**AN OPEN ATTACK ON SELF-EVIDENT TRUTH**

* **SCRIPTURE: Psalm 53:1. A brutish fool tells himself, "There isn't any God."Such people are depraved, all their deeds are vile, not one of them does what is good. (COMPLETE JEWISH BIBLE.)**
* **CHILDREN OFTEN COME HOME FROM PUBLIC SCHOOL TO TELL THEIR PARENTS THAT THEIR TEACHER TOLD THEM THAT THERE IS NO GOD;** **THE PHYSICAL WORLD AND LIFE CAME ABOUT BY CHANCE. (NO WONDER CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS HAVE SPRUNG UP LIKE MUSHROOMS.)**
* **ATHEISM HAS A LONG HISTORY WHICH GOES BACK TO THE TIMES OF MOSES, SAUL, DAVID, AND SOLOMON.**
* **A. ORIGINAL SOURCE- SATAN. (FATHER OF LIES. JOHN 8:44.)**

**ROM. 1:21-23- …21For although they knew God, they neither glorified Him as God nor gave thanks to Him, but they became futile in their thinking and darkened in their foolish hearts. 22**[**Although they claimed**](http://biblehub.com/greek/5335.htm)[**to be**](http://biblehub.com/greek/1510.htm)[**wise,**](http://biblehub.com/greek/4680.htm)[**they became fools,**](http://biblehub.com/greek/3471.htm) **23and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images of mortal man and birds and animals and reptiles.…** [**Berean Study Bible**](http://berean.bible) **·**

 **B. ATHEISM IS IRRATIONALITY AND MURKY, DENYING THE SELF-EVIDENT.**

**C. DAVID, THE POET, MAN OF GOD, AND INTELLECTUAL GIANT WRITES: “**[**How Majestic is Your Name!**](http://biblehub.com/nasb/psalms/8.htm) **“ …2From the mouth of infants and nursing babes You have established strength Because of Your adversaries, To make the enemy and the revengeful cease. 3**[**When**](http://biblehub.com/hebrew/3588.htm)[**I consider**](http://biblehub.com/hebrew/7200.htm)[**Your heavens,**](http://biblehub.com/hebrew/8064.htm)[**the work**](http://biblehub.com/hebrew/4639.htm)[**of Your fingers,**](http://biblehub.com/hebrew/676.htm)[**The moon**](http://biblehub.com/hebrew/3394.htm)[**and the stars,**](http://biblehub.com/hebrew/3556.htm)[**which**](http://biblehub.com/hebrew/834.htm)[**You have ordained;**](http://biblehub.com/hebrew/3559.htm) **4What is man that You take thought of him, And the son of man that You care for him?… (New American Standard Bible. (PSALM 8: 2-4.) (FOOLISH MEN DENY THE SELF-EVIDENT!**

# *2 Timothy 3:1-5 New Living Translation (SCOFFERS AT GOD):*

**You should know this, Timothy, that in the last days there will be very difficult times. 2For people will love only themselves and their money. They will be boastful and proud, scoffing at God, disobedient to their parents, and ungrateful. They will consider nothing sacred. 3They will be unloving and unforgiving; they will slander others and have no self-control. They will be cruel and hate what is good. 4They will betray their friends, be reckless, be puffed up with pride, and love pleasure rather than God. 5They will act religious, but they will reject the power that could make them godly. Stay away from people like that!**

 **1. ATHEISM MAY BE TRACED BACK TO ANCIENT INDIA, GREECE, AND ROME.**

 **2. THERE WAS A REVIVAL OF ATHEISM IN THE 18th AND 19TH CENTURIES. SOME WELL KNOWN NINETEENTH CENTURY ATHEISTS: KARL MARKS (COMMUNIST), NIETZCHE (GOD IS DEAD PROPONENT), LENIN (COMMUNIST.)**

