

PANDORA’S BOX

The Attack of the Isms

Rejecting the *truth* of God will lead to a worldview *disaster*.

Review

In our first session we learned that everyone has a worldview and that we are living amid a battle of worldviews. Second, we learned that God has much to say about how Christians think. He is working to transform us from the inside out, and one of His works is that of mind renewal, developing a Christian worldview or the mind of Christ. Third, we considered Paul’s warnings, that *we must learn to take every idea captive, or they will take us captive*. We take ideas captive by filtering them through the Gospel, the Word of God in the Scriptures. Finally, we examined the lie of the secular-sacred divide, which is a scheme of the enemy to squelch the Gospel and make the Bible seem irrelevant to our lives.

In our second session, we learned that developing a biblical worldview is the Old Testament’s way of pursuing wisdom. Wisdom begins with God. He is the origin and source of wisdom, and He gives wisdom to men through His Word. We also learned that wisdom is “the right use of knowledge” (Webster), and that “knowledge of the Holy One is understanding” (*Prov. 9:10*). The more we learn of God, the more we will think like Him and the more we will come to view the world He has made through His perspective.

Since God is the beginning of wisdom and knowledge of Him is understanding, we took time to develop a biblical view of God and man. When we spend time studying and understanding a biblical view of the world, then we can easily spot the lies around us. Finally, we learned that orthodoxy leads to orthopraxy – right doctrine or beliefs leads to right practice. Our view of God (theology) affects our view of everything else. However, the opposite is also true – wrong doctrine leads to wrong practice. Men have sought wisdom without God in the picture. The results have been disastrous. In this session we will consider what happens when men and nations forget God.

Six Major Worldviews

To prove the point that wrong doctrine leads to wrong practice, consider the six major worldviews. Dr. David Noebel and Dr. Jeff Myers of Summit Ministries have written extensively on this subject in their book entitled *Understanding the Times*. These worldviews are major in that they are influential and aggressive. They are constantly vying for our attention.

The most aggressive and influential worldview in our culture is *secular humanism*. To be secular is to be apart from God, which means that this view is “atheistic.” Secular humanists believe that the God of the Bible does not exist, and nature is all there is or ever will be. Thus, in their naturalism, they answer all questions with nature. As nature’s most evolved creature, man is god and determines truth and morality for himself. Unfortunately, this worldview is most prevalent in our schools and universities.

The second major worldview is *cosmic humanism*. While secular humanists view the world in only natural terms, cosmic humanists view the world in only spiritual terms. This mystical view holds to pantheism, that everything is god or part of god, and man can tap into that “force” and use its power. Cosmic humanism includes the New Age movement and religions like Hinduism and Buddhism.

The third major worldview is *postmodernism*. In opposition to the natural or spiritual views of secular and cosmic humanism, postmodernists believe that reality is unknowable, only what you make of it. Therefore, no one has a claim to absolute truth or morality (relativism), no one has the only path to God (pluralism), and no one has the answers to life.

The fourth major worldview is *Islam*. While we tend to think of Islam only as a religion, it is very much a worldview that entails government, law, economics, and all aspects of culture. Its tenets are found in the *Koran* and the *Hadith* (writings of Muhammad). Muslims believe in conversion by force, undermining other religions and cultures through intimidation and perversion of their own systems. Their goal is for everyone to submit to Allah.

The fifth major worldview is *Marxism or Communism*. When we hear the terms Marxism and Communism, we usually only connect it to economics or politics, but that view is too narrow. Marxism is a worldview that touches every facet of society. Marxists or Communists believe that man's greatest invention or achievement is that of the State (civil government).

Thus, Marxists believe that the State is god, and the State should control everything and everyone. This idea was promoted by Karl Marx, and the view bears his name. He believed that the source of all human strife was property. Those who do not have property are always warring with those who do have property (haves and have nots). Therefore, all property should be owned by the State and distributed "equally."

The last worldview is *biblical Christianity*, what we believe, which, of course, the other five views directly oppose. Why is it important to be familiar with these worldviews? Every cultural expression -- media, entertainment, law, music, etc. -- communicates one of these ideas or worldviews. However, do we recognize them? Behind every worldview is a view of God. Behind these skewed philosophies, views, values, and principles of the world are skewed theologies.

