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Why do atheists persist despite the lack of evidence?

Many people in the world claim to be atheist (believe that there is no such being a God), yet the evidence they present does not agree with the reality of the Bible and of nature itself.

1. What supposed evidence embolden the atheist?

Psalm **73:3-6** 2 Peter **3:3-4** Proverbs **20:6** Psalm **115:4-8**

More often than not, the atheist points to the existence of wickedness in the world as anecdotal evidence that there is no divine being. As they look at life, they do not see the hand of God stopping the actions of evil people if anything, they see evil getting even more bold. Since they believe themselves to be good people and that they do not like to see others suffer, they believe that if there truly was a God, then he would be like them and stop the wicked.

2. What evidence does the atheist overlook?

Nahum 1:3-6 Luke 18:18-20 Romans 1:28-32 Hebrews 1:3

Romans **10:3** 2 Corinthians **10:12**

Isaiah 48:5-7

From a personal character point of view, the atheist doesn't have an adequate definition of good. He defines himself as good, even though he may be guilty of many of the same crimes that he is angry about with others. The atheist does not even consider why things do continue. Things like the morning and the evening or why language has purpose and meaning or why animals always give birth to animals who are like them and not like another. They do not consider that such things only exist because of the power of God to maintain them. Since they refuse to recognize the authority of God, they refuse to acknowledge that what God declares as sinful activity is truly sinful and is justly condemned. In contrast, they are committed to defining what is good by their own might even though they have not legitimate justification for their views nor do they hold their views in a consistent fashion. The atheist overlooks the fact that the fulfillment of biblical prophecy in the details given demonstrates that there is a God who actually knows the end from the beginning.

3. What does the atheist actually know?

Romans 1:19-21 Romans 1:32 Psalm 100:3 Hebrews 11:3

The atheist knows that wickedness must be judged and condemned. Although the atheist does not want to admit it, they actually know that there must be a God. Ultimately the atheist knows that evolution does not work from a scientific perspective, that is why the atheist often argues that life on earth arose through evolutionary means but that this evolution actually occurred elsewhere in the universe and that we are just transplants from that other planet.

4. What is the motivation behind the atheist's position?

John **3:19-20** Genesis **3:4-5**Jeremiah **17:9**

The atheist wants to live his life in the ignorant belief that his sins will never be punished and that he can do whatever he wants to do. The wickedness of his own heart drives him to reject God in order to justify his wicked behavior.