetousness, malice. They are full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, maliciousness. They are gossips,

³⁰slanderers, haters of God, insolent, haughty, boastful, inventors of evil, disobedient to parents, ³¹foolish, faithless, heartless, ruthless.

³²Though they know God's decree that those who practice such things deserve to die, they not only do them but give approval to those who practice them. (ESV)

Many of those in the highest positions in government and education in

the once great Christian nations the Bible would call ‘fools’. They claim to be wise. But by denying the very existence of God, or His relevance to them today, they have become ‘fools’.

Underpinning this abandonment of faith in God is the widespread acceptance of evolutionary thinking—that everything made itself by natural processes; that God is not necessary. There is ‘design’, such people will admit, but no Designer is necessary. The designed thing designed itself! This thinking, where the plain-as-day evidence for God’s existence (Rom. 1:19–20) is explained away, leads naturally to atheism (belief in no god) and secular humanism (man can chart his own course without God). Such thinking abounds in universities and governments today.

Some of the greatest evil seen has been perpetrated by those who have adopted an evolutionary approach to morality—Lenin, Hitler, Stalin, Mao Zedong, Pol Pot. Atheistic evolutionist Sir Arthur Keith acknowledged of Hitler:

‘The German Führer ... is an evolutionist; he has consciously sought to make the practice of Germany conform to the theory of evolution.’¹

Many millions have suffered terribly and lost their lives because of this atheistic way of thinking. Atheism kills, because without God there are no rules—anything goes! Atheists are at the forefront of efforts to legitimize abortion, euthanasia, drug-taking, prostitution, pornography and promiscuity. All these things cause misery, suffering and death.

Atheism is the philosophy of death.

Now atheists love to point to atrocities committed by supposed ‘Christians’—the Crusades and Northern Ireland are favourites.² If the people committing these terrible deeds were indeed Christians, they were/are being **inconsistent** with their own standard of morality (e.g., ‘do not murder’, ‘love your enemies’). However,



1. Keith, A., 1947. *Evolution and Ethics*, Putman, New York, p. 230.
2. The Crusades were a response to Islamic oppression. See Spacer, R., 2005. The politically incorrect guide to Islam (and the Crusades). ISBN: 0895260131.

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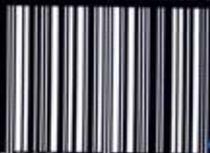
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