Unbiblical Worldviews

While we've only introduced six major worldviews, there are dozens more that exist today. However, they really fall into two categories – biblical and unbiblical, God's view and man's view. Often, when we hear the ideas of the other worldviews, we laugh or shake our head in disgust, but should any of it surprise us? They are trying to make sense of the world without God or with another god in the picture.

However, the Bible is very clear that to remove God from the equation will lead to a worldview disaster. Take the United States for example. When we consider the history of our country, a nation that once held to godly views and values but now proudly displays utter foolishness in the name of "science," "tolerance," or "equality," it causes us to ask, "Where did all this foolishness originate?" Why are we promoting and sanctioning such idiotic ideas? Nothing makes sense anymore!

The answer is quite simple. "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, but fools despise wisdom..." (*Prov. 1:7*). To understand the world best, we must first acknowledge God, His authority, and His wisdom. Since God is the creator of all things, then He knows best why things exist, how they are supposed to work, and what produces life and liberty. Therefore, wisdom is to seek the answers that God provides. A worldview that begins with God will produce wisdom.

What about a person who rejects the existence of God, ignores the Bible, and refuses to live by His instruction? We can only expect the opposite effect. If wisdom begins with God in the picture, then without God in the picture, we can only expect foolishness. By rejecting or ignoring God, man is left to his own sinful, selfish, distorted, limited, and wicked views. We should not be surprised that man's views and values are opposite God's views and values.

When describing today's world, the word "secular" comes to mind. According to Webster, secular "pertains to this present world or to things not spiritual" (*1828 Dictionary*). In the modern sense, to be secular means to be worldly or non-religious. Today, our nation is secularizing everything, meaning that we are "eliminating" all religious or godly influence from our institutions (i.e., schools, medical field, media, politics, laws, history, entertainment, etc.).

However, it is impossible to eliminate all religious influence from an institution. Institutions cannot be religiously neutral. They can be influenced by one religion or another, but they cannot rid themselves of all religious influence. What is meant by secularization is that God has been eliminated from the picture. He is not allowed to influence our institutions. But, in His place, secular humanism has been substituted. Secular humanism is a religion that replaces God with man.

If acknowledgement, submission, obedience, or fear of God is the beginning of wisdom, then when God is eliminated in an institution, that institution, or those in it, will become less wise. Those institutions that are the most secularized would become the least wise, and in the place of wisdom, or common sense, is substituted stupidity or foolishness. "It is the fool who says in his heart, there is no God" (*Ps. 14:1-3; 53:1*).

This truth explains why highly intellectual people believe foolish things or why the most intellectual places in our society promote nonsensical solutions. For example, the most secular institution in our society is the university, supposedly the place of knowledge and wisdom, yet the idiotic ideas propagated by our colleges and universities promote nonsense.

For example, professors proclaim that “science” confirms that transgenderism is real. In fact, there are at least 58 genders that we’ve identified so far. Really? Science has proven this to be true? A kindergartener knows that there are only boys and girls. Why don’t our most intellectual professors know this fact? Paul’s letter to the Romans provides the answer.

“They did not see fit to acknowledge God any longer, so God gave them over to a depraved mind, to do the things which are not proper, being filled with all unrighteousness, wickedness, greed, and evil... For even though they knew God, they did not honor Him, but they became futile in their speculations, and their foolish heart was darkened. Professing to be wise, they became fools.” *Romans 1:18-32*

Solomon had much to say about fools. “How long will you be simple-minded? Scoffers delight themselves in scoffing, and fools hate knowledge” (*Prov. 1:22*). He continues, “Because they hated knowledge and did not choose to fear the Lord, they would not accept wisdom’s counsel... so they shall eat the fruit of their own way and be satiated with their own devices. For the waywardness of the naïve will kill them, and the complacency of fools will destroy them. But he who listens to wisdom shall live securely and will be at ease from the dread of evil” (*Prov. 1:29-33*).

How do we understand the times in which we are living? How do we understand the nonsense being embraced in our culture? Our country has abandoned the historic biblical view of God and instead embraced unbiblical views of the world. Thus, we are experiencing the unhinging of society, a society bent on believing and doing foolish things, which will ultimately bring the judgment of God and the destruction of our way of life. When God is removed from a culture, then foolishness results. Rejecting the truth of God leads to a worldview disaster.

Pandora’s Box

What happens to societies when God’s influence is removed, and man’s wisdom is exalted? If wisdom begins with God, then *foolishness begins when we eliminate God from the equation*. Solomon wrote, “There is a way that seems right to men, but it only leads to death” (*Prov. 14:12*). A nation without God in the picture will produce a culture of death.

