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THE BODY OF CHRIST

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MORALITY: WHO NEEDS GOD? AUTHORS OF THEIR OWN HOLY TEXT

By Justin Gonzalez

The New Atheist group and movement have certain men at the core. These men are the authors of the books that inspire this irrational movement. Sam Harris, Daniel Dennett, Christopher Hitchens, and Richard Dawkins have become the authors of disobedience. They lead people down the blind path of unsurety, and in the process their writings have become holy text for their followers.

Jesus said "Can the blind lead the blind? Will they not both fall into the ditch?" (Lk. 6:39b). They all claim to be free thinkers, yet when someone challenges their logic they refuse to think. Rather, they revert back to their original defense that they are more evolved and more intelligent than you are. So with this mentality that their intelligence is the standard for all to reason with, this is their claim: that we humans don't need God or a holy text to tell us, and/or teach us, what morality is. Yet they write their own text which tells people what to think.

How hypocritical can any author of a book that promotes atheism be? Can you see that they say "don't go to the Bible, it's not truth", but they want you to go to their book to see goodness? The New Atheist movement rejects the God of the Bible, and has declared war upon God. Richard Dawkins rejects the idea that morality comes from God, and claims that you should discount

the book of Leviticus and others because all "enlightened moderns" have done so.

So to his point, if you do not reject the God of the Bible and/or His inspired books, you're unintelligent and less evolved. To claim that morality does not come from God, you have to have more than assumptions. Dawkins said "If you want to believe in god, don't look to arguments from biologists and scientists. You won't find answers to god in science".

If these men want to argue that morality does not come from God, then their field of study should be theology and not science or biology. If answers to God and/or morality cannot be found in their respective fields of study, then why listen to them? They have no authority on this matter, nor are they an authority on the matter.

Dawkins has also said "We are the 21st century moralists and atheists. We don't need to get morals from our religions. We are getting morals from secular moral philosophy, secular jurisprudence, and dinner table conversation". By religions, he means any persons who follow a holy text such as Christians, Jews, etc. Dawkins claims that 21st century moralists and atheists get their morals from secular moral philosophy. What is secular moral philosophy, and is it capable of giving man morals?

Daily Bible Reading Schedule

Beginning Thursday, October 26, 2017:

Thursday— Philemon
 Friday— Numbers 21-24
 Saturday— 2 Chronicles 1-5
 Sunday— Psalms 111-113
 Monday— Proverbs 25
 Tuesday— Amos 5-9
 Wednesday— John 19-21

For the Record—10/29/2017	
Sunday AM	110
Sunday PM	NC
Wednesday (10-18)	NC
Contribution	\$3,981
Weekly Budget	\$5,800
YTD Contribution	\$181,470
YTD Budget	\$243,600

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. Please drop batteries off in the marked box in the foyer.

KEEP IN PRAYER

- Please continue to pray for Bobby Parker's brother, **Eddie Parker**. An operation is expected, but he has continued to lose weight and weaken. Let us pray for a successful operation, and for Eddie's strength and recovery.

Our Members:

Gary Adams, Jared Johnson, Bennie Sue Galindo, Fran Barnhill, Dawn Bell, Haley Biegay, Annette Bumpers, David Clayton, Jeff Coe, Daisy Dees, June Evans, Ross Genaro, Dorendia Hamilton, Charlyne Harper, Murrell Hill, Judy Indest, Wanda Kirby, Dorothy Kirkland, Jo Knight, Wanda Knight, Clifford & Nina Layton, Jan Lemoine, Valerie McHargh, Harold & Alice Moore, Adam Parker, Vi Price, Betty Pridgen, Chase Shelton, David Smith, Loma Stone, Sandy Stone, Doris Stuteville, Angela Terry.

