



Kapitel 33

Lieber Atheist. . . Müde von allem?

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Haben Sie genug von all dem Bösen, das mit der Philosophie des Atheismus verbunden ist – Stalin, Hitler, Pol Pot und so weiter? ¹ Schließlich sind die meisten Mörder, Tyrannen und Vergewaltiger keine biblischen Christen und die meisten haben den Gott der Bibel abgelehnt. Selbst wenn sie behaupten, an den Gott der Bibel zu glauben, leben sie nicht wirklich wie ein echter Christus-Nachfolger (der danach strebt, Gottes Wort zu befolgen), oder?

Fühlen Sie sich unzufrieden mit der Tatsache, dass der Atheismus keine moralische Grundlage hat (d. h. kein absolutes Richtig und Falsch; kein Gut, kein Böse)? Wenn Ihnen jemand in den Rücken fällt, Sie wie nichts behandelt, Sie bestiehlt oder Sie belügt, spielt das in einer atheistischen Weltanschauung, in der alles und jeder nur chemische Reaktionen ist und das tut, was Chemikalien bewirken, letztendlich keine Rolle. Und darüber hinaus muss es entmutigend sein zu wissen, dass man sich im Wesentlichen nicht von einer Kakerlake in einer atheistischen Weltanschauung unterscheidet (da Menschen nur Tiere sind).

Sind Sie es leid, dass der Atheismus (der auf dem Materialismus basiert, **einer** heute weit verbreiteten Weltanschauung) keine Grundlage für Logik und Argumentation hat? Ist es schwierig, jeden Tag aufzustehen und zu denken, dass die Wahrheit, die immateriell ist, wirklich nicht existiert? Stört Sie die Tatsache, dass der Atheismus die Einheitlichkeit der Natur ³ (die Grundlage, auf der wir echte Wissenschaft betreiben können) nicht erklären kann? Warum sollte alles aus dem Nichts explodieren und durch reinen Zufall wunderschöne Gesetze wie $E=MC^2$ oder $F=MA$ bilden? ⁴

Haben Sie das Gefühl, dass Sie ein Wochenende brauchen, um sich zu erholen, obwohl ein Wochenende in einer atheistischen Weltanschauung eigentlich bedeutungslos ist – da Tiere, wie Bienen, keinen Tag Ruhe gönnen oder ein Wochenende haben? Warum sollten Atheisten also? Warum sollte man sich eine Arbeitswoche und ein Wochenende ausleihen, die den Seiten der Heiligen Schrift entnommen sind, die von Atheisten verachtet werden? Wochen und Wochenenden entstehen dadurch, dass **Gott** [<http://answersingenesis.org/god/>] buchstäblich sechs Tage erschafft und für einen buchstäblichen Tag ruht; und dann ist der Herr **Jesus** [<http://answersingenesis.org/jesus/>] am ersten Tag der Woche (Sonntag) auferstanden. Und warum sollte man sich auf eine Auszeit für einen Feiertag (also einen heiligen Tag) freuen, wenn in einer atheistischen Weltanschauung nichts heilig ist?

Für bekennende Atheisten kann es überwältigend sein, diese Fragen in ihrer Weltanschauung zu verstehen.

For professing atheists, these questions can be overwhelming to make sense of within their worldview. And further, within an atheistic worldview, atheists must view themselves as God. Essentially, atheists are claiming to be God. Instead of saying there *may not* be a God, they say there is *no* God. To make such a statement, they must claim to be omniscient (which is an essential attribute of the God of the Bible) among other attributes of God as well.⁵ So by saying there is no God, the atheist refutes his own position by addressing the question as though he or she were God!

Do you feel conflicted about proselytizing the faith of atheism, since if atheism were true then who cares about proselytizing? Let's face it, life seems tough enough as an atheist without having to deal with other major concerns like not having a basis to wear clothes, or no basis for marriage, no consistent reason to be clean (snails don't wake up in the morning and clean themselves or follow other cleanliness guidelines based on Levitical laws), and no objective reason to believe in love.

Are you weary of looking for evidence that contradicts the Bible's account of creation and finding none?⁶ Do the assumptions and inconsistencies of dating methods weigh on your conscience when they are misrepresented as fact?⁷ Where do you suppose those missing links have gone into hiding? Surely the atheist sees the folly and hopelessness of believing that everything came from nothing.

