

A Message for Atheists

You may be an atheist in heart: you believe there is no God. You may be an atheist in life: you live as if there were no God. Whatever you are, I want to dissuade you from atheism. Consider:

1. Atheism is most unreasonable. It is contrary to the natural sense of God you have deep down in your heart. Besides, it is very unreasonable to risk your eternal wellbeing by denying God. King David, one of the best men who ever lived, said that whoever says there is no God is a fool. (Psalm 14.1) Why did he say this? Because everything speaks to you of God. So, if you are an atheist, you have as many reasons against you as there are creatures in the universe. You are surrounded by God's works, both in the heavens and on earth. (Psalms 8 and 19) You yourself are His handiwork. (Psalm 139) What a dreadful shock you will receive when after death you meet Him whose very existence you deny! He may have let you sin against Him in this life, but He is sure to punish you for it in the next.

2. Atheism is profane. What profanity it is to deny the very One by whose daily



goodness and longsuffering you live! If he could, every atheist would banish God from his thoughts altogether. He aims at the destruction of God.

He virtually says that God does not deserve to live, and that it would be better if the world were rid of Him. Is this not profanity of the most brazened kind?

3. Atheism has the most destructive consequences. Wherever it prevails, it destroys the foundations of all society. If you take away God, you take away conscience and all sense of right and wrong. How then can any good laws be made where the very standard of law is removed? For all good laws are based on the dictates of conscience and a common sense of justice. Where there is no sense of God, of good and evil, of right and wrong, people murder, rape, lie, steal and break contract without feeling accountable to anyone.

Besides, atheism destroys the atheist himself. Whoever tries to erase all sense of God from his mind leaves himself open to every judgment that God can devise. If there is a hotter place in hell than another, it is reserved for the atheist, who fights God's very being.

4. Atheists are worse than heathens: for they worship many gods, but these worship none at all. They have some notions of God in their religions, but these would banish every notion of God from the earth. They degrade Him, but these deny Him. Indeed, atheists are worse than devils, for at least devils 'believe

and tremble.’ (James 2.19)

In fact, it is impossible to be an absolute atheist; for every one who denies God, whether in heart or life, knows that there is a God. He even has a sense of God’s anger with him that torments him in secret.

Dear reader, believe me: there are many atheists in the world, but there are none in hell.

Therefore, return to the God whom you have forsaken. He stands before you in the Person of Jesus Christ, and is willing to forgive all your atheism, and the godless life based on it. Receive Him as your God and Saviour, and you will not only be saved from atheism, but also given eternal life.

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