

Feb. 4, 2009

Mike Huckabee/Bill Maher TV Interview .

Questions and Comments

1. Regarding Maher's dispute of religious claims that one can know that there is a God, he said to Huckabee: "I don't know, and you don't know." I don't recall if he missed it, or what. But I don't remember Huckabee answering him.

2. Anyway, since it must be admitted that it is impossible to prove that no one can know there is a God, isn't it at least conceivable, that there could be?

4. If that should technically be allowed, shouldn't Maher's attacks against Christianity, be tempered accordingly? That is, declaration of disbelief, etc., but not utter denunciation of the possibility of a real God existing, of whom personal, spiritual knowledge may be claimed.

5. I agree with him that there is obvious confusion, contradiction and incredibility in much of the world's multitude of religions. But that does not prove that none of them are authentic.

6. Has he objectively considered whether biblical accounts of religious principles, and events, etc., could be a theoretically possible system of valid beliefs about life's mysteries? Or, is his vitriolic diatribe, an ad hominem attack against all religious claims, without discourse? A website comment on his movie "Religulous" states that he is not interested in other viewpoints. Is it just me, or is that not an in-your-face, arrogant position to take?

7. By the biblical account of "events", I mean that (1) it is stated, or implied that man was created with an innate faculty, or capacity to know God, and whose purpose and privilege was to live for and with God on the earth eternally, if (2) he chose to obey a crucial test by which he would acquire immortality, but (3) instead he made the negative choice of partaking of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, becoming personally responsible for decisions of life without the resource of righteousness (sinlessness), and corresponding benefit of the attributes, and personal love and care of God—or to understand anything involved in the spiritual realm, which act (4) constituted the commission of original sin, resulting in spiritual, and later physical death—affecting all mankind, except for (5) some, as selected by God (which is unmerited election)who are redeemed, and restored to man's original living relationship with Him.

And , regarding human suffering, and Satan, and other negative realities of life: these are explained to us in the scriptures as results of the "fall" of man, or the advent of sin, which caused a moral and earthly breakdown. Or, a life changing, adverse effect on both man, and nature.

Prophesy foretells the eventual divine disposition of this judgmental condition, and the establishment of a sinless, and perfect world kingdom.

Christians, having been enlightened by the spirit of God , do know the answers to many of life's spiritual mysteries, and questions. But, too, there is a scriptural reminder that tells us there

are certain limits to how much we may be able to discern; especially of eternal matters. “The secret things belong unto the Lord our God; but those things which are revealed belong unto us and to our children for ever.....” Deut. 29:29.

8. On the question of creation vs. evolution, which was briefly referred to:

The logic of supernatural creation is practically incontrovertible, making the idea of evolution as a credible science—a preposterous fantasy! The only extenuating factor for such fallacious theorizing is the scripturally attested reality of the power of an evil supernatural being called Satan, of whom we are told that unredeemed, or unfaithful men’s minds are taken captive by him at his will. Which is his main self-appointed, perpetual, anti-God mission.

The bible says that God (a creator) is evident in the things that exist, so that man is without excuse for believing otherwise. My point on this subject, is that an evolutionist has no defensible grounds upon which to disallow or ridicule the postulate of creation. Especially since logic and reason weigh so heavily against the far-fetched theory of evolution. And it is, of course, impossible for man to demonstrate proof, empirically, for either position,.

And yes, no matter how much it is speciously discounted by evolutionists, “intelligent design” should be obvious to honest observation and reasoning. How can an intelligent being result from an unintelligent source? Also, because of the advent of sin in the world, the scriptures tell us that natural (carnal) man must be re-created spiritually to be able to believe in divine reality (God). That being the regenerative transformation by which one becomes a Christian! Whereupon, he can testify with inward assurance that, “The Spirit (God) beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the (redeemed) children of God.” Rom. 8:16.