In fact, why would an atheist care to live one moment longer in a broken universe where one is merely rearranged pond scum and all you have to look forward to is . . . death, which can be around any corner? And in 467 trillion years, no one will care one iota about what you did or who you were or how and when you died — because death is the ultimate "hero" in an atheistic, evolutionary worldview. Of course, as a **Christian** [<http://answersingenesis.org/christian/>] I disagree, and I have a basis to see you as having value.

Invitation

I invite you to reconsider that the false religion of atheism is simply that. I'm here to tell you that atheism is a lie (Romans 1:25).⁸ As a Christian, I understand that truth exists because God exists, who is the Truth (John 14:6),⁹ and we are made in His image.¹⁰ Unlike an atheist, whose worldview doesn't allow him to believe in truth or lies, the **Bible** [<http://answersingenesis.org/bible/>] -believer has a foundation that enables him to speak about truth and lies. This is because believers in God and His Word have an authority, the ultimate authority on the subject, to base statements upon.

There is a God, and you are also made in His image (Genesis 1:26; 9:6).¹¹ This means you have value. Whereas consistent atheists teach that you have no value, I see you differently. I see you as a relative (Acts 17:26)¹² and one who — unlike animals, plants, and fallen angels — has the possibility of salvation from death, which is the result of sin (i.e., disobedience to God; see Romans 6:23).¹³ We have all fallen short of God's holy standard of perfect obedience thanks to our mutual grandfather, Adam (Romans 5:12).¹⁴ And God sees you differently, too (John 3:16).¹⁵ While you were *still* a sinner, God stepped into history to become a man to die in your place (Romans 5:8)¹⁶ and offer the free gift of salvation (Ephesians 2:8–9).¹⁷

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Where atheists have no basis for logic and reason (or even for truth, since truth is immaterial), Bible believers can understand that mankind is made in the image of a logical and reasoning God who is the truth. Hence, Christians can make sense of things because in Christ are “hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge” (Colossians 2:3).²¹ Christians also have a basis to explain why people sometimes don't think logically due to the Fall of mankind in Genesis 3. The most logical response is to give up atheism and receive Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior to rescue you from sin and death (Romans 10:13).²² Instead of death, God promises believers eternal life (1 John 2:25; John 10:28)²³ and in 467 trillion years, you will still have value in contrast to the secular view of nothingness.

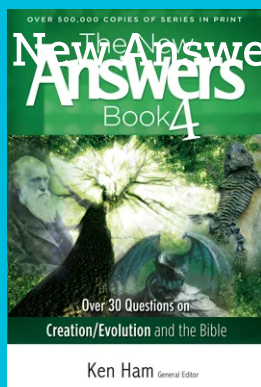
Christians do have a basis to wear clothes (to cover shame due to sin; see Genesis 2:25, 3:7),²⁴ a reason to uphold marriage (God made a man and a woman; see Genesis 1:27; Matthew 19:4–6),²⁵

a reason to be clean (Leviticus contains many provisions to counter diseases in a sin-cursed world), and a source of real love (since God made us in His loving image; see 1 John 4:8).²⁶ As Christians, we have a solid foundation for saying things like back-stabbing, theft, and lies are wrong (see the Ten Commandments in Exodus 20).

I invite you to leave the false religion of atheism and its various forms and return to the one true God who came to rescue you (John 17:3).²⁷ Jesus Christ, who is God the Son, loved you enough to come down and die in our place so we can experience God's goodness for all eternity instead of the wrath of God for all eternity in hell (Matthew 25:46).²⁸ And we all have sentenced ourselves to judgment because of our disobedience to God and rejection of Him (John 3:17-18).²⁹

The day is coming when we all will give an account before God for our actions and thoughts (Romans 14:12).³⁰ Will you repent and receive Christ as your Lord and Savior today so that you will join Christ in the resurrection from the dead (John 11:25; Romans 6:5)?³¹ I invite you personally to become an ex-atheist, join the ranks of the saved through Jesus Christ, and become a new creation (2 Corinthians 5:17)³² as we continue to advance with the gospel in peace that only God can provide (Romans 5:1).³³