Others:

Ramona Williams, Christian Bazil, Daniel Ingram, Judy Moore, Thomas Mauney, Mike Humphries, Michael Smith, Jim Alford, Leona Anderson, Catherine & Cecilia Bailey,

Octaline Beaupierre, Erica Matte Blair, Jeffrey Buesch, Linda Bynum, Raquel Castillo, Debbie Cook, Evelyn Cordell, Ray Craycraft, Judy Dame, Billie Dykes, Linda Evans, Gwen Fikes, Glenda Garner, Betty Goad, Sarah Goeman, Robert Hudman, Kaliya Kelly, Elaine King, Kerry Lemoine, Martha Locke, Austin & Celia Matthews, Jim & Julie Maxcey, Shirley McWhorter, Mary Means, Pat Miller, Lewis Moss, Jean Nudelman, April Parker, Wilma Parker, Mark Pridgen, Alice Puckett, Ryan Rangel, Trenna Russell, Everett Sanderson, Butch Sapp, Henry Schaefer, Don Scott, Sherly Scott, Andrew Shock, Tony Smajstrla, Andrew Smith, Michael Smith, Rick Stone, Erin and Elijah Timmons, Leon Vanderveer, Mary White, Wanda Williams, Anthony Young.



Who despised her husband in her heart because he danced merrily in the streets and exposed too much flesh?

Answer to last week's question: Nebuchadnezzar's soldiers (Ezekiel 29:18). James Maxcey was first to submit a correct answer.

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 Jodi Briand's home at 205 Greenbriar Dr. in Friendswood. Jodi and Heather Brown are the hostesses.
- ◆ 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.
- ◆ There will be **no Ladies' Bible Class** on November 8th or December 13th.

October Birthdays

27	Jerri Farmer	27	Sarah Romain
28	Steven Cuellar	28	Daniel Townzen
29	Nnenna Osuorji	29	Jimmy Terry

October Anniversaries

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

23-27	Arms of Hope Grocery Run
27-29	Church-wide encampment

LOCK YOUR CAR DOORS

We have had several reports of theft in our area over the last few weeks. Please lock your vehicle.

November Birthdays

3	Ben Valdez	4	Vi Price
4	Karen Valdez	5	Warren Hudman
8	Mitzi Williams	13	Laura Moss
13	Carole Kriegel	15	Tim Godwin
18	Doris Stuteville	21	Delores Truelove
27	J.J. Martinez		

November Anniversaries

5	Daniel & Sarah Brown
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November Events

1	WNWTM
6	Secret Sisters - Jodi Briand's home - 6:30PM
22	Ladies Bible Class

Those to Serve

Pearland Church of Christ

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of service, building up the body of Christ...

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Wednesday Evening October 25	Wednesday Evening November 1
Building Lock Up — Bob Williams	Building Lock Up — James Maxcey

Morning Worship October 29	Morning Worship November 5
Opening Prayer Paul Hamilton	Opening Prayer Chris Lindelof
Song Leader Blake Williams	Song Leader Gary Adams
Communion	Communion
Presiding Bobby Parker	Presiding James Maxcey
Gheath Alatrash Chris Wallace	Jimmy Terry Derek Mauney
Anthony Bryant Jake Satterwhite	Jeremy Brown Mark Holmberg
Josh Hundley Phil Godwin	Russell Genaro Alan Pearson
Announcements and Closing Prayer Chris Lindelof	Announcements and Closing Prayer Gary Adams
Nursery Attendants	Nursery Attendants
Sarah White Molly Godwin	Lianne Biegay Appeal Byers
Ushers (* indicates head usher)	Ushers (* indicates head usher)
*Clifford Layton, Jimmy Terry, Z Bryant	*Lynn Adams, Jacob Carriere, N Scarsdale
Greeters	Greeters
Kevin & Maresha Scarsdale	Kevin & Maresha Scarsdale
Audio/Projector	Audio/Projector
Grayson Townzen & Brenda Riggs	Volunteers Needed
Building Lock Up AM /PM C Lindelof	Building Lock Up AM/PM — K Scarsdale

Evening Worship	Evening Worship
Song Leader Bobby Parker	Song Leader Wendell Romain
Communion Alan Pearson, J Maxcey	Communion Bob Williams, Zack Williams
Closing Prayer Zack Williams	Closing Prayer Daniel Brown

<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>

ELDERS

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Justin Gonzalez Minister 832-724-4502
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MISSIONARIES

Benin, West Africa:
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