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THE CREED OF ATHEISM

Atheism's faith or creed is that there is no God, hence no creation. The cornerstone of that creed is evolution, the only possible (though implausible) explanation for the existence of all things. This cultic dogma is repeatedly drilled into the minds of youth in our tax-supported schools. Was it overwhelming scientific evidence that forced some to accept such a dogma? Not at all. Let Sir Julian Huxley, late president of UNESCO, and grandson of Darwin's colleague, Thomas Huxley explain the real reason: "I suppose the reason we leaped at the origin of species was because the idea of God interfered with our sexual mores." Nobel Prize winner and professor emeritus of biology Dr. George Wild, is quoted in *Scientific American*: "I do not want to believe in God. I choose to believe in that which I know is scientifically impossible, spontaneous generation arising to evolution." This is why the debate over "Intelligent Design" is so heated in scientific circles. While evidence for creation mounts, and the impossibility of an orderly creation without a Creator becomes ever more apparent, some insist on still clinging to the hope that there is no Creator to whom they must give answer in eternity. As loyal cultists, they must defend their cult's creed.

I believe this no-Creator creed of atheism is the foundation stone for the increasing disregard of Bible truth within our society today. If we, as humans, are simply the end result of millions upon millions of years of mindless evolution, life has little purpose. Our one rule of life, then, becomes, Let us "eat, drink and be merry," with no thought of eternal consequences. Every person is left to be his own moral compass, unbound by any "thout shalt" or "thou shalt not" of Scripture. Schooled early in life to adhere to this simple creed, it becomes an easy step into sexual immorality, thievery, drugs and anything else that satisfies our appetites. Is it unimaginable that the transition from "peaceful demonstrations" to rioting, looting, arson, and even murder becomes the new norm? Indoctrinated by the Prince of Darkness, the goal is to create for ourselves a utopia of self-gratification that would be totally godless. Any surviving religion or faith would be required to assimilate to the new standards. It is conceivable that verbal opposition to such standards would be considered "hate speech," and the

offender would be subject to penalty. After all, Biblical standards would no longer prevail, while humanistic, politically correct standards would be the obligation of all.

Am I exaggerating on this? Hear the apostle Paul: “For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine, but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears: and they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables” (2 Tim. 4:3). -Ron

“Patriotism consists not in waving the flag, but is striving that our country shall be righteous as well as strong.” (James Bryce)

THINGS TO REMEMBER WHEN VOTING

God has greatly blessed us in granting us the privilege of being in a country in which citizens have a voice in choosing those in government, and being assured by our nation’s Constitution to be endowed by our Creator with “life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.” We should never take the freedom we have been blessed with for granted. Many other nations impose upon their citizens governmental control, leaving the people with no government that is “of the people, by the people, and for the people.” As citizens of the USA, we, the people, select those who represent us in government, and the principles of the parties and candidates. Our nation was founded by those who respected the Bible and the principles found therein as the basis for our constitutional liberty. So, when we go to vote we should keep in mind certain facts to guide us in our choices. I would suggest these:

- Be wary of the wisdom of the world, even that of a supposed majority. (1 Corinthians 1:20-21)
- The Bible teaches we are to pray for wisdom from God. (James 1:5)
- No political party, nor political candidate, will be without fault, for all have sinned. (Romans 3:23)
- Party affiliation, right or wrong, is not necessarily sufficient for our votes. What are the parties’ “platforms”?
- The appearance and personalities of the candidates should never be the main guiding principles for our votes. Let’s remember that even Satan can be “transformed into an angel of light” (2 Corinthians 11:14).

- Are the parties'/candidates' positions on moral issues in harmony with Judeo-Christian values, as we are admonished: "...know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God?" (Jas. 4:4), and warned: "...he that biddeth him God speed is partaker of his evil deeds" (2 Jn. 11).
 - Are the parties/candidates respecters of freedom of religion and of speech?
 - Be ready to show respect for the candidates that are voted into office, even if they're not of your choosing. "Let every soul be subject to the higher powers, for there is no power but of God: the powers that be are ordained of God" (Rom.13:1).
-Ron
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THE GRACE OF GOD

He gives me hope and courage

To face each newborn day.

He guides me through the shadows

To light and show the way.

He comforts and sustains me

In times of my distress.

His Word gives me solace

To find true happiness.

He's willing to forgive me

When I may go astray.

He says He'll always love me

And does my fears allay.

He never does forsake me

In moments of despair,

And when I need a helping hand,
I always find Him there.

--Harold F. Mohn, *Logansport, IN Bulletin*

A SPRING OF WATER

“But whosoever drinks the water I give him will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life” (John 4:14).

Water! That precious gift for the tired and thirsty. Water! That essential refreshment we all need. Jesus, however, offers water we don't have to carry or purify. No, this is water that wells up within us. This is the water that the Holy Spirit brings us. This is the water that gives us eternal life that starts now and lasts forever! --Highway Church, *Lantern*, Sullivan

“WHAT SATAN HATES” (Part 1) will be today's message, with Rev. 12:3-5 as the reading.

PRAY for God's providential leading as our nation chooses its leaders.