

ONTARIO WINTER SCHOOL

BE NOT DECEIVED- SURVIVING THE LAST DAYS

THE CONTRAST OF TRUTH AND ERROR

- Light versus darkness- God first creates a division
- The woman and the serpent- we have to choose between what God has said, or "what I think"
- Two seeds always at enmity with each other
- Cain and Abel-can I worship as I think fit?-versus faith
- Lamech and Enoch- the ungodly are condemned
- Noah and the world- faith condemns the ungodly
- Jesus and the world- *If the world hate you, ye know that it hated me before it hated you. (John 15:18)*
- *And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. (John 3:19)*
- *All that is in the world..is not of The Father... 1 John 2 v16*

BE NOT DECEIVED

- Indeed, all who desire to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted, while evil people and impostors will go on from bad to worse, deceiving and being deceived.

(2Tim 3:13 ESV)

- Jesus warned
- "Be not deceived...many false prophets shall arise...Take heed that no man deceive you.."

BE NOT DECEIVED-Eph 5v6-11 ESV

- **Let no one deceive you with empty words**, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience.
- Therefore do not become partners with them for at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord.
- Walk as children of light (for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), and try to **discern what is pleasing to the Lord**.
- Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but **instead expose** them.

THE MINDSET THAT KILLS

- Therefore I warn you, and I implore you in the name of the Master, no longer to live as the Gentiles in their **perverseness** live, with **darkened understandings**, having by reason of **the ignorance** which is deep-seated in them and the **insensibility** of their moral nature, no share in the Life which God gives. (Eph 4:17-18 Weymouth)

BE NOT DECEIVED

- Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? **Be not deceived**: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind,
- Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God. (I Cor 6v9-10)
- **GOD IS VERY LONGSUFFERING, BUT IS NOT TOLERANT OF EVIL – “I change not”-says God**

WHERE FALSE VALUES ARE PROMOTED

- The print and electronic media
- Social media-facebook, chat rooms and the internet
- Movies (with their agenda themes embedded)
- State Education systems
- Legislation against discrimination and "harassment" –workplace laws
- Government example (legislation and state apologies for the LGTBQ community)
- Ex- Christadelphian websites
- Churches seeking to remain "relevant"

BE NOT DECEIVED

- Till we all of us arrive at oneness in faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God, and at mature manhood and the stature of full-grown men in Christ.
- So we shall no longer be babes nor shall we resemble mariners tossed on the waves and carried about with every changing wind of doctrine according to men's cleverness and unscrupulous cunning, making use of every shifting device to mislead.
- (Eph 4:13-14 Weymouth)

THE BATTLE WE MUST HAVE

- The weapons with which we fight are not human weapons, but are mighty for God in overthrowing strong fortresses.
- For we overthrow arrogant 'reckonings,' KJV mg. "reasonings") and every stronghold that towers high **in defiance of the knowledge of God**, and we carry off every thought as if into slavery-- into subjection to Christ.
- (2Cor 10:4-5 Weymouth)
We wrestle against spiritual wickedness in high places...

Hugh Mackay on Religions

- Religion is not so much about salvation anymore .
- The question people now ask is-
"Do you want to help make the world a better place?" or "Do you want to be a better person"

TRENDS NOTED

- Church institutions are now scorned (due to abuse history)
- Commitment to organisations is down, less people volunteer (now mostly left to older people)
- Dogma and tradition are resisted
- People create their own version and perception of Christ
- Claims are made that Jesus never condemned homosexuals (but read Rev 21v7)

MISCONCEPTIONS OF JESUS

- “Jesus did not come to teach doctrine , but to tell us how to live and to care for one another.”
(Hugh Mackay- Australia’s leading sociologist)
- “We cannot talk about the inclusive love of God , while at the same time colluding with the forces of oppression in the ill treatment of racial minorities, women and homosexual persons-it wont wash with the young..”
(Australian Catholic- Bishop Long)

AUSTRALIAN Anti-religion trends

- The recent national census placed “No religion” as the first option for religious status
- Of the 50% who claim to be “Christian” only about 10% attend Church regularly
- Over 70% of weddings are not held in a church
- Amongst the 18-30 year olds – over 70% classify themselves as SBNR (spiritual but not religious)

