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MORALITY: WHO NEEDS GOD? ALL MEN HAVE FREE WILL

By Justin Gonzalez

Before we discuss the idea of the New Atheist in that men don't need God for morality, let us point out the underlying problem with this movement. The majority of Atheists want you to believe that we evolved from the big bang after which life was created from non-life. They say that life in the world was set in motion to make itself better and more advanced with every passing year. This is how they come up with the conclusion that we are just robots or machines that are doing what our DNA is telling us to do, even against our own will, because survival is the number one priority for any gene.

Here's the problem with that. If, indeed, men's DNA was set in motion to better itself in the survival of the fittest, then your DNA would never have you waste time on non-physical things such as assumptions, theories, and fantasies. Your DNA would only let you focus on the empirical things of this world, and not something that is non-existent. Therefore, the very idea of a human that has evolved wasting his or her time on debating the existence of God or the origin of morality shows that those of this ideology have free will to contradict their DNA.

You see, if their philosophical scientific assumption was right in stating that evolution is more than a theory, then by the very basis of their belief, their DNA would have prohibited them from arguing their point. Instead, they would just let the lesser evolved people fall behind, as they themselves would be set on the improvement and advancement of their own DNA. On this point alone it is clear to see that the Atheist and

Antitheist who fight against the God of heaven have contradicted themselves. For they indeed have free will as the Bible proclaims: "A man's heart plans his way, But the Lord directs his steps" (Prov 16:9). "If anyone wills to do His will" (Jn 7:17a).

The point to be made here is this: no one should take this New Atheist movement seriously because it is founded on assumptions, theories, changing terms, self-righteousness, and false truths. When a man's truths are built from assumptions, they contradict the law of rationality. When a man's theories contradict themselves, they have proven themselves as fallacies. The people who live by this ideology have no standard but their own, thus they have no objective standard. This would make them unable to determine morality because, by their standards, there is no standard; there would only be the moral compass of the individual.

This being the case, it is every man for himself and to every man whatever feels right. To live and think like this would bring chaos to any society. Consider this: if man is the only standard for right and wrong, then anything goes because all men are equal and one man's ethic is just as good as another. In order to have a standard of right and wrong, there must be something higher than man to establish that standard. God is that higher authority. The fact is that the proponents of this movement have free will, and with it they attack the God who has given it to them.

To be continued next week.

Daily Bible Reading Schedule

Beginning Thursday, October 19, 2017:

- Thursday— Titus
- Friday— Numbers 17-20
- Saturday— 1 Chronicles 25-29
- Sunday— Psalms 108-110
- Monday— Proverbs 23-24
- Tuesday— Amos 1-4
- Wednesday— John 16-18



Prudence Elyse Brown

was born on October 14, 2017 at 10:20 AM. She was 5lbs, 14 oz and measured 19 inches. Congratulations Sarah, Daniel and family. Welcome, baby Prudence!

For the Record—10/15/2017	
Sunday AM	135
Sunday PM	42
Wednesday (10-11)	47
Contribution	\$3,708
Weekly Budget	\$5,800
YTD Contribution	\$177,489
YTD Budget	\$237,800

KEEP IN PRAYER

- Roger Farmer, friend and neighbor to Pat Wagoner, passed away on the morning of October 17th. Our sincerest condolences to his family and friends; please keep them in prayer during this difficult time.
- Please continue to pray for **Eddie Parker**, Bobby Parker’s brother. The aneurysm that was near his stomach has gotten larger and reached his aorta. Please pray that treatments will be successful and that he fully recovers.
- Please pray for **Jan Lemoine**, who recently injured her knee.

Our Members:

Gary Adams, Sarah Brown and baby Prudence, Jared Octaline Beauquierre, Erica Matte Blair, Jeffrey Buesch, Johnson, Bennie Sue Galindo, Fran Barnhill, Dawn Bell, Linda Bynum, Raquel Castillo, Debbie Cook, Evelyn Haley Biegay, Annette Bumpers, David Clayton, Jeff Coe, Cordell, Ray Craycraft, Judy Dame, Billie Dykes, Linda Daisy Dees, June Evans, Ross Genaro, Dorendia Evans, Gwen Fikes, Glenda Garner, Betty Goad, Sarah Hamilton, Charlyne Harper, Murrell Hill, Judy Indest, Wanda Goeman, Robert Hudman, Kaliya Kelly, Elaine King, Kerry Kirby, Dorothy Kirkland, Jo Knight, Wanda Knight, Lemoine, Martha Locke, Austin & Celia Matthews, Jim & Clifford & Nina Layton, Jan Lemoine, Valerie McHargh, Julie Maxcey, Shirley McWhorter, Mary Means, Pat Miller, Harold & Alice Moore, Adam Parker, Vi Price, Betty Pridgen, Lewis Moss, Jean Nudelman, April Parker, Wilma Parker, Chase Shelton, David Smith, Loma Stone, Sandy Mark Pridgen, Alice Puckett, Ryan Rangel, Trena Russell, Stone, Doris Stuteville, Angela Terry, Everett Sanderson, Butch Sapp, Henry Schaefer, Don Scott, Sherly Scott, Andrew Shock, Tony Smajstrla,

Others:

Ramona Williams, Christian Bazil, Daniel Ingram, Judy Andrew Smith, Michael Smith, Rick Stone, Erin and Elijah Moore, Thomas Mauney, Mike Humphries, Michael Smith, Timmons, Leon Vanderveer, Mary White, Wanda Williams, Jim Alford, Leona Anderson, Catherine & Cecilia Bailey, Anthony Young.



