

Be Still & Know That I Am God

(Psalm 46:10)

- Introduction:
1. God's children have always dealt with skepticism and agnosticism.
 2. These philosophies are proposed for various reasons.
 - a. They provide a false sense of security, humility, & intelligence.
 3. Today, we must deal with an aggressive form of atheism - "New Atheism."
 - a. "Mock them, ridicule them, in public" – Richard Dawkins, Reason Rally, Washington D.C.
 4. Biblical faith is not a "*leap in the dark*", but is based upon evidences (Hebrews 11:1).
 5. In this lesson, let us examine a few avenues that give evidence to the existence of God.

I. The Argument From Design

- A. The argument from design or the teleological argument simply states that "every design must have a designer."
- B. William Paley, who lived over 200 years ago wrote his famous article about the watch and the watchmaker which addresses this very point.
- C. The Hebrew writer even used this line of argumentation to prove that God made the world (Hebrews 3:4).
- D. (Romans 1:20-22; Psalms 19:1; Acts 14:16-17; Job 12:7-9).

II. The Moral Argument

- A. Human beings are created with a sense of morality or "moral oughtness" that other creatures do not possess.
- B. How are we to account for this fact?
 1. Moral values are either the product of God and thus absolute.
 2. Or they are the product of man and thus subjective.
- C. If morals are subjective and determined by man, then how can we object to:
 1. The Holocaust?
 2. Human life being viewed on the same plane as other animal life?

III. Who Has Forsaken Reason & Rationality?

- A. Often the atheist chides the believer for being uneducated and unscientific.
- B. I suggest it's the atheist who has forsaken reason, education, and rationality.
- C. Notice several examples.
 1. Spontaneous generation.
 2. Ontogeny Recapitulates Phylogeny.
 3. Punctuated Equilibrium
 4. The Law of biogenesis.

- Conclusion:
1. Atheism is a tragic philosophy to live by and a disastrous philosophy to die by.
 2. "Let no man deceive you with empty words" (Ephesians 5:6).