In Greek mythology, Zeus played a terrible trick on Pandora, his daughter. When the brothers Prometheus and Epimetheus stole fire from Mt. Olympus and gave it to mankind on earth, Zeus was outraged. He chained Prometheus to a mountain (where birds ate his liver everyday) and “gifted” Pandora to Epimetheus. Zeus gave Pandora a beautiful box, full of evil, yet told her not to open it. However, Zeus and Hera also gave her the quality of curiosity, along with the key, which compelled Pandora to open the box. When she did, she released evil into the world. Before she could close it, everything had escaped except for Hope.

Unfortunately, when a nation becomes secular and removes God’s influence from society, it is like opening Pandora’s Box, a horde of evil side effects will plague society. *Godless men do ungodly things*. A society’s belief in God and adherence to His laws keep Pandora’s Box closed and the evils at bay, but when a nation forgets God, or removes His influence, it unhinges itself from truth, morality, and decency. What follows is utter foolishness, perversion, debauchery, and death.

The New Testament example of opening “Pandora’s Box” is found in *Romans 1*.

¹⁸ For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all *ungodliness* and *unrighteousness* of men who *suppress the truth* in unrighteousness, ¹⁹ because that which is known about God is *evident within them*; for God made it evident to them. ²⁰ For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes, His eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly seen, being *understood through what has been made*, so that they are without excuse. ²¹ For even though they knew God, they *did not honor Him as God* or give thanks, but they became *futile in their speculations*, and their

foolish heart was darkened. ²² Professing to be wise, they became *fools*, ²³ and exchanged the glory of the incorruptible God for an image in the form of corruptible man and of birds and four-footed animals and crawling creatures.

²⁴ Therefore God gave them over in the lusts of their hearts to *impurity*, so that their bodies would be dishonored among them. ²⁵ For they exchanged the truth of God for a lie and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever.

²⁶ For this reason God gave them over to *degrading passions*; for their women exchanged the natural function for that which is *unnatural*, ²⁷ and in the same way also the men abandoned the natural function of the woman and burned in their desire toward one another, men with men *committing indecent acts* and receiving in their own persons the due penalty of their error.

²⁸ And just as *they did not see fit to acknowledge God any longer*, God gave them over to a *depraved mind*, to do those things which are *not proper*, ²⁹ being filled with all unrighteousness, wickedness, greed, evil; full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, malice; *they are gossips*, ³⁰ slanderers, haters of God, insolent, arrogant, boastful, inventors of evil, disobedient to parents, ³¹ without understanding, untrustworthy, unloving, unmerciful; ³² and although *they know* the ordinance of God, that those who practice such things are worthy of death, they not only do the same, but also give *heartily approval* to those who practice them.

There are several important truths to note in this passage. The opening verse provides a summary (v.18). First, all men know the truth of God. Second, though they know the truth of God, they suppress it or ignore it. Third, suppressing the truth of God, which is in essence godlessness, leads to unrighteousness (evil). Finally, God cannot allow unrighteousness to prevail. He judges men in His righteous wrath.

Let's consider these truths individually.

First, all men know the truth of God. Each person knows that God exists because of conscience, creation, and causation. Regarding conscience, man has an inner sense of God's existence because each person has a conscience (a sense of right and wrong). Each person knows that it is wrong to lie, steal, cheat, and murder. Why? God has written His laws on their heart or conscience (v.19; 2:14, 15). The word "conscience" means to act "with knowledge." God's creation and creatures carry out His natural order or rules.

Another way that God has revealed Himself to mankind is through His creation. Paul wrote that evidence of God has been "clearly seen through what has been made, so that they are without excuse..." (v.20). Creation is evidence of God's existence. Along with creation is the idea of causation, that something cannot come from nothing. Something can only be produced by something else or someone else. Every effect has a cause, and the effect of creation was caused by God. Therefore, the idea of atheism or naturalism, a self-existent earth, is ludicrous. It is to say that what we see around us was not caused but has always existed.

The second truth here is this -- though the world knows the truth of God, it suppresses it or ignores it (v.21). While each person has been given a conscience, some people choose not to listen to it or obey it. To suppress something means "to stop it, restrain it, conceal it, or obstruct it." While the people of the world know instinctively that God exists, they live as if He does not. Why? To acknowledge God, men must admit that they are accountable to Him. To suppress the knowledge of God "excuses" them from any sort of judgment of their behavior, thus easing their conscience. But, while one can ignore gravity, that does not mean that gravity ceases to exist. While people may ignore God, He still exists, and they will still be held accountable for their actions (Heb. 9:27).

