

Be Still & Know That I Am God

(Psalm 46:10)

- Introduction:
1. God's children have always dealt with skepticism and agnosticism (Exodus 4:1; 2 Peter 3:3-4).
 2. Skepticism provides a false sense of security, humility, & intelligence.
 3. Today, we must deal with an aggressive, militant form of atheism: "The New Atheism."
 4. Biblical faith is not a "*leap in the dark*" but is based upon evidence (Hebrews 11:1).
 5. In this lesson, let us examine a few avenues that give evidence to the existence of God.

I. The Argument from Design

- A. The argument from design or the teleological argument simply states that "every design must have a designer."
- B. William Paley and the watch and watchmaker.
- C. The Hebrew writer even used this line of argumentation to prove that God made the world (Hebrews 3:4).
- D. (Romans 1:20-22; Psalms 19:1; Acts 14:16-17; Job 12:7-9).

II. The Moral Argument

- A. How are we to account for morality or a sense of "oughtness" within us?
- B. Moral values are either the product of God, and thus absolute, or they are the product of man and thus subjective.
- C. If morals are subjective and determined by man, then how can we object to:
 1. The Holocaust?
 2. Human life being viewed on the same plane as other animal life?

III. Who Has Forsaken Reason & Rationality?

- A. Often the atheist chides the believer for being uneducated and unscientific.
- B. Is this true? Consider:
 1. Spontaneous generation.
 2. Ontogeny Recapitulates Phylogeny.
 3. Punctuated Equilibrium

- Conclusion:
1. Atheism is a tragic philosophy to live by and a disastrous philosophy to die by.
 2. "Let no man deceive you with empty words" (Ephesians 5:6).