The God Who Can Be Known

AND WITHOUT FAITH IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO PLEASE GOD, BECAUSE ANYONE WHO COMES TO HIM MUST BELIEVE THAT HE EXISTS AND THAT HE REWARDS THOSE WHO EARNESTLY SEEK HIM. HEBREWS 11:6



16 FOR I AM NOT ASHAMED OF THE GOSPEL, BECAUSE IT IS THE POWER OF GOD THAT BRINGS SALVATION TO EVERYONE WHO BELIEVES: FIRST TO THE JEW, THEN TO THE GENTILE. ¹⁷ FOR IN THE GOSPEL THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD IS REVEALED—A RIGHTEOUSNESS THAT IS BY FAITH FROM FIRST TO LAST, JUST AS IT IS WRITTEN: "THE RIGHTEOUS WILL LIVE BY FAITH."

PAUL'S LETTER TO THE ROMANS



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²¹ FOR ALTHOUGH THEY KNEW GOD, THEY NEITHER GLORIFIED HIM AS GOD NOR GAVE THANKS TO HIM, BUT THEIR THINKING BECAME FUTILE AND THEIR FOOLISH HEARTS WERE DARKENED. ²² ALTHOUGH THEY CLAIMED TO BE WISE, THEY BECAME FOOLS ²³ AND EXCHANGED THE GLORY OF THE IMMORTAL GOD FOR IMAGES MADE TO LOOK LIKE A MORTAL HUMAN BEING AND BIRDS AND ANIMALS AND REPTILES.



²⁴ THEREFORE GOD GAVE THEM OVER IN THE SINFUL DESIRES OF THEIR HEARTS TO SEXUAL IMPURITY FOR THE DEGRADING OF THEIR BODIES WITH ONE ANOTHER. 25 THEY EXCHANGED THE TRUTH ABOUT GOD FOR A LIE, AND WORSHIPED AND SERVED CREATED THINGS RATHER THAN THE CREATOR—WHO IS FOREVER PRAISED. AMEN.

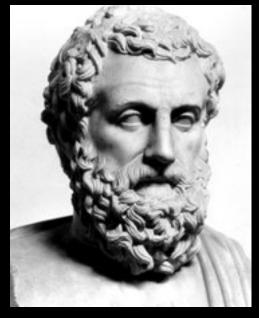
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ROMANS 1:19,20





Aristotle

"If everything in the world has a cause, what caused the world?"



Astrophysicist-Stephan Hawking "A Brief History of Time"

"Well, maybe when the big bang happened, there were literally trillions of parallel universes, and we just happen to be in the one in which matter coalesces and there's organic life."

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"You felt secure in your wickedness and you said no one sees me. Your wisdom and your knowledge have deluded you for you have said in your heart, I am and there is no one besides me." Isaiah 47:10

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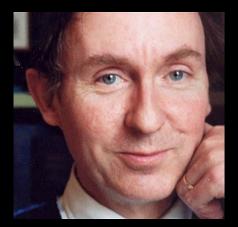


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At one point Wilson pointed out that most of the public voices in America and the UK say they have all but accepted that only stupid people actually believe in Christianity.



"As a matter of fact, it's materialist atheism that is not merely an arid creed but is totally irrational. Materialist atheism says that we're just a collection of chemicals. It has no answer whatsoever to the question of how we should be capable of love or heroism or poetry if we are simply animated pieces of meat. It's the resurrection, which proclaims that matter and spirit are mysteriously conjoined, that's the ultimate key to who we are."



"I wasn't reasoned into this through the proofs. All of my secular friends and me, all of us who didn't believe in God, insisted that people care about justice, insisted that people not trample on the poor, insisted that people believe in human rights. If there is no God, there's absolutely no basis for talking like that."



"I came to realize that what we're all doing is living as if there is a God because we know there's a God, but we won't admit it."



C.S. Lewis

"My argument against God was that the universe seemed so cruel and unjust, but how had I gotten this idea of just and unjust?" "What was I comparing this universe with when I called it unjust?



C.S. Lewis

"Of course, I could have given up my idea of justice by saying it was nothing but a private idea of my own, but if I did that, then my argument against God collapsed too, for the whole argument depended on saying the world really was unjust, not simply that I didn't like it. Consequently, atheism turns out to be too simple."

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Thomas Nagel "The Last Word"

"I experience fear of religion. I want atheism to be true. It isn't just that I don't believe in God and naturally hope that I'm right in my belief; it's that I hope there is no God. I don't want there to be a God. I don't want the universe to be like that."



"I'm sorry. I shut my mouth. I heard of you with my ears, but now I see you with my eyes, and I repent in dust and ashes." Go Read Job 42:1-6

The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands.



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