If all men know instinctively that God exists, but they only suppress the truth, then there is no such thing as atheism, the idea of no God at all. A more accurate term would be an agnostic ("without knowledge"), someone who knows of God but who does not know Him personally.

The third truth in *Romans 1* is that when people suppress the truth of God, which is godlessness, they will naturally default to unrighteousness (evil, v.18). Godless men do ungodly things. “They become futile in their speculations, and their foolish heart is darkened” (v.21). The word “futile” means “worthless or having no value or purpose.” Without God in the picture, man’s thoughts and ideas (speculations) are nonsensical, illogical, even absurd (*Ps. 14:1; 53:1*). That’s why Paul wrote, “Professing to be wise, they became fools” (v.22). Really smart people say or believe dumb things.

Not only will godless men believe and promote dumb ideas, but they will also act on their baser sinful instincts, their feelings, and commit abominable actions (v.23-27). They do things that are not proper (v.28). Men were created for worship. Though God created people to worship Him, when they choose to ignore Him, their worship will be aimed at someone or something else. If the object of worship is not God, then it will be something godless, either self, other people, nature, idols, or fictitious gods. All these options favor God’s adversary, Satan.

The effects of “suppressing the truth of God” and worshipping these things is a long list of evils (v.29-32). Remember, opening Pandora’s Box releases a horde of evil into the world. Fearing God and obeying His laws keeps the box closed and the evils at bay, but rejecting the truth of God leads to a worldview disaster.

The final truth in *Romans 1* is that God cannot allow rebellion to go unpunished. Rebelling against God and His laws has consequences. God will judge men and nations in His righteous wrath. While He will judge men in heaven, He also judges them on earth, while they live. How so? He allows men to experience and suffer the consequences of their actions. Notice Paul wrote, “God gave them over to a depraved mind” (v.28). When people rebel against God’s natural laws, there are natural consequences.

However, when we consider what is taking place in our country, the nonsensical, illogical, and absurd ideas, decisions, and actions are simply consequences of the godless worldview that Americans have embraced. Furthermore, they are evidence that God has already

given Americans over to their “depraved mind” and is allowing them to experience the consequences. With each passing year, we are shocked or startled by some new deplorable deception, but we must remember that godless men do ungodly things.

Decline of Western Civilization

When we apply the truths of *Romans 1* to history, we begin to understand the chaos that has engulfed Western civilization since the abandonment of biblical Christianity. After the Protestant Reformation occurred (1500-1600s) and the Bible-believing religious dissenters were run out of Europe to America, they left behind a "godless" continent. Thus, Europe opened Pandora's Box and unleashed godless ideas that wreaked havoc everywhere.

For example, one of the first movements to follow the departure of biblical Christianity was the Age of Reason, what was also called the Enlightenment Period. Rather than rely on God’s Word for wisdom, men celebrated human wisdom and their ability to perfect themselves. The Age of Reason heralded an attack on God, biblical truth, values, and morality. Without God in the picture, man was “free” to derive his own ideas of existence, purpose, and happiness.

An example of the dangerous effects of the Age of Reason is the French Revolution. The French attempted to establish a form of government without God in the picture. They believed that man was basically good and could be perfected in his own way. However, what they soon discovered was that the heart of men was not good at all. Without God, evil prevailed, a period that became known as the Reign of Terror, in which 40,000 people were beheaded. The French secular democracy imploded within ten years and gave rise to a dictatorship. Rejecting the truth of God leads to a worldview disaster.

Attack of the Isms

A mass migration of biblical Christians to America depleted Europe of genuine Christian influence (1600-1700s). Once European nations were de-Christianized and Pandora’s Box was opened, it became a cesspool for countless godless philosophies, an attack of the “isms.”

The box was opened with deism, the rejection of divine revelation (Scripture), instead to be replaced with reason. Then, Friedrich Nietzsche promoted atheism. “God is dead,” he said. “Where has God gone? I will tell you. We have killed Him. We are His murderers” (“Parable of the Madman”). What follows next are consequences of such an action as “eliminating God.” Nietzsche continues, “What have we done but unchained the earth from the sun? Where are we now, except perpetually falling? Is there any up or down left? Are we not straying as through an infinite nothing? Do we not feel the breath of empty space? Is it not infinitely colder? Is it not more and more night coming on all the time? Must we not ourselves now become gods?”

