

4. Undeniable existence of Almighty God

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Many people claim that the Bible is no longer relevant to this 21st Century life, because it is so outdated. At the same time some of them say that God does not exist. According to them, even if He exists, He would not be the same kind of God that those fundamental born-again Christians claim.

Somehow they think that their denial of His existence would single-handedly debunk the truth of God's presence in the universe. But when everything falls apart or catastrophic things happen to them, these same people would cry out to the very God whom they don't want around in their lives.

Here are some facts about God's existence:

- 1) God was existing long before the creation happened.
- 2) God doesn't need anyone's approval for His existence.
- 3) God is altogether loving and caring. But the love of God comes with His holiness and righteousness which show the complete truth about the depravity of human.

The majority of people would admit that they might have sinned a little – white lies here, taking something minor that are not theirs there, so on. “But not like murder or embezzling or robbery,” they say. I am sure that you all have heard excuses like this or you may have even used similar words yourself. That's because we tend to look at sin much differently from the way God does.

But the Bible tells us that we, every human being without an exception, are by nature sinners who reject God and His law. That is why we sin. And we often limit sin's definition to those things that hurt others. Scripture shows us, however, that any sin is an offense to our holy God – even if no one else knows about it.

Until an alcoholic admits that he is an alcoholic, there is no reason why he has to walk away from the bottle. Like that, until we admit that we are sinners, there is no reason for the Gospel of Jesus Christ. That is what apostle Paul is trying to show us – we are sinners by nature, by our hearts and by our actions.

A. THE WRATH OF GOD

Romans 1:18-19 For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who suppress the truth in unrighteousness, 19 because what may be known of God is manifest in them, for God has shown it to them.

We don't hear much about God's wrath even from the Christian church pulpits nowadays. Unlike uncontrolled outburst of anger by human which is saturated with sin, the wrath of God is rooted in His holiness and righteousness against our sins. There will come a day at the end of the Great Tribulation when He will pour out His full wrath on those who have rejected Him. Here apostle Paul is talking about God's ongoing and active disdain for sin.

In response to the truth of God revealed to mankind, people would go out of their ways to fight against, to ignore, to disregard and deliberately obscure it. Just about every single liberal media, Hollywood movie producers, directors, actors and actresses is involved in distorting, obscuring and making fun of Christianity as much as they can. If they treat Muslims or Mormons like that, someone would lose jobs and have

to make a public apology. But when it comes to Christianity, it is open season for anyone to take pot shots at.

B. WITHOUT EXCUSE

Romans 1:20 For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse,

We can't be saved by observing nature. Salvation comes only through Jesus Christ. But in nature we can see evidence of God's great power, wisdom and order. Since there's a creation, there must be a Creator.

Psalms 19:1 The heavens declare the glory of God; And the firmament shows His handiwork.

The evolution people claim that the universe came out of nothing, actually out of a tiny portion of amino acid from nothing. How can you have something when you had nothing to begin with? Their theory is not logical from the root.

It takes an incredible Creator to set the earth in perfect orbit around the sun – close enough to sustain life but far enough away to keep from burning up.

Since the evolution people claim that they are the ones who are scientific, let's see what they really say about their own evolution theory:

"The pathetic thing is that we have scientists who are trying to prove evolution, which no scientist can ever prove." – Dr. Robert Millikan, Nobel Prize winner and eminent evolutionist

"Lynn Margolis is a distinguished University Professor of Biology at the University of Massachusetts. At one of her many public speakings she asks the molecular biologists in the audience to name a single, unambiguous example of the formation of a new species by the accumulation of mutations. Her challenge goes unmet." – M.J. Behe, *Darwin's Black Box*, 1996 p. 26

"It is possible (and, given the Flood, probable) that materials which give radiocarbon dates of tens of thousands of radiocarbon years could have true ages of many fewer calendar years." – Gerald Aardsman, Ph.D., physicist and C-14 dating specialist

"We have to admit that there is nothing in the geological records that runs contrary to the views of conservative creationists." – Evolutionist Edmund Ambrose

"No matter how numerous they may be, mutations do not produce any kind of evolution." – Pierre-Paul Grasse, Evolutionist

"There are only two possibilities as to how life arose. One is spontaneous generation arising to evolution; the other is a supernatural creative act of God. There is no third possibility. Spontaneous generation, that life arose from non-living matter was scientifically disproved 120 years ago by Louis Pasteur and others. That leaves us with the only possible conclusion that life arose as a supernatural creative act of God." He then went on to say that "I will not accept that philosophically because I do not want to believe in God therefore, I choose to believe in that which I know is scientifically impossible; spontaneous generation arising to evolution." – Dr. George Wall professor emeritus of biology at Harvard University. From an article in *Scientific America*.

Last, but not least, let's hear from the founder of the evolution theory:
"Not one change of species into another is on record... we cannot prove that a single species has been changed." – Charles Darwin, My Life & Letters

People deny God's existence because they don't want their carnal and ungodly lives to be accountable to His holy and righteous standard. The bottom line.