* **SOME MODERN ATHEISTS: RICHARD DAWKINS, SAM HARRIS, CHRISTOPHER HITCHENS, AND DANIEL DENNETT.**

**WILLIAM BLAKE, A DEVOUT CHRISTIAN, STRUCK BACK AT THIS SO CALLED “ENLIGHTMENT.”** **William Blake grew up in modest circumstances. What teaching he received as a child was at his mother’s knee, as most children did. This he saw as a positive matter, later writing, “Thank God I never was sent to school/ To be Flogd into following the Style of a Fool[.]”**

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| * William Blake (1757–1827)- BRITISH POET, ARTIST, AND THINKER WROTE:

***Mock on, Mock on, Voltaire, Rousseau*** |
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| **MOCK on, mock on, Voltaire, Rousseau;** |  |
| **Mock on, mock on; ’tis all in vain!** |  |
| **You throw the sand against the wind,** |  |
| **And the wind blows it back again.** |  |
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| **And every sand becomes a gem** | ***5*** |
| **Reflected in the beams divine;** |  |
| **Blown back they blind the mocking eye,** |  |
| **But still in Israel’s paths they shine.** |  |
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| **The atoms of Democritus** |  |
| **And Newton’s particles of light****ARE SANDS UPON THE RED SEA SHORE** | ***10*** |
| **Where Israel’s tents do shine so bright.****BLAKE TAKES ON THE 18th century philosophers Voltaire, Rousseau, AND Newton AS WELL AS the Greek philosopher Democritus (A SCIENTIST WHO STUDIED MATTER):****BLAKE SEEMS TO BE FAULTING THESE FOUR MEN FOR (1) BELIEVING THAT THERE IS ONLY ONE LEVEL OF EXISTENCE, THE PHYSICAL, AND (2)FOR PUTTING THEIR VERY LIMITED UNDERSTANDING ABOVE THAT OF GOD, THE ETERNAL CREATOR OF THE PHYSICAL WORLD AND THEIR CREATOR.*** **SO, THIS ATHEISM AND SKEPTICISM OF THE PAST HAVE HAD A MARKED EFFECT ON OUR 21ST CENTURY SOCIETY AND OUR THINKING. EXAMPLES:**
1. **ATTEMPT TO CHANGE THE DEFINITION OF MARRIAGE. HOMOSEXUAL BEHAVIOR.**
2. **ATTEMPT TO GLOSS OVER THE MURDER OF UNBORN CHILDREN.**
3. **THE REJECTION BY MILLIONS OF GOD’S 10 COMMANDMENTS AS A STANDARD FOR MORAL CONDUCT.**
4. **PUTTING IN THE PLACE OF THE COMMANDMENTS, THE HUMAN CONCEPT OF “MORAL RELATIVISM: RIGHT YOU ARE IF YOU THINK YOU ARE.”**
5. **REJECTING THE SELF-EVIDENT TRUTH THAT A BOY IS A MALE AND A GIRL IS A FEMALE, AND ALLOWING THE INDIVIDUAL TO CHOOSE MENTALLY WHAT HE/SHE WANTS TO BE. RESULT? BOYS AND GIRLS MAY USE SAME BATHROOMS AND LOCKER ROOMS.**
6. **REJECTING THE SELF-EVIDENT TRUTH THAT MEN (BUILT FOR PHYSICAL LABOR) AND WOMEN (BUILT FOR BEARING CHILDREN) ARE OF DIFFERENT PHYSICAL STRENGTH; THEREFORE, THERE IS A MOVE AFOOT FAVORING PUTTING BOTH INTO THE FRONT-LINE IN BATTLE DURING WAR.**

**AS CHRISTIANS, WE MUST BEGIN TO CLARIFY THE CURRENT RELIGIOUS CONFUSION, VALUE CONFUSION, WITH THE FOUNDATIONAL TRUTH OF GENESIS I, “IN THE BEGINNING GOD CREATED THE HEAVENS AND THE EARTH.”****SEE EVOLUTION OR CREATION, PART I.** |  |
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