

## SECULARISM

Secularism started, like the Christian Reformation, with the invention of the printing press. It soon became the worldview, or type of religion, for intellectuals, to include university professors and students. During this time, the Catholic Church made false interpretations of scripture that science corrected. Secularism gained credibility among intellectuals and created a schism between the Catholic Church and science.

There are different types of Secularists. Agnostics believe there is insufficient evidence to know whether God exists. Atheists believe there is no God, and that life on earth simply evolved over billions of years. Accordingly, God is a projection of man's own thoughts and desires; man created God. Many Secularists view death as final; there is no afterlife. Their belief is that God does not exist, and therefore will never be their judge.

Millions of Christians live their lives as “functional atheists.” Despite having a measure of faith, they live as if there were no God. They are largely apathetic concerning God's existence. Secular Christians align their priorities from the secularist viewpoint. They value possessions and the attractions of this world—over a life of service to God. Jesus criticized this church. *You say, 'I am rich: I have acquired wealth and do not need a thing.' But you do not realize that you are wretched, pitiful, poor, blind and naked.* (Revelation 3:17)

During the Enlightenment (1600AD - 1800AD), Secularists elevated science, and scientific methodology, to the level of being the ultimate test for truth. Philosophers attacked biblical principles, instructing people to assert their own intellect. Darwin theorized life evolved from natural, random processes and not from an intelligent design. Darwin took away the need to acknowledge a rational or personal Creator. There was no longer a need to consider any moral authority higher than man. This opened the door for Mother Nature to replace God as having awesome power—such as from a storm or earthquake. While claiming to be compassionate, Secularists leave homeless citizens on the streets in order to fund the search for the origin of life on Mars.

While claiming to embrace scientific knowledge, Secularists ignore the wealth of scientific evidence that proves the existence of God. The second law of thermodynamics (entropy) demonstrates that our universe is moving from order to disorder, and not to a higher level of order. This foundational law of Physics makes evolution impossible. A simple illustration of entropy is that without maintenance, things break over time. The conscience—guilt—reveal a moral and spiritual quality to man. Spiritual qualities include a longing to understand something beyond this life. God designed and carefully placed such qualities within you.