If you'd like to learn more about the Creation Facts, you can visit these sites:
www.carm.org or www.AnswersInGenesis.org

C. INTENTIONAL IGNORANCE

Romans 1:21-22 because, although they knew God, they did not glorify Him as God, nor were thankful, but became futile in their thoughts, and their foolish hearts were darkened. 22 Professing to be wise, they became fools,
Man knew God. But man did not want to know God or honor Him as God. Man was willing to use God's gifts, but he was not willing to worship and praise God for His gifts and even acknowledge His presence. The result was an empty mind and a darkened heart.

A good example is religion department professors in universities around the country. They know all the history of Christianity and doctrines. They can even quote Bible verses better than the majority of Christians, yet many of them are not saved. It is because their knowledge remains in their head as information, not in their hearts as saving knowledge of Jesus Christ and worship and adoration to the Creator and God Almighty.

D. WORSHIPING CREATURES RATHER THAN THE CREATOR

Romans 1:23 and changed the glory of the incorruptible God into an image made like corruptible man--and birds and four-footed animals and creeping things.
'Image' in v23 is the ancient Greek word "eikon" where we get English word 'icon'. It is a dangerous thing to change the glory of the incorruptible God into an image of our own choice.

Sinful humanity knows that God exists, but we don't respond to this knowledge with worship or thanksgiving or praise. Instead, we use the intelligence God gave us to reduce the infinite God to finite images. God created us in His image, but we try to create a god according to our image, our preference.

Out of all the false gods, the first one is oneself. The origin goes all the way back to Genesis.

Genesis 3:5 For God knows that in the day you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."

Instead of man being made in God's image, man made gods in his own image – and then moved down so low as to worship birds, beasts and bugs.

E. EXCHANGING TRUTH FOR LIE

Romans 1:24-25 Therefore God also gave them up to uncleanness, in the lusts of their hearts, to dishonor their bodies among themselves, 25 who exchanged the truth of God for the lie, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen.

If man is his own god, then he can do whatever he pleases and fulfill his desires without fear of judgment. We reach the climax of man's battle with God's truth when man exchanges the truth of God for "the lie" and abandons truth completely.

What does it mean for God to give them up? It means that God simply took His protecting and guiding hands off and let willful rejection of man produce its ugly results in human life. He allows sin to take its natural course until sinners will turn to Him for grace and mercy and rescue from destruction.

We are making a terrible mistake if we think that it is God's mercy or love that allows man to continue in sin. It is actually His wrath that allows us to go on destroying ourselves with sin.

The Greek word for 'lusts' covers a wide range of illegitimate sexual activity – "epithumia" is the passionate desire for forbidden pleasure. It is the desire which makes men do nameless and shameless things. It is the way of life of a man who has become so completely immersed in the world that he has ceased to be aware of God at all.

In Rome, of course, the pursuit of personal passions was the goal for the majority of Roman citizens. And it's no mistake that this verse on sexual sin sits on idolatry between v23 and v25. Idolatry and sexuality were closely connected in the ancient world. Part of pagan worship involved visiting the temples of various deities in Rome and having sex with temple prostitutes.

As I said before, Paul was writing this letter from Corinth, which laid in the shadow of the temple of Aphrodite, the goddess of love and beauty. It is said that this temple alone employed a thousand prostitutes. In his letter to the believers of Corinth, he told them to keep themselves pure from this kind of immorality.

1 Corinthians 6:19-20 Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own? 20 For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's.

Perversion passed off as piety. Mythology substituted for theology. Wickedness instead of worship. Calling lies the truth, and fantasy, reality. Making God according to our image. Please do not make a mistake in thinking that this is all limited to ancient Rome. It is happening right here in America more ferociously than you realize.

This is an excerpt from May 11th, 2006 issue, USA TODAY:

"After two decades of searching for her authentic self-exploring New Age theories, giving away cars, trotting out fat, recommending good books and tackling countless issues from serious to frivolous – Oprah Winfrey has risen to a new level of guru.

She's no longer just a successful talk-show host worth \$1.4 billion, according to Forbes' most recent estimate. Over the past year, Winfrey, 52, has emerged as a spiritual leader for the new millennium, a moral voice of authority for the nation.

With her television pulpit and the sheer power of her persona, she has encouraged and steered audiences (mostly women) in all matters, from genocide in Rwanda to suburban spouse swapping to finding the absolute best T-shirt and oatmeal cookie.

"She's a really hip and materialistic Mother Teresa," says Kathryn Lofton, a professor at Reed College in Portland, Ore., who has written two papers analyzing the religious aspects of Winfrey. "Oprah has emerged as a symbolic figurehead of spirituality."

Unfortunately, Oprah is one of many who are leading the American spirituality with damnable New Age concept to hell.

F. APPLICATIONS

1) We must recognize and accept the fact that God is real, heaven is real and hell is real.

2) No matter what people want to say, think and make their political agendas, God will judge everyone who had rejected, rejects and will reject His invitation to salvation through Jesus Christ.