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### The Creed of Atheism

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Atheism's faith or creed is that there is no God, hence no creation. The cornerstone of that creed is evolution, the only possible (though implausible) explanation for the existence of all things. This cultic dogma is repeatedly drilled into the minds of youth in our tax-supported schools. Was it overwhelming scientific evidence that forced some to accept such a dogma? Not at all. Let Sir Julian Huxley, late president of UNESCO, and grandson of Darwin's colleague, Thomas Huxley explained the real reason: "I suppose the reason we leaped at the origin of species was because the idea of God interfered with our sexual mores." Nobel Prize winner and professor emeritus of biology Dr. George Wild, is quoted in Scientific American: "I do not want to believe in God. I choose to believe in that which I know is scientifically impossible, spontaneous generation arising to evolution." This is why the debate over "Intelligent Design" is so heated in scientific circles. While evidence for creation mounts, and the impossibility of an orderly creation without a Creator becomes ever more apparent, some insist on still clinging to the hope that there is no Creator to whom they must give answer in eternity. As loyal cultists, they must defend their cult's creed.



I believe this no-Creator creed of atheism is the foundation stone for the increasing disregard of Bible truth within our society today. If we, as humans, are simply the end result of millions upon millions of years of mindless evolution, life has little purpose. Our one rule of life, then, becomes, Let us "eat, drink and be merry," with no thought of eternal consequences. Every person is left to be his own moral compass, unbound by any "thou shalt" or "thou shalt not" of Scripture. Schooled early in life to adhere to this simple creed, it becomes an easy step into sexual immorality, the killing of unwanted babies in the womb, thievery, drugs, transgenderism, and anything else that satisfies our appetites. Is it unimaginable that the transition from "peaceful demonstrations" to rioting, looting, arson, and even murder becomes the new norm? Indoctrinated by the Prince of Darkness, the goal is to create for ourselves a utopia of self-gratification that would be totally godless. Any surviving religion or faith would be required to assimilate to the new standards. It is conceivable that verbal opposition to such standards would be considered "hate speech," and the offender would be subject to penalty. After all, Biblical standards would no longer prevail, while humanistic, politically correct standards would be the obligation of all.

Am I exaggerating on this? Hear the apostle Paul: "For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine, but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears: and they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables" (2 Tim. 4:3).

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For from you the word of the Lord has sounded forth. 1 Thessalonians 1:8

ILLUSION THRU TO SOLUTION

LEARNING FROM DAVID'S SIN

2 Samuel 11:23-27

I David's Sin

- A. The Illusion II Sam 11:23-27
- B. The Disillusion II Sam 12:1-12
- C. The Resolution II Sam 12:13, Ps 51
- D. The Solution II Sam 12:10-14

II Our Sin

- A. The Illusion
  - 1. Self deception – Ps 10:11; I John 1:6-10; I Cor 3:18; Gal 6:3; James 1:22
  - 2. Deception by Satan and others – II Cor 11:3; John 8:44; Matt 24:4,11,24; Rom 16:18; Eph 4:14, 5:6; I John 3:7; II Tim 3:13
- B. The Disillusion Heb 4:13, Romans 3:23, Pro 17:15, Is 5:20
- C. The Resolution Acts 2:37-41, 16:30-33
- D. The Solution John 3:16, Rom 5:6,8,10, Acts 4:12, I Pet 3:21, I John 1:7

2 Samuel 11:23-27

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 DAVID  
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 ADVANTAGE  
 FIELD  
 ARCHERS  
 SERVANTS  
 DEAD  
 URIAH  
 HITTITE  
 JOAB  
 MATTER  
 SWORD  
 DEVOURS  
 STRENGTHEN  
 ATTACK  
 OVERTHROW  
 WIFE  
 LAMENTED  
 MOURNING  
 BORE  
 SON  
 DISPLEASED  
 LORD

Worship Service

Announcements

Song: 676 There's within My Heart (Vs. 1, 2, 4)

Song: 708 Walking in Sunlight

Prayer

Song: 784 Why Did My Savior Come to Earth?

Lord's Supper and Contribution

Song: 637 The Last Mile of the Way

Song: 213 He Gave Me a Song

Scripture Reading: 2 Samuel 11:23-27

Sermon

Song: 255 I Am Resolved

Song: 220 He Lives (Vs.2)

Prayer

2 Samuel 11:23-27 (ESV)

<sup>23</sup> The messenger said to David, "The men gained an advantage over us and came out against us in the field, but we drove them back to the entrance of the gate.

<sup>24</sup> Then the archers shot at your servants from the wall. Some of the king's servants are dead, and your servant Uriah the Hittite is dead also."

<sup>25</sup> David said to the messenger, "Thus shall you say to Joab, 'Do not let this matter displease you, for the sword devours now one and now another. Strengthen your attack against the city and overthrow it.' And encourage him."

<sup>26</sup> When the wife of Uriah heard that Uriah her husband was dead, she lamented over her husband.

<sup>27</sup> And when the mourning was over, David sent and brought her to his house, and she became his wife and bore him a son. But the thing that David had done displeased the LORD.

Why Worship?

*But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him. John 4:23*