

So What? Why Does Belief in the Christian God Matter?

Notes

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Psalm 14:1-3 (repeated in Psalm 53) The fool says in his heart, "There is no God." They are corrupt, their deeds are vile; there is no one who does good. The Lord looks down from heaven on the sons of men to see if there are any who understand, any who seek God. All have turned aside, they have together become corrupt; there is no one who does good, not even one.

Proverbs 9:10- Reverence for the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and knowledge of the Holy One is understanding.

Romans 1:28-29a- Since they did not think it worthwhile to retain the knowledge of God of God, he gave them over to a depraved mind, to do what ought not to be done. They have become filled with every kind of wickedness, evil, greed, and depravity..."

Psalm 139

Video- "The Faith" with Chuck Colson and Gabe Lyons

Remember the Beatles' song? *Imagine there's no heaven, It's easy if you try, No hell below us, Above us only sky. Imagine all the people living for today...*

What's the problem with this song?

Review qualities of the Christian God:

Imagine No God:

Genesis 1:27- "So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them." But...

1. No God, no design:

Gen. 1:31- God saw all that he had made, and it was very good...” But...

2. No God, no value:

Jeremiah 29:10- 14 “I know the plans I have for you...”

Psalms 139- you are intimately known to God... days allotted all planned...

3. No God, no ultimate purpose or direction for your life:

4. No God, no meaning:

5. No God, no morals:

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6. No God, no future:

Video of Dr. William Provine, an atheist professor at Cornell University in NYC. Google: Will Provine Truth Project to find his discussion of the implications of atheism.

“The Atheist Response to Sandy Hook” by Dennis Prager can be found on TownHall.com

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But there is God, so there is Design. There is Value to life. There is purpose to life, meaning, morality and a future!