

# Uncovering the Roots of Atheism

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What is the Creator like? – Part 2

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## The Resistance

It would profit no one except maybe those who desire to hone their debating skills to delve into whether an ameba can by “chance” genetically drift or transmute into a duckbilled platypus over millions of years. There would be little profit in debating as to whether Noah’s ark could actually carry two of every kind (not species) of animal on earth and could actually withstand the floodwaters. Being that much of modern science denies and often attempts to debunk the existence of a supreme Creator and Noah’s flood, it would be mostly futile. The outcome will always be the same. The Holy Biblical record states that it was God who gave Noah the blueprint for the ark and that He also shut the door after all the animals and Noah and family were safe inside (Genesis 6-7). So, their safety was not just provided by the integrity of the ark but also by the Creator’s supreme oversight.

Having solidly and undeniably established in part one the reality of a Creator as being self-evident, it would befit us to find out who He is and what He is like. Based solely on creation and its laws and order and the need for absolute truth and law to govern the behavior of people, we can conclude that the Creator likes law, order, and justice. Why? They keep His creation safe. He obviously hates anything that would harm it. The fact that we have on this earth everything we need to survive, along with all the splendor and goodness of His creation, would indicate that He is a benevolent Creator. Why then are there such hatred, violence, suffering, corruption, and death on earth? Well, it would be safe to assume that at some time something went wrong. Recorded history proves that mankind has often blindly chosen paths of narcissistic self-aggrandizement and self-destruction. This does not necessarily indicate any flaw in

God or His creation. The potential for such evil points to one single thing: the self-evident existence of the free-will of mankind and the possible influence of preexisting evil upon it.

Is there a dark side to the history of mankind? Did man choose at some point to throw off His Creator's rule and become self-ruling? Is this the source of the destructive forces in the earth? Remember, as pointed out in part one, the self-evident reason why mankind cannot be self-ruling? He is fallible, is not all-knowing or all-powerful, nor can he be everywhere at the same time. He has little-to-no control over the laws and order that insure the integrity of all created things. He is limited by and can only function within the confines of them.

If the Creator indeed exists, why does He not just reveal Himself to us in a tangible way? Why does He cloak Himself in mystery? What if He already has? What if mankind's obsession with self-rule (stubbornness and rebellion) has blinded him and caused him to reject God's revelation of Himself to us? Proverbs 17:24 may just give us insight into the problem: "Wisdom is in the sight of him who has understanding, but the eyes of a fool are on the ends of the earth." Psalm 14:1 states: "The fool has said in his heart, "There is no God."

*Fools, in their quest for truth, will forever search out and gain knowledge from the ends of the earth but will overlook what is self-evidently and clearly in front of them because of their intellectual pride.*

Jesus himself, the Creator's cure for evil, stated: "I thank You, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that You have hidden these things [those things of God's unseen Kingdom] from the wise and prudent and have revealed them to babes" (Mt. 11:25).

Could it be that only those who desire to "see" will see what God desires to show them? Even so, those who think they already "see" will never be given the privilege until their hearts turn toward their wonderful Creator. The Holy Bible (1 Pt. 5) states that God resists [opposes] the proud [those who think they know] but gives grace only to the humble [the babes; those who look to God as their only hope].

The Apostle Paul stated: "For the message of the cross (Christ's redemptive death) is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. (19) For it is written: "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and bring to nothing the understanding of the prudent." (20) Where is the wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the disputer of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of this world? (21) For since, in the wisdom of God, the world through wisdom did not know God, it

pleased God through the foolishness of the message preached to save those who believe. (22) For Jews request a sign, and Greeks seek after wisdom; (23) but we preach Christ crucified, to the Jews a stumbling block and to the Greeks foolishness, (24) but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. (25) Because the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men. (26) For you see your calling, brethren, that not many wise according to the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, are called. (27) But God has chosen the foolish things of the world to put to shame the wise, and God has chosen the weak things of the world to put to shame the things which are mighty; (28) and the base things of the world and the things which are despised God has chosen, and the things which are not, to bring to nothing the things that are, (29) that no flesh should glory in His presence. (30) But of Him you are in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God – and righteousness and sanctification and redemption – (31) that, as it is written, "He who glories, let him glory in the LORD"" (1 Cor. 18-31).

Concisely, this is saying that those who spend their lives attributing to themselves or to human achievement on all levels what should be attributed to God the Creator will never be allowed to know Him. They will ever learn but never come to the knowledge of the truth. Even much of what they learn will be based on theory and myth.

Listen to the psalmist: "For though the Lord is high, yet has He respect to the lowly <bringing them into fellowship with Him>; but the proud and haughty He knows and recognizes <only> at a distance" (Psalm 138:6).

*The only reason someone would scoff at and not even consider what is being said here is because the Lord, the God of all Creation, is distant from them and their proud (high-minded and hostile) way of thinking.*

God sent His only begotten Son, Jesus the Messiah, into a world that treated Him like a common criminal. He did it so that we could come out of spiritual darkness (sin) and experience the inward awareness of Him and draw near to Him in our (spiritual) hearts.

*The only reason anyone would NOT invite within their hearts the inward awareness of their Creator is because they continue to choose a mindset that is hostile to Him.*

"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. (17) For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved. (18) He who believes in Him is not condemned; but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son

of God. (19) And this is the condemnation, that the light has come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. (20) For everyone practicing evil hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his deeds should be exposed. (21) But he who does the truth comes to the light, that his deeds may be clearly seen, that they have been done in God" (John 3).

Come to the Light people of the earth! It is the safest place anyone could possibly be. Your eternal destiny is at stake.

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