When Nietzsche claimed that God was dead, what followed was a domino effect of godless worldviews, like Soren Kierkegaard’s existentialism (the universe is devoid of knowledge regarding truth, like today’s postmodernism), naturalism (nature is all there is, answering life’s questions by natural means), Darwinism (evolutionary processes, natural selection), secular humanism (man is god), relativism (man determines right and wrong), Marxism or Communism (the State is god, equal distribution of wealth), globalism (Marxism on a global scale), and more.

It has been said that after man killed God in the 19th Century (1800s) that men killed men in the 20th Century (1900s). More people were slaughtered by their own governments in the 20th Century than all previous centuries combined (100 million). Those governments were ruled by some form of Marxism (fascism, socialism, or Communism), which are all based on atheism. When nation’s forget God, evil and oppression are the result. Remember, *rejecting the truth of God leads to worldview disasters*.

Let’s take a closer look at just one of the “isms” – Darwinism -- to see it’s cause and effects.

Darwinism

Most of us, when we hear the word “Darwinism” think of evolution, and that would be correct. However, that is only the beginning. The mistake we make with Darwin is that we tend to downgrade his influence only to science. Darwin’s influence stretches across all

fields of study and thought, permeating every facet of society. In fact, his philosophy of life might be the most influential of all the dangerous ideas that have plagued mankind.

Author and historian Brannon Howse described Darwin’s influence in his book *Grave Influence: 21 Radicals Who Rule America from the Grave*. Howse writes, “If I were to put in order of influence the 21 radicals whose worldviews rule America from the grave, Charles Darwin would be number one. The spectacular scope and intensity of Darwin’s influence is breathtaking. If rising to Darwin’s level of impact was the standard for induction into the ‘Destructive Hall of Fame,’ he would be the only one to qualify for admittance. In a sense, Darwin started it all.”

What exactly did Darwin start? To understand Darwin, we must go back to atheism. When God is removed from the equation, then nature is all that exists. Thus, all of life’s big questions must be answered naturally or through “scientific” means. For example, where did life begin, how did we get here, what is our purpose, and where do we go when we die? The answer to these questions is “nature.” Nature is all there is. Therefore, everything is a product of nature, including mankind.

As a naturalist, Darwin attempted to explain the origin of life “scientifically.” He wrote two books, *On the Origin of Species* (1859) and *The Descent of Man* (1871). Regarding Darwin’s first book, *On the Origin of Species*, that title is an abbreviated version of the full title – *On the Origin of Species by Means of Natural Selection or the Preservation of Favored Races in the Struggle for Life*. The reason that the full title is important is that it reveals the purpose of the book.

The purpose of Darwin’s *Origin of Species* was to explain the origin of life by means of evolution and natural selection. Organisms gradually evolve through a process called natural selection. Those organisms that more readily adjust to their environment are more likely to survive and reproduce. They are “more advanced” than those organisms that do not evolve and are, therefore, eliminated in time. In other words, nature selects some species to live and others to die, depending on their stage of evolution.

Darwin's second book, *The Descent of Man*, applied the theory of natural selection to the origin of human life. Humans also evolved over millions of years from a lower origin or less advanced stage of evolution, a lower form of animals. Now, these theories have no merit and no scientific proof, and they obviously contradict the biblical account of creation, but secular scientists don't care. In their minds, Darwin has given them an explanation for the existence of everything without God in the picture, and that's all they need.

But when we look at the second half of the title of Darwin's first book – *The Preservation of the Favored Races in the Struggle for Life*, we see the problems that evolution creates. Darwin divided human beings into "races" and even suggested that some "races" are more favored than others. Because those "races" are more favored, they should naturally rule over and even eliminate the others. In short, Darwin's theories promoted racism, the inferiority of one people group over another. He even ranked them in order of advancement, justifying the elimination of some "races" because of their lesser advancement in the stages of evolution. This type of deception gave rise to the separation of nations and prompted the advanced nations to dominate the others.

What Darwin's work did was to further open Pandora's Box and release more evil side effects into the world. For example, if Darwinism is true, then human life is devalued. Humans are simply a product of nature, a descendant of animals. If life is an accident of nature, then life has no meaning or purpose. If humans are segregated based on stage of advancement, then the more advanced can justly dominate or eliminate the less advanced. Racism is allowed, and the slaughter of the lesser advanced "races" is acceptable.

