

For Atheists Only

There are those who say that they are an atheist. From the website of American Atheists comes this definition of an atheist: "Atheism is one thing: A lack of belief in gods. Atheism is not an affirmative belief that there is no god nor does it answer any other question about what a person believes. It is simply a rejection of the assertion that there are gods. Atheism is too often defined incorrectly as a belief system. To be clear: Atheism is not a disbelief in gods or a denial of gods; it is a lack of belief in gods." The same source says, "The only common thread that ties all atheists together is a lack of belief in gods." Once, when talking to a man, he said that he was an atheist but, when asked why he was so, he had no answer.

An atheist may come from any lifestyle with that walk being educated or uneducated, poor or wealthy; from whatever walk is not important. What is important is what they claim to believe or, in this case, do not believe. For one to not believe in something does not mean that it does not exist; it is simply denying that it exists. Since time immortal, even the most primitive people believed in gods of some sort and even made images of the respective god or gods to worship. The modern atheist claims to not believe in gods; would these same people claim that they do not have a conscience? If they admit to having a conscience, then where did that conscience come from? Why, even a physical body had an originating source to which they must admit. Likewise then, the conscience must have an originating source!

The conscience - "This word properly means the judgment of the mind respecting right and wrong; or the judgment which the mind passes on the morality or immorality of its own actions, when it instantly approves or condemns them." Even an atheist must admit and agree to this! The Bible tells us that there is one TRUE God and that He created this world and all that is in it. He also created humanity, "And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: ... So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them." {Genesis 1:26-27} Not only did God create this world and all humanity, all of humanity He created with an eternal soul, which came from God. "And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul." {Genesis 2:7}

In a small pamphlet like this, it is not possible to go into minute detail about the history of man. Suffice it to say though that when Adam, the first man, rebelled against God, the sin nature entered the realm of humanity and, as a result, we have all been born with a sin nature and from that nature we commit various acts of sin. The Bible gives us an accurate description of the true condition of man {Romans 1:18-32; 3:10-23}. It is not a pretty picture of humanity!

God loves us so much that, in spite of our sinful condition, He made a way for us to have forgiveness of sin and to have eternal salvation. "But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us." {Romans 5:8} "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." {John 3:16} God did this even for God denying atheists! "Forasmuch as ye know that ye were formerly enslaved with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers; But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot:" {1 Peter 1:18-19}

My atheist friend, all you need to do to have forgiveness and eternal salvation is to repent of your sin and by faith alone in the shed blood of Jesus Christ, receive Him as your personal Saviour. This Bible verse even applies to you, "For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved." {Romans 10:13} Can you trust what God said? Read for yourself! "And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life. These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God." {1 John 5:11-13} You can have salvation and He will forgive and save you if you believe.

Do you still not believe and want to continue being an atheist? If so, then I have a challenge for you, if you have the courage to accept it. Get a King James Bible and read the Gospel of John, all twenty-one chapters of it. However, before you begin to read, place the Bible on a chair, kneel down before it, and pray a prayer similar to this. "God, I am an atheist and I do not believe in you but, if you do exist, then as I read this Gospel of John, please reveal yourself to me. Amen."

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