

# Do Not "Leave God" for College

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## Introduction:

Our congregation includes a group of High School Seniors this year. The pursuit of "higher-education" is the goal for many young ones. There is good reason to be concerned for these young souls; not only those who are going to college but also those who are entering the workforce.

This series of lessons is intended to instill in all of our young people the greatest-success. The greatest-success is not "the most money" or "the highest degree"—*the greatest success is, and always will be, eternal-life in Heaven after this life is over.*

There is good reason for our concern at this time in these young lives. Truth be told, we lose young people to "the mind of college"—*not all are lost, but even one is too many!* The push to reject one's foundation of faith and to accept humanist-ideology is going to be one of the greatest pressures that these young souls face.

This lesson is intended to encourage spiritual-survival when your faith is challenged by professors and fellow-students. In the environment of most modern colleges, faith in God is disparaged—*your "belief-system" will be ridiculed.* The focus of this lesson is "*Do not leave God for College!*"

## Rejecting God is Not Science, it is Refusal to Believe

Our Creator God is truth (Genesis 1 and 2; Acts 17:24-27). All "true" science points to God as the only conclusion, because He is truth. Scientists admit that there is no other reasonable conclusion, but far too many continue to promote the false-idea of Organic Evolution. Consider these quotes from highly-respected evolutionists:

Dr. George Wald, evolutionist, Professor Emeritus of Biology at the University at Harvard, Nobel Prize winner in Biology, said, "*There are only two*

*possibilities as to how life arose; one is spontaneous generation arising to evolution, the other is a supernatural creative act of God, there is no third possibility. Spontaneous generation that life arose from non-living matter was scientifically disproved 120 years ago by Louis Pasteur and others. That leaves us with only one possible conclusion, that life arose as a creative act of God. I will not accept that philosophically because I do not want to believe in God, therefore I choose to believe in that which I know is scientifically impossible, spontaneous generation arising to evolution."*

Professor D.M.S. Watson, leading biologist and science writer of his day, said, *"Evolution [is] a theory universally accepted not because it can be proven by logically coherent evidence to be true, but because the only alternative, special creation, is clearly incredible."*

Dr. Colin Patterson, evolutionist and senior Paleontologist at the British Museum of Natural History, which houses 60 million fossils, said, *"Darwin's evolutionary explanation of the origins of man has been transformed into a modern myth, to the detriment of scientific and social progress.... The secular myths of evolution have had a damaging effect on scientific research, leading to distortion, to needless controversy, and to gross misuse of science.... I mean the stories, the narratives about change over time. How the dinosaurs became extinct, how the mammals evolved, where man came from. These seem to me to be little more than story-telling."*

Unfortunately, many Professors and students still refuse God, do not be one of them. Their corrupt-perspective is not new, modern, or surprising. Consider Romans 1:18-25. **Verse 18:** In desire of ungodly and unrighteous behavior, man will *"suppress the truth"* of God. **Verse 19:** The evidence of God is in man's own body and life; yet they ignore it. **Verse 20:** God's great power is clearly seen in the natural world, so that man cannot say they don't see it; yet they continuously do. **Verse 21:** Even though the evidence of God is clearly seen, they refuse to glorify and thank God—*they rather refuse to see God; they embrace the empty conclusions of their own imaginations.* **Verse 22:** They lift themselves up as the standard of intelligence, but are fools for ignoring the evidence against their case. **Verse 23:** They worship the idols of

their own thoughts. **Verse 24:** They reject God's rules of morality to have what they want—*moral corruptions*. **Verse 25:** They reject God and worship themselves. All in all, the rejection of God is the pursuit of the futile: the emptiness of no answers, and the hopelessness of living only to die. Do not reject what is plainly-true, God is our Creator.

### **We Know Only Nothing Comes from Nothing.**

One of the greatest flaws in the atheist's reasoning, is their conclusion that "something can come from nothing". They obviously know that their conclusion is absurd; that is why they try to hide it by pushing their theory back by "millions of years"—*in the hope that we will be so boggled by the timespan that we will believe the impossible*.