Furthermore, if life has no value, it is acceptable to eliminate the weak, then the unwanted, unnecessary, or undesirable members of society can be eliminated, what is called Social Darwinism. Abortion is okay, because the preborn is less advanced and unwanted, an inconvenience or burden on its parents. Euthanasia is acceptable because the elderly are weak, less productive, and a drain on society. Lesser "races" can be subjugated, oppressed, even killed for the more advanced of the world to survive and succeed, which

justified tragedies like the Jewish Holocaust. Eugenics is acceptable as it is better for society to allow the strong to procreate and sterilize the weak, sickly, or deformed. Finally, as might makes right, a ruler is justified in eliminating his own people to stabilize his rule, an idea which allowed the slaughter of 100 million innocent civilians in the 20th Century.

Darwinism in America

Although Darwin's first book was published in 1859, it did not stir much interest in America because of the Civil War and Reconstruction period (1861-1877). However, Darwin's theories spread quickly during the Progressive Era (1890-1920) and met with staunch resistance by Fundamentalist Christians. Billy Sunday, Dwight Moody, and other Protestant leaders warned of its dangers in their cross-country revivals. However, the most prominent national leader against Darwinian evolution was politician William Jennings Bryan.

The Creation-Evolution debate took center stage when a Tennessee case surfaced in 1925, involving John Scopes, a science teacher charged with teaching evolution in his classroom. The ensuing Scopes "Monkey" Trial was a public spectacle, the first of its kind broadcasted on the radio and featuring two household names – Clarence Darrow (well-known atheist representing the ACLU) and Bryan (three-time candidate for President representing Tennessee).

While the judge ruled in favor of Tennessee's anti-evolution law, the public debate sparked national interest in the topic of Darwinism. The ACLU was able to ride that wave of "interest" to several landmark court victories. The most notable ruling came in 1963 (*Abington v. Schempp*), when the Supreme Court ruled to remove the Bible from public schools in favor of the newly redefined separation of church and state, claiming that government-run schools cannot promote one religion over another.

The lie here is that the federal government has no constitutional authority to determine what's taught in America's schools (*Article I, Section 8*), so teaching the Bible is not a violation of the First Amendment. But it was too late. The damage was already done. With the Bible removed from America's schools, creation was replaced with Darwinian evolution.

With 60 years of godless education, our nation has paid for its own destruction. The truths of God have been removed and the result has been foolishness. Remember, rejecting the truth of God leads to a worldview disaster.

Since Darwinism is false, “science” has been skewed to fit the narrative. Thus, legitimate science (following evidence where it leads) is an impossibility. With God removed and nature elevated, all questions are answered with nature, and saving nature – the planet – is our primary goal (environmentalism, sustainable development). With God removed, truth and morality are no longer absolutes, so truth is fluid, morality is relative, and ethics situational. Since life is accidental, having no value or worth, and morality is changing, anything goes. Perversions multiply. We are just animals, and we should be treated like animals. Have the standards of morality become more or less strict since the removal of God?

I once visited the National Archives in our nation’s capital. I wanted to see those well-known words on the Declaration of Independence, “We hold these truths to be self-evident, all men are created equal...” I was quite excited, until I went across the street to the National Science Museum, where an entire wing was devoted to Darwin’s theories of evolution. I remember leaving very frustrated. Our nation has completely abandoned its original course and embraced the opposite views of evolution.

Because we embrace Darwin’s image of man, we must naturally inherit his racist views, that some groups are superior to others and that the lesser groups should be eliminated from society. Americans say publicly that we want to end racism, but we promote the very philosophies that perpetuate racism. Only the creation account – with humans viewed as image-bearers of God – is equality even possible. It is the Christian idea of man, not the Darwinian idea of man, that eliminates racism. We can’t promote the source of racism and end racism at the same time. That won’t work.

Several observations can be made regarding Darwin’s attack on Christianity. First, we’ve made the mistake of thinking Darwin is only a scientific topic. That view is too narrow. Darwin influences every area of society.

Second, Christianity has compromised with evolution, conceding theistic evolution as an option to explain the origin of everything. Third, Christians have also been deceived into believing that science and the Bible are incompatible. In truth, science finds its origin with God. True legitimate science will complement the Bible, not contradict it. We can have confidence in God, the Bible, and their compatibility with science.