Who came out with raw shoulders and with bald heads after a siege?

Answer to last week's question: Pharaoh during Abraham's time (Genesis 12:17).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ◆ The church annex will be used as an early voting location from **10/22 to 11/05**. During this time, **all Sunday and Wednesday classes typically held the annex will be moved to the auditorium.**
- ◆ **Chris Lindelof** is our contact elder for **October**. If you would like to schedule a meeting, please see Chris.
- ◆ The ladies in the **October food preparation group** are **Canova Genaro, Heather Brown & Heather Cook.**
- ◆ **Secret Sisters** will meet Monday, November 6 at 6:30 PM at Jodie Briand's home at 205 Greenbriar Dr. in Friendswood. Jodi and Heather Brown are the hostesses.
- ◆ **Arms of Hope** will be doing their grocery run **October 23-27**. The recommended donation item is **coffee.**
- ◆ **The church-wide encampment** is set for **October 27- 29** at Martin Dies, Jr. State Park. Reservations can be made at tpwd.texas.gov. If you have any questions please see Bob Williams.
- ◆ A **Ladies' Christmas Party** will be held at Brenda Blair's home on December 1st at 6:30 PM.
- ◆ The **December Secret Sister Party** will be held on Thursday, December 7 at 6:30pm at 2606 Gunpowder Lane in Pearland. The hostesses are Brenda Riggs and Jean Coe.

Susan Lenamon is one of six Sam Houston State University alumni being honored for making significant contributions to their professions, communities, and alma mater. Susan will receive the Distinguished Alumni Service Award on Friday, October 20 as part of the university homecoming festivities. Congratulations, Susan!

Our congregation is beginning a project to help our brothers and sisters in Puerto Rico. Brenda Riggs has a contact there who is a sister in the church. We will be collecting and sending batteries via flat-rate boxes, and will need AAA, AA, and D batteries.

IMPORTANT: due to shipping restrictions, we cannot include more than 8 batteries per package. Each box can only contain a package of 8 batteries or it will not be mailed.

The remaining space in the boxes will be filled with other requested items that will be purchased in bulk. You can begin bringing batteries to church on October 18th.

October Birthdays

20	Susan Lenamon	20	Angela Parker
27	Jerri Farmer	27	Sarah Romain
28	Steven Cuellar	28	Daniel Townzen
29	Nnenna Osuorji	29	Jimmy Terry

October Anniversaries

2	Dwight & Leah Bateman	29	James & Laurie Maxcey
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October Events

22	Lewis Romain will deliver the Sunday AM sermon
23-27	Arms of Hope Grocery Run
27-29	Church-wide encampment

Those to Serve

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Wednesday Evening October 18	Wednesday Evening October 25
Building Lock Up — Kevin Scarsdale	Building Lock Up — Bob Williams

Morning Worship October 22	Morning Worship October 29
<p>Opening Prayer Zack Williams</p> <p>Song Leader Wendell Romain</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Communion</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Presiding Kevin Scarsdale</p> <p>Mark Holmberg Bob Williams</p> <p>Alan Pearson Russell Genaro</p> <p>Grayson Townzen Tom Langford</p> <p>Announcements and Closing Prayer Chris Lindelof</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Nursery Attendants</p> <p>Appeal Byers Tracey Mauney</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Ushers (* indicates head usher)</p> <p>*Paul Hamilton, J Carriere, N Scarsdale</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Greeters</p> <p>Kevin & Maresha Scarsdale</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Audio/Projector</p> <p>James and Laurie Maxcey</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Building Lock Up AM /PM J Maxcey</p>	<p>Opening Prayer Paul Hamilton</p> <p>Song Leader Blake Williams</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Communion</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Presiding Bobby Parker</p> <p>Gheath Alatrash Chris Wallace</p> <p>Anthony Bryant Jake Satterwhite</p> <p>Josh Hundley Phil Godwin</p> <p>Announcements and Closing Prayer Chris Lindelof</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Nursery Attendants</p> <p>Sarah White Molly Godwin</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Ushers (* indicates head usher)</p> <p>*Clifford Layton, Jimmy Terry, Z Bryant</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Greeters</p> <p>Kevin & Maresha Scarsdale</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Audio/Projector</p> <p>Bob and Mitzi Williams</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Building Lock Up AM/PM— C Lindelof</p>

Evening Worship	Evening Worship
<p>Song Leader Zack Williams</p> <p>Communion Gheath Alatrash, J Terry</p> <p>Closing Prayer Chris Lindelof</p>	<p>Song Leader Bobby Parker</p> <p>Communion Alan Pearson, J Maxcey</p> <p>Closing Prayer Zack Williams</p>

<p>Worship Times:</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Sunday</i></p> <p>Bible Study9 am</p> <p>Morning Worship.....10 am</p> <p>Evening Worship.....6 pm</p> <p>Wednesday Bible Study.....7 pm</p>

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MISSIONARIES

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Paul Tohionon - Bohicon
Pascal Djedatin - Dassa
Blaise Atta - Bétérou
Clément Djebede - Okéwo
Gaston Nda - Natitingou
Valentine Ndimonte - Natitingou
André Assogba - Gobé
Dorotheé Tchekpo - Savé et Bessé
Paul Kouagou - N'Dali
Jonas Sambieni - Kaboua
Gabin Agbeci - Savalou
Portsmouth, Dominica, West Indies
Lewis Romain