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5. If one claims that God may exist or that there may be a spiritual realm, then that person is not an atheist, but an agnostic, at best. The agnostic says that one cannot know whether God exists, but how can they know that for certain apart from being omniscient themselves? Additionally, the Bible says in 1 John 5:13 that we can *know* for certain that we have eternal life. So an agnostic — who claims we cannot know — does not hold a neutral position regarding the biblical God.
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8. "Who exchanged the truth of God for the lie, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen" (Romans 1:25)
9. "Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me' " (John 14:6).
10. Keep in mind that Christians, including me, do fall short due to sin and the Curse, but God never fails.
11. "Then God said, 'Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth' " (Genesis 1:26); "Whoever sheds man's blood, by man his blood shall be shed; for in the image of God He made man" (Genesis 9:6).
12. "And He has made from one blood every nation of men to dwell on all the face of the earth, and has determined their preappointed times and the boundaries of their dwellings" (Acts 17:26).
13. "For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord" (Romans 6:23).
14. "Therefore, just as through one man sin entered the world, and death through sin, and thus death spread to all men, because all sinned" (Romans 5:12).
15. "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life" (John 3:16).
16. "But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us" (Romans 5:8).
17. "For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast" (Ephesians 2:8–9).
18. "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit" (Matthew 28:19).
19. "Repent therefore of this your wickedness, and pray God if perhaps the thought of your heart may be forgiven you" (Acts 8:22); "Truly, these times of ignorance God overlooked, but now commands all men everywhere to repent" (Acts 17:30).
20. „Ebenso sage ich euch: Freude herrscht vor den Engeln Gottes über einen einzigen Sünder, der Buße tut“ (Lukas 15,10).
21. „In dem verborgen sind alle Schätze der Weisheit und Erkenntnis“ (Kolosser 2,3).
22. „Denn wer den Namen des Herrn anruft, wird gerettet werden“ (Römer 10,13).

23. „Und das ist die Verheißung, die er uns versprochen hat: ewiges Leben“ (1. Johannes 2,25); „Und ich gebe ihnen ewiges Leben, und sie werden niemals zugrunde gehen; und niemand wird sie meiner Hand entreißen“ (Johannes 10,28).
24. „Und sie waren beide nackt, der Mann und seine Frau, und schämten sich nicht“ (Genesis 2:25); „Da öffneten sich die Augen beider, und sie erkannten, dass sie nackt waren; und sie nähten Feigenblätter zusammen und machten sich Decken“ (Genesis 3:7).
25. „So schuf Gott den Menschen nach seinem eigenen Bild; Er schuf ihn nach dem Bilde Gottes. Als Mann und Frau erschuf er sie“ (Genesis 1:27); „Und er antwortete und sprach zu ihnen: ‚Habt ihr nicht gelesen, dass der, der sie am Anfang erschaffen hat, ‚sie als Mann und Frau geschaffen hat‘ und gesagt hat: ‚Deshalb wird ein Mann seinen Vater und seine Mutter verlassen und sich den seinen anschließen.‘ Frau, und die beiden werden ein Fleisch werden?‘ Dann sind sie also nicht mehr zwei, sondern ein Fleisch. Was nun Gott zusammengefügt hat, das soll der Mensch nicht trennen“ (Matthäus 19,4–6).
26. „Wer nicht liebt, kennt Gott nicht, denn Gott ist Liebe“ (1. Johannes 4,8).
27. „Und das ist das ewige Leben, dass sie dich, den allein wahren Gott, und den du gesandt hast, Jesus Christus, erkennen“ (Johannes 17,3).
28. „Und diese werden in die ewige Strafe eingehen, die Gerechten aber in das ewige Leben“ (Matthäus 25,46).
29. „Denn Gott hat seinen Sohn nicht in die Welt gesandt, um die Welt zu verurteilen, sondern damit die Welt durch ihn gerettet würde. Wer an ihn glaubt, wird nicht verurteilt; wer aber nicht glaubt, ist schon verurteilt, weil er nicht an den Namen des eingeborenen Sohnes Gottes geglaubt hat“ (Johannes 3,17-18).
30. „So soll jeder von uns vor Gott Rechenschaft ablegen“ (Römer 14,12).
31. „Jesus sagte zu ihr: ‚Ich bin die Auferstehung und das Leben. Wer an mich glaubt, wird leben, auch wenn er stirbt‘“ (Johannes 11:25); „Denn wenn wir vereint sind im Gleichnis seines Todes, so werden auch wir gewiss im Gleichnis seiner Auferstehung sein“ (Römer 6,5).
32. „Wenn also jemand in Christus ist, ist er eine neue Schöpfung; alte Dinge sind vergangen; Siehe, alles ist neu geworden“ (2. Korinther 5,17).
33. „Da wir nun aus Glauben gerechtfertigt sind, haben wir Frieden mit Gott durch unseren Herrn Jesus Christus“ (Römer 5,1).

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