Issues at Corinth

- Serious moral problem was tolerated
- Factions and personality based divisions
- Brethren taking each other to law
- Misuse of spirit gifts
- Wrong doctrine on the resurrection
- Dangerous exercise of liberty in relation to the idol worship of the city
- Women asserting themselves
- Serious disorder at ecclesial meetings

Things that we have had explained by Paul

- Memorial meeting process and meaning
- Principles about collections
- Advice on marriage and relationships
- The correct use of conscience and liberty
- Head covering principles
- The role of sisters
- Correct use and the purpose of spirit gifts
- A glorious exposition of *agape* love
- Detailed exposition of the resurrection

SUCH WERE SOME OF YOU...

Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind, Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God.

1Cor 6:9-10

PAUL AT ATHENS

What will this babbler say?
We preach Christ crucified..to the Greeks
foolishness



THE DEBATERS OF THIS WORLD

Demosthenes practicing his oratory



WE DO KNOW THE FUTURE..

- Things which the eye hath not seen , and the ear hath not heard, and to which the heart of man hath NOT aspired..-Things which God hath prepared for THOSE who love him
- God HAS REVEALED UNTO US by his spirit, for the spirit searches all things, yea even the deep things of God.
- 1 Cor 2v9-10 Diaglott

WE CAN ANALYSE THE MIND OF MAN

But they cant comprehend us.....

- Now, an animal man does not receive the things of the spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him ; and he is not able to understand, because they are spiritually examined.
- But the SPIRITUAL man examines, indeed, all things, yet he is examined by no one.

1 Cor 2v14-15 Diaglott

THE ISSUES WE ARE FACING NOW

- Our position on voting and oaths in court defied
- God Directed Evolution inside our brotherhood
- Women teachers
- Neglect of pioneer writings and their spirit
- Falling ecclesial commitment and involvement
- Resistance to the “man made statements” of our unique doctrines and values
- Marriage out of the faith is not seen as serious, nor is it dealt with as it once was.
- Resistance to the concept of one saving Truth

TRUTH MATTERS

- **Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat:**
- **Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it.**
- **(Matt 7:13-14)**

THE ISSUES WE WILL SOON FACE

- Pressure to accept homosexuality as “normal”
- Human need replaces Divine ideals and laws
- People approach scripture with a pre-determined notion- and wrest scripture to justify it
- Science is given far more status than it deserves
- God directed evolution-denies the BASF
- Inaction (disguised as a desire for unity) against clear cases of error will cause divisions

OUR CHALLENGE TODAY

Let us hold firmly to an unflinching avowal of our hope , for He is faithful who gave us the promises ;and let us bestow thought on one another with a view to arousing one another to brotherly love and right conduct ; not neglecting –as some habitually do- to meet together , but encouraging one another, and doing this all the more since you see the day of Christ approaching. Heb 10v24-25 (Wey)

BE NOT DECEIVED

- But solid food is for adults--that is, for those who through constant practice have their spiritual faculties carefully trained to distinguish good from evil.
- (Heb 5:14Weymouth)

Tangible strategies

- Restrict exposure to postmodern media
- Remain sensitive to God's thinking- by regularly consulting His word with an accepting mind
- Challenge the subtle manifestations of human thinking that arise in the ecclesia .
- Reinforce Divine Truth and morality

HOW WE GET THE SPIRIT MIND

- And now I commend you to God, and the word of His grace , which is able (dynamic and powerful) to build you up , and give you an inheritance among all them which are sanctified. [Acts 20v32](#)
- The words I speak unto you , they are spirit and they are life. [John 6v63](#)
- Unfolding spiritual things to spiritual persons ... [1 Cor 2v13](#) [Diaglott](#)



OUR BIBLE BASED WORLDVIEW

- There is a Creator God, who controls all
- There is only one saving Truth and one hope
- God will soon judge the world by His righteousness , not their warped ideals
- God has absolute morals and does not change
- Only God can solve the world's problems
- God's Truth will be imposed for mankind's benefit (Isa 2v1-4)- the law from Zion

BE NOT DECEIVED

- For I know this, that after my departing shall grievous wolves enter in among you, not sparing the flock.
- Also of your own selves shall men arise, **speaking perverse things**, to draw away disciples after them.
- Therefore watch, and remember, that by the space of three years I ceased not to warn every one night and day with tears.
- And now, brethren, I commend you to God, and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up, and to give you an inheritance among all them which are sanctified
- (Acts 20:29-32).
- LET NO MAN DECEIVE YOU WITH VAIN WORDS...

