



II Cor. 3:17 -- "Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is..."

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Wrong Church — Right Pew!

A woman who "enjoyed her religion" visited a very staid and formal church. "Amen!" she said, as the preacher brought out a point with which she agreed.

"Madam," said the usher standing nearby, "please try to restrain yourself. We don't allow that in this church."

In a few moments she was so

carried away by the sermon that she shouted, "Amen! Praise the Lord! Hallelujah!"

The usher rushed to her side: "Madam! You must quiet down immediately or leave!"

"I didn't mean to disturb the service... but I am just so happy since I found the Lord," she explained.

"You may have found the Lord," retorted the usher severely, "but I am quite sure you didn't find Him here!"

Days Gone By

On August 1, 1790, the U.S. census showed a population of nearly 4 million people.

When I Grow Old

When I grow old,
God grant that every child
Will feel the youthful texture of my soul
And will not turn away from me
As from a shade or shrunken vine,
When I grow old.

When I grow old,
God grant that I may have some task
Which must be done or someone fare the
worse—

That in some corner of the earth
Someone will need my hand,
When I grow old.

—E. R. Peyser

A DAY WELL SPENT

A Lord's Day well spent
Brings a week of content
And health for the toils of
tomorrow;
But a Lord's Day profaned,
Whate'er may be gained,
Is a certain forerunner of
sorrow.

Lord, help us, we pray,
To keep holy Thy day,
Thy Word to delight in
forever,
And the Saviour to love,
His mercy to prove;
Nothing then from God's
love shall us sever.

—Matthew Hale

It Is Hard To Be An Atheist

By Roy Mason

Atheism is the denial of God. The atheist claims that there is no need for God as an explanation of things. It is probably true that there have been atheists all along down through the centuries. Certainly there were such back in Bible times for we have the atheist characterized in Psalm 14:1.

God there characterizes the atheist as a fool, and says that back behind this atheism is a wicked life.

There is a definite organization of atheists in America — "The American Association For The Advancement Of Atheism." Atheists circulated around our church building one Sunday evening, throwing their circulars in cars, and leaving a blasphemous book on the church steps for the pastor.

Communism Is Atheistic

Back years ago, when the French Revolution occurred, France became officially atheistic, and the streets of Paris ran red with blood. More recently communism has triumphed in Russia such that Russia is atheistic. Communism labels religion "the opiate of the people" and is the deadly foe of religion. Communism itself might be thought of as a form of religion, in which the state — or rather the "party" is worshipped. They have on a world-wide evangelistic campaign to convert people to communism today. Should communism gain complete sway over the world, Christianity would be "liquidated" and along with it all who refuse to renounce it.

There are several good reasons as to why it is hard for a person to be an atheist:

1. Because God did not make men with natural atheistic tendencies.

Human beings are naturally religious. There is an old saying that "man is incurably religious." Human beings have a natural tendency to worship something. This is seen illustrated in all branches of the human family, for there are "gods many and lords many." One must become an atheist, for the natural tendency, even of fallen creatures is to worship.

2. Because one must reverse the regular processes of reason in order to become an atheist.

The human mind demands a cause for an effect. Atheists behold created things and deny they have any creator. A little child looked down into Grand Canyon with wonderment and exclaimed, "Who did it?" This is the natural cry of a human being who beholds the wonders of creation. The atheist answers, "No one!"

3. Because one must go against the realities of human experience in order to become an atheist.

Observation and experiences tells us that things don't happen without an adequate cause. Napoleon's unanswerable argument to his atheistic field marshal, was to point to the starry heavens and say, "Who made all those things up there?" In this connection read Romans 1:2-23.

4. Because atheism sees design but denies a Designer.

The universe is most intricately designed — the human

body is a marvel of design — and the laws that govern things are exact. It requires nothing less than mental assassination for one to be an atheist in view of all this.

5. Because atheism is completely unscientific.

Scientific men observe certain phenomena and seek to ascertain the cause. Atheism denies all cause. Some of the greatest of all scientists have been devout Christians. No one should be a more earnest believer in God than the scientist who studies His laws.

6. Because atheism denies any ultimate purpose for anything.

The world, according to atheism, is like a rudderless ship in uncharted seas, just floundering around. If atheism were true, there would be no reason for our being here, and we would be travelling nowhere. No chart, no compass, no guide, no destination!

7. Because atheism denies the truth of the Bible, which has been proven to be true in human experience, and through fulfilled prophecy.

There can be no truthful denial concerning the fulfillment of prophecy. Just one indisputable fulfillment of one prophecy gives the lie to atheism. Likewise just one, indisputable answer to prayer, proves the existence of God.

It is interesting to note that the Bible does not argue for God's existence — it assumes it. His existence is too clearly shown in this world, for intelligent denial. □

NO!

Learn to say "no"; it will be of more use to you than to be able to read Latin.

—Spurgeon

Lettered!

A young man left the farm for New York and after several months wrote to his brother back in the cornfield: "Thursday we autoed out to the country club where we golfed until dark. Then we motored to the beach for the weekend."

A few days later, he received the following reply from his rural brother: "Monday, we bugged in to town and baseballed all afternoon. Then we went to Ted's and checkered until morning. Tuesday, we muled out to the cornfield and geehawed until sundown. Then we suppered and fiddled for a while and then staircased up to our room and bedstedded until the clock fived."

'What we are is more important than what we do, for the doing will come from the being.'

Miscellaneous.

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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

A young man named John went to church one Sunday in a southern city in Indiana. He had been to reform school and wanted to make an effort to straighten out his life. At the end of the service the pastor gave the invitation and John went forward and knelt at the altar. Ordinarily, someone would come and pray with each person who responded to the invitation. But nobody went up to pray with John. The people knew who he was. He was a bad actor. He had been to reform school. He was no good. No one prayed with him or read Scripture with him that day that perhaps would have helped him know that God loved him and would forgive his sin through Christ. But nobody cared.

When John left the church that Sunday he told his sister, who related this story many years ago, that he would never go to church again as long as he lived. And he never did. The young man's name, that is still known around the world today, was John Dillinger!

What a rebuke to those who go to church and don't care about the visitors. How often do people come to your church and you are not friendly? How often do visitors leave your church feeling the unconcern and indifference of those who profess to know Christ? How often do visitors come to your church and you are not even there to welcome them?

A man deliberately went to different churches for the purpose of grading those churches on different parts of the service such as preaching, singing and friendliness. It was in the area of friendliness to the visitor that churches got their lowest marks. How sad! Do you see yourself in this story? Everybody is important to God and should be welcomed at church with open arms. Be one of those who care and show it by your faithful attendance and friendliness to those who worship with you.