Darwinists know that their theories don’t have evidence or proof and that nothing they believe is true. So why do they promote such ludicrous arguments? The bottom line is they can’t admit there is a God, otherwise they would have to admit that they are accountable to His laws and judgment. Darwin’s theories are untrue, but his postulations sound “scientific” enough to justify removing the option of having a Creator.

Humanist Manifesto

Darwin’s theories even justified the rise of secular humanism, the worship of man, since he is the most advanced animal. Secular humanism is an expression of the lie that man is equal to God. In 1933, that lie was articulated by John Dewey and others in the first of three declarations. The second Manifesto was written in 1973 and the third in 2000. Secular humanists have “traded the truth of God for a lie and serve only the creature, not the Creator” (*Rom. 1:18-25*). Here are a few of their doctrines.

1. The universe is self-existing. [Atheism, no Creator]
2. Man is a part of nature, a result of a continuous process. [naturalism, Darwinian evolution]
3. Man will face the crises of life in terms of his knowledge of his naturalness. [Naturalism]
4. We believe that traditional, dogmatic, or authoritarian religions that place revelation, God, ritual, or creed above human needs and experience do a disservice to the human species. Any account of nature should pass the tests of scientific evidence. The myths of traditional religions do not do so. [Atheism, Naturalism]

5. Human personality is the end of man's life, fulfillment in the here and now. [Humanism]
6. Promises of immortal salvation or fear of eternal damnation are both illusory and harmful. They distract humans from present concerns and from self-actualization. [Atheism, Humanism]
7. Nature makes unacceptable any supernatural guarantees of human values. [Moral Relativism]
8. We affirm that moral values derive their source from human experience. Ethics is autonomous and situational needing no theological or ideological sanction. Reason and intelligence are the most effective instruments. [Moral Relativism]
9. The preciousness and dignity of the individual person is a central value. [Is Life Valuable?]
10. In the area of sexuality, we believe that intolerant attitudes, often cultivated by orthodox religions and puritanical cultures, unduly repress sexual conduct. The right to birth control, abortion, and divorce should be recognized. [Moral Relativism]
11. The profit-motivated society is inadequate, and a radical change of methods, control, and motives must be instituted. [Socialism]
12. A socialized and cooperative economic order must be established to the end that the equitable distribution of the means of life be possible. The goal of humanism is a free society in which people voluntarily and intelligently cooperate for the common good. Humanists demand a shared life in a shared world. [Socialism]
13. We are committed to a democratic society. [Democracy Is a Move Towards Socialism]
14. Separation of church and state is imperative. [Sacred-Secular Divide]
15. We deplore the division of humankind on nationalistic grounds. We have reached a turning point in human history where the best option is to transcend the limits of national sovereignty and to

move towards the building of a world community. [Globalism]

16. Humanists look to the development of a system of world law and a world order based upon transnational federal government. [Globalism]
17. The world community must engage in cooperative planning concerning the use of rapidly depleting resources. Ecological damage, resource depletion, and excessive population must be checked by international concord. [Environmentalism]

The Way of Life and Death

While there is much more to say about these things, we at least get a snapshot of how the world views itself. These "isms" have been fully embraced by our society, and they have been institutionalized in our schools and universities. Darwin is king, and God and creation are absent. Darwin's values are rampant in our culture, while biblical values are diminishing. America is becoming godless, and rejecting the truth of God leads to worldview disasters.

Pandora's Box has been opened. America has been invaded by these "isms," and one thing is certain. When a nation like ours forgets God, it will follow the nations of history and produce a culture of death. Jesus said, "I have come that you might have life and have it more abundantly, but the thief comes only to steal, kill, and destroy" (*John 10:10*). A people who honors God, obey His laws, and institutionalize His values will experience life, peace, and liberty. A nation that forgets God and embraces the enemy's lies will be taken captive and destroy itself. The Gospel is the answer to all our problems, but we have forgotten.

God is the origin or beginning of wisdom. Removing Him from the picture, rejecting the truth of His existence, authority, and instruction, leads to a worldview disaster. While Americans today might profess to be wise, they have become fools. Our nation was founded on the truth of God and biblical principles, which resulted in the greatest degree of liberty, peace, and prosperity the world has ever seen. By abandoning our nation's origin and turning our back on biblical truth, we are ensuring our destruction.