WHO IS ON YAHWEH'S SIDE ?

- Then they that feared the LORD spake often one to another: and the LORD hearkened, and heard it, and a book of remembrance was written before him for them that feared the LORD, and that thought upon his name.
- And they shall be mine, saith the LORD of hosts, in that day when I make up my jewels; and I will spare them, as a man spareth his own son that serveth him.
- Then shall ye return, and discern between the righteous and the wicked, between him that serveth God and him that serveth him not. [Mal 3v16-18](#)



THE SPIRIT OF DISOBEDIENCE

- You who were dead in trespasses and sins , which were once habitual to you while you walked in the ways of this world and obeyed the Prince of the powers of the air, the spirits that are now at work in the hearts of the sons of disobedience-- to you God has given Life.
- Among them all of us also formerly passed our lives, governed by the inclinations of our lower natures, indulging the cravings of those natures and of our own thoughts, and were in our original state deserving of anger like all others.
- (Eph 2:2-3 Weymouth)

THE MIND OF CHRIST IN US

- Service – not self
- Sacrificing for others –true love
- Responsibilities- never rights
- Pleasing God –rather than men
- Forgiving as we wish to be forgiven.
- Self effacing-not self promoting
- Living for the future –not this life
- Character is critical- integrity matters
- Examine ourselves more critically than others
- Seeking peace and unity

EVOLUTIONARY CREATIONISM

Developing Truth

- May we each open our eyes then to **the unfolding glory, truth**, wisdom and beauty of God's creation as it is revealed **through science**.
- The great light (Jesus) that came into the world to reveal the truth did not illuminate science , but addressed the needs of the human heart .
- **Jonathon Pogson – Nov 2014**

EVOLUTIONARY CREATIONISTS

- We now have a well organised force inside the brotherhood , who powerfully use the internet to convert people to accept Theistic Evolution.
- They say **Truth needs to be rediscovered**
- They preach **tolerance** of their evolutionary views - saying that science is right, and call for reason and debate , saying we must re-interpret the Bible
- They demand their **right** to hold a new truth as they see it, and to ignore the BASF.
- They say this "new truth" is an **uncertain detail**
- They attack anyone who calls for a stand for Truth as "dividing the brotherhood" OR "rushing headlong to disaster".

BIBLE TRUTH –GOD WORKS MIRACLES

God is the ultimate miracle worker.

- By the words of Yahweh were the heavens made, and all the host of them by the breath of His mouth . . He said Let dry land appear..and it was so.
- For He spake , and it was done , He commanded and it stood fast
- **Psa 33v6-9**

EVOLUTIONARY CREATIONISM

Rewriting history/ reinterpreting the Bible

- We are all familiar with Eden's imagery and devices , a talking snake who beguiles an innocent woman (who didn't have a mother), of Eve formed from a sleeping man's rib ,supernatural trees....
- As an allegory, Eden's story is deep as a literal historical record however it is weak ..it employs highly symbolic and fantastic imagery to convey its message [Jonathon Pogson Nov 2014](#)

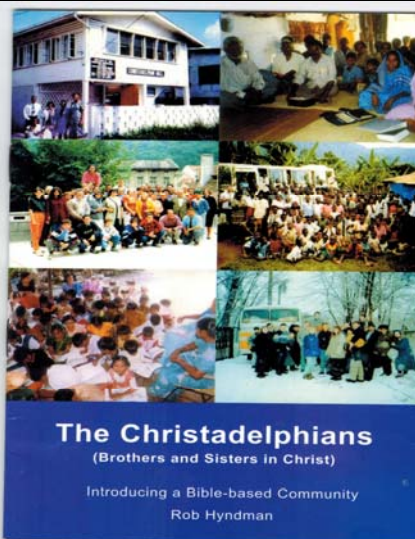
CHANGING GOD TO FIT ?

