

The Challenge of Atheism

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It is hard to estimate the seriousness of the challenge of atheism in our country, which for so long has been known as a Christian nation. Atheism is the core belief of secular humanism, a godless religion that is persistently tightening its grip on our land. I fear humanism is a stronger, more dangerous evil than we have imagined. Why? Two fundamental reasons. The first, of course, is that it teaches there is no God. Secular humanism is an attempt to function as a civilized society without God and His moral principles. There is only the physical, material world. Humanists look to the inner man for moral strength, and deny any absolute truth or moral code.

Further, it is the dominant Worldview in our education and information networks today. Of course, humanistic thought is founded in the belief that nothing was created, rather all evolved. American schools teach Darwinian evolution at all levels, academia proclaims it, and mass media broadcast it as fact. But, it is not! Scientists, after decades of trying, have failed to produce any evidence supporting evolution from species to species. When asked for scientific evidence, they cite findings that support adaptation of a single species to its environment. Fifty years ago, evolutionists said life could spring from inorganic matter in a matter of a few million years. When no evidence was forthcoming, they revised the time required to hundreds of millions of years, then a billion or two, and now the time frame has reached eight to ten billion, and more. Still, there is no real evidence to support Darwinian evolution as a theory, let alone support its proclamation as scientific fact.

Many years ago, Sir Arthur Keith, British evolutionary anthropologist and anatomist, said, "Evolution is unproved and unprovable. We believe it only because the only alternative is special creation, and that is unthinkable." What Sir Arthur said then is still true. And, without evolution at its foundation, humanism crumbles.

But sadly, belief in both evolution and humanism is alive and well and growing in our country, indeed, in much of the industrialized world. Their influence is certainly not waning. Our mass media continue to push humanism, in fact, more strongly today than ever before. Could it be they believe Christian influence on our government, schools and other public institutions has finally been neutralized?

But the story of the evils of humanistic and evolutionary thinking does not end there. Communism is a close cousin to humanism, both being founded in atheism. Someone says, didn't communism die at the Berlin Wall? No, it is alive and well and growing. Communism, also known as Marxism, is alive and well in China, some African and Latin American countries; even in the US. Many of the so-called "Christian left" support Marxism, and there is support among some denominations. According to the US News and World Report of January 1982, there were at that time 10,000 Marxist professors on American campuses. Six years later, the Newsletter of Christian Anti-Communism Crusade stated in its February, 1988, issue, "The college and universities are the nurseries of Communism." And, the Marxist influence is no less strong today, inasmuch as some universities have actually recruited Marxist professors to provide diversity in their academic staff.

The Communist worldview shares much of what humanists espouse. It is based on three assumptions, which grow from atheism, and are humanistic in nature:

1. Man is inherently good, and able to be perfected.
2. The class system of society is responsible for all of the evil in mankind. (They now talk more about equality of genders and races than clash of the classes.)
3. All ills, even mental health can be restored by getting in touch with the inner man.

In 1963, a document entitled *The Communist Takeover of America - 45 Declared Goals*¹ was entered into the Congressional record. Today progress has been made on all 45 goals in that document. While most people may not be aware of a communist threat in our country, the threat is real. Any philosophy based in atheism, which is allowed to gain influence in our society and shape the minds of our young is a serious threat to faith. Our only defense is an unwavering, active trust in the word of Almighty God, and the proclamation of that, in love, to all who will listen.

¹ Communist Goals (1963), Congressional Record--Appendix, pp. A34-A35, January 10, 1963, Current Communist Goals, EXTENSION OF REMARKS OF HON. A. S. HERLONG, JR. OF FLORIDA IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, Thursday, January 10, 1963, posted at <http://www.uhuh.com/nwo/communism/comgoals.htm>