

They Say There Is No God

Have you heard of the New Atheists? Bestselling authors like Sam Harris and Richard Dawkins are bringing a new brand of atheism to the masses and we should be aware. This morning we're going to interact with some of the writings and arguments of Harris and other atheists. Is it reasonable to believe in God? Can Christians be equipped to make a case for God in response to the challenges of New Atheism?

Portrait of the New Atheists

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- I. **They Are Still People of** _____
 - A. The New Atheists contend that science and faith are exclusive and incompatible.
 1. Science is simply _____.
 2. Faith is simply _____.
 - B. But Science deals with:
 1. What can be _____.
 2. What can be _____ in experimentation.
 - C. Thus atheism and Evolution are _____ systems!
 1. You cannot prove or disprove the existence of God with empirical method (2 Cor. 5:7; Heb. 11:1).
 2. You cannot prove evolutionary theory as the origin of all living things. The origin of life can be neither observed nor reproduced in laboratory.
 - D. Atheism and Christianity is the clash of two faith systems. So which is more reasonable to believe?
- II. **Their Reasons for Atheism Are** _____
 - A. As simple as cause and effect
 - B. The Beginning of the Universe demands a _____ (Gen. 1:1; Heb. 11:3).
 - C. Design demands a _____ (Heb. 3:4; Rom. 1:20).
 - D. Moral Law demands a Moral Law _____ (Rom. 2:14-15).
 - E. The atheists' denial of these things and their speculative alternatives are unreasonable.
- III. **Their Faith System Offers No** _____
 - A. How do the faith systems of atheism and Christianity answer the great questions of life?
 - B. Origin? Life is _____ or Life is _____
 - C. Meaning? Life is _____ or Life is _____
 - D. Morality? There is _____ or There is _____
 - E. Hope? There is _____ or There is _____
- IV. **They Still Look for Something** _____
 - A. Atheism longs for _____ life (Eccl. 3:10-11; Acts 17:27).
 - B. With Christianity there is assurance of _____ life.
 - C. The most troubled and troubling atheists are not New Atheists but _____ atheists – those who profess to believe but live as if there is no God!