- God reveals himself as a Father to us
- God chose male leaders , priests, teachers and apostles
- The Bible is dominated by male examples, male heroes and has all male writers
- The modern world, with its view of absolute equality , either rejects God as misogynist , or re-creates Him as a "Mother God"

OUR SPIRITUAL PARADIGM

- He that cometh to God must believe that HE IS....and that He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him. Heb 11v6
- In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. Gen 1v1

A VICTIM OF POST MODERNISM



Bro Rob Hyndman
- writer of books on the Bible and whose teaching notes are still widely used in mission areas

A CHRISTADELPHIAN RESIGNS

- He wrote...*"this week I resigned from the Christadelphian faith after 30 years...'I resigned because I **no longer believe in God**, I am not even sure there is a God..Perhaps there is , but He is not who I once thought he was. "*
- Of the Bible he said..*"Yes there was some wisdom there, but the attitudes to women and foreigners it describes, sometimes commands, were not worthy of the God I once believed in."*

A CHRISTADELPHIAN RESIGNS

- This widely published resignation is alarming and coming from one so well versed and undermines the faith of many. He is not alone in this aberration .
- Especially concerning in this published statement is the rejection of the God of the Bible as **unacceptable** to our modern human values.

A CHRISTADELPHIAN RESIGNS

Instead of accepting the Eternal , all powerful Creator God **as He is** revealed to us , and conforming our values to His ...we now find God is judged by the Post modern/ humanistic values of today.

God is rejected as being harsh, chauvinistic and cruel- or even perhaps non existent..

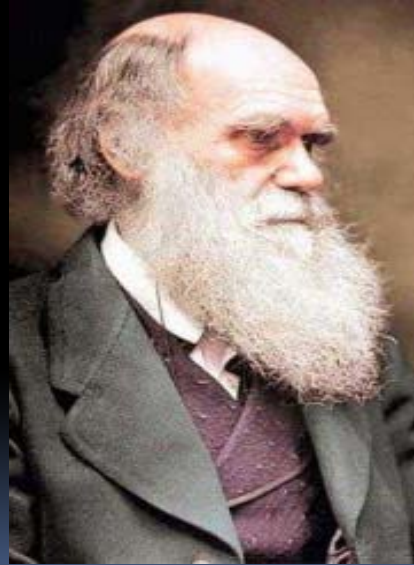
THE COMING HUMILIATION OF ATHIESTS AND SKEPTICS

- The gentiles shall come unto thee from the ends of the earth, and shall say, Surely our fathers have inherited lies , vanity and things wherein there is no profit. JER 16v19
- And he will destroy in this mountain the face of the covering cast over all people , and the veil that is spread over all nations .ISA 25v7

CHARLES DARWIN

"the man who gave the world the excuse to be what they wanted to be"

David Breese

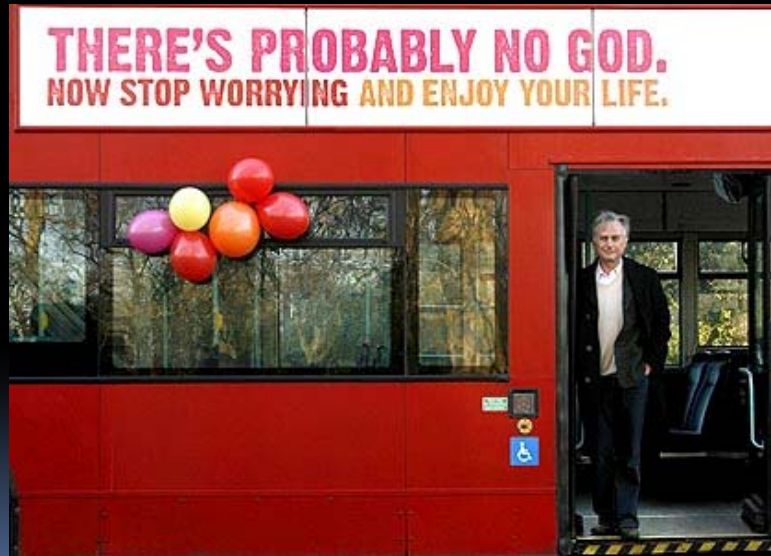


IN WEAKNESS, AND IN FEAR, AND
IN MUCH TREMBLING ...