We are here on earth, one of the planets of our solar system. If we consider our vast universe and our own planet, how did it get here? You cannot reasonably say that it "just happened", or that "it came from nothing". To say, or teach, that this universe just popped into existence without a cause, is frankly insulting to our intelligence.

### **One of the most accepted and universal rules of this material world is "Cause and Effect".**

If this universe exists, and it obviously does, then at its beginning there had to be a "sufficient cause". "Sufficient cause" means something powerful enough to supply all the actions and reactions of this material world. Obviously, in order for even our own planet with all of its powerful natural forces to exist, something more powerful had to cause it to be. There can be no other explanation that works with this proven scientific law than a supernatural-being who is beyond our material nature, and more powerful than our material world, to have made it happen.

We know the ultimate "Great-Cause" as God. God made all the parameters of our existence: time, space, and matter (Genesis 1:1-2). "*In the beginning*"—time. "*Made the heavens*"—space. "*And the earth*"—matter. God the Father

is beyond, and without, the limits of our natural universe: God is eternal (Revelation 4:8)—*He does not require time, to exist*. God is Spirit and does not require matter or space, to exist (John 4:24). God is the only explainable, rational, and valid conclusion that fulfills the need of a sufficient cause (Revelation 19:6). Do not reject what is plainly-true, God is our Creator.

### **Everyone Can See the Design in Nature.**

Those who refuse God, attempt to convince themselves, and others, that all of the universe "just happened", without intelligence, direction, or design. They want us to believe that every lifeform has randomly arrived from some unknown mindless moment.

The entire idea that we see designs in nature, demands an intelligent-designer. Clearly, there are designs all around us. From the simplest seashell to the tallest tree; from a tiniest germ to largest of the whales, nothing is random. Clearly, instead of random chaos, we see order, organization, and pattern. All creatures perpetuate their own kind (Genesis 6:20), a whale has never given birth to a wombat; an acorn has never sprouted a maple tree.

The 2nd Law of Thermodynamics (Entropy) has never-ever been disproven—*it states that all order becomes disorder* (Therefore disordered particles will never become organized to form anything more). What is taught by those who refuse God is that complete elements formed from randomness, and then further formed into functioning beings—*impossible in nature*.

God designed and created this material universe for us (Genesis 1:1-31; Acts 17:24-27): This world is for man: The Sun, Moon, and Stars are for us (Genesis 1:14-19). The plants are to supply our needs for food (Genesis 1:11-13, 29) and structure (Genesis 6:14); the animals are also for us (Genesis 1:28; 3:21; 9:1-3; 1 Timothy 4:1-5). All things are perpetuated in their pattern, according to God's design. The works of earth and the heavens are on their designated circuit (Psalm 19:1-6; Ecclesiastes 1:5-9). Man, animals, and plants, all bring forth more of their same kind, this is the design

of God's natural world. God is the only explainable, rational, and valid conclusion that fulfills the need of a Great Designer. Do not reject what is plainly-true, God is our Creator.

### **Conclusion:**

Every year thousands of young people leave their parental-homes and head out into this big-old world full of hopes and goals—many to College. Our young, among the church, do the same.

There are many dangers along the way and their faith will be tested; perhaps, more than ever before. Some of us parents would love to say, "*Please do not leave for College*"—*but that request is not very realistic*. On the other hand, we are asking all of our young people to not leave their faith in God, for College.

Is it reasonable to believe in God? God is actually the only explainable, rational, and valid conclusion that fulfills all the needs of our existence. The Bible declares our Creator God with no uncertain terms. So does the natural world, "*...the heavens declare His glory and the firmament His handiwork*" (Psalm 19:1). God is real; the hope of life and life eternal is real; your opportunity to believe and obey is real. Do not wait, embrace the hope of the gospel plan, obey God right now. ~tss