- Then spake the Lord to Paul by a vision ; Be not afraid, but speak, and hold not thy peace
- For I am with thee , and no man shall set on thee to hurt thee: for I have much people in this city.

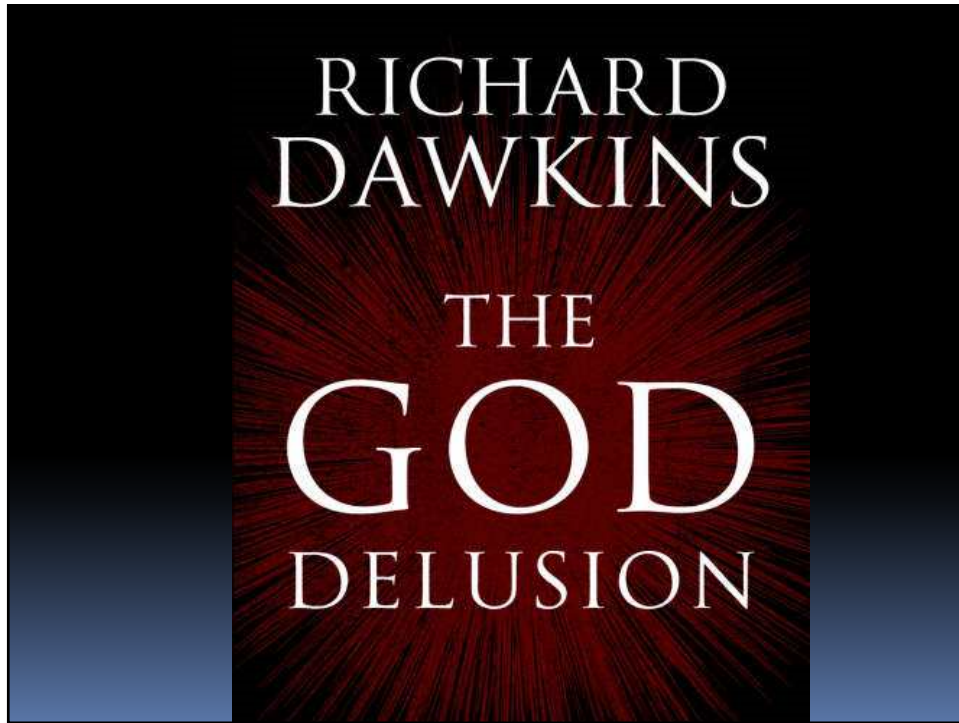
Acts 18v9-10

WHY DAWKINS GETS SUCH A FOLLOWING



Why men choose not to believe

- God cannot be **absolutely** proven scientifically, even though all the circumstantial evidence indicates He exists.
- If one admits to the existence of a Creator, then there is probably a reason for His creation
- The Bible states that the reason for the creation is that men should to seek to find and to obey God –Acts 14v15-17 , 17v24-28
- Most men do not want to be restrained by God and His laws.



TRUE WISDOM ..James 3v17-18 Weymouth.

The wisdom from above is first of all pure , then peaceful, courteous, not self-willed , full of compassion and kind actions, free from favouritism and from all insincerity.

And peace , for those who strive for peace , is the seed of which the harvest is righteousness.

THE WISDOM FROM ABOVE

-James 3v13-16 Weymouth

- Which of you is a wise and well instructed man? Let him by a right life show his conduct to be guided by a wise gentleness.
- But if your hearts have bitter envy and rivalry, do not speak boastfully and falsely, in defiance of the truth.
- That is not the wisdom which comes down from above :it belongs to the earth, to the unspiritual nature...