

We live in a world today where many that have major influences over public opinion and attitudes present beliefs radically contrary to, and even at war with the Judeo-Christian morals and ethics this country was founded on. Some public schools, universities, media, the entertainment industry, a majority of courts and legislatures are impacting young attitudes.

This world view sees the human species as just another animal, a little smarter than other animals, but at best just a deist governed by random circumstances involving genetics and experiences. God either does not exist or has no affect on privileges, choices and crisis.

It's easy to understand how this view has been perpetrated; it eliminates all social demands for any kind of accountability. Random genetic developments and environments provide every excuse needed for non-performance or overachieving. This comfort zone makes it very difficult to promote or persuade any radical changes in behavior. The soul (*our mind, will and emotions*) is in charge with a total denial of any spiritual intervention.

How did we get to this place? In a few generations, we went from a culture that accepted God as our Creator with faith driven relationships to where we are today. The answer: Darwinism! Charles Darwin's "*The Origin of the Species*" was published well over 150 years ago. Darwin's philosophy rapidly gained influence and became a universal source to answer this fundamental question: "*How did we get here?*"

Before Darwinism, a Creator was necessary. If there was a watch, there must have been a watchmaker; a house, there must have been a builder, a man, there must have been a Creator. Thus, before Darwin, most of society almost inherently assumed a Creator. That all changes if the human mind processes and reasons that it all just happened through a vast sequence of accidental unguided changes occurring in a random fashion by atoms and molecules multiplying in simpler organisms over millions of years. Darwinism also reasons that life itself began when something happened to atomic matter that initiated life where it did never previously exist. (*Darwinist do not know what or how*)

When this philosophy is accepted, it's easy to conclude that God is not necessary or relevant. If there is no God, the next step in logic is to reason that there is no purpose or plan for humanity or, as it must follow, for our individual lives. Man, as stated earlier, is more intelligent than other animals, but otherwise no more significant. Without God, there is no authority and therefore no need for accountability or restraint from anything.

How do we reach those holding these views? Only a fundamental change that initiates radical conversion in how they view reality will initiate such a revelation. This conversion may not resemble the classical one familiar to evangelical Christians where a person becomes convinced they are sinners in need of a Savior. The typical sinner's prayer or the Four Spiritual Laws may not work for those who have only the foggiest, if any, concept of "sin" and little or no consciousness of a possible relationship with God.

As a first step, a Darwinist must recognize two realities: (1) Evidence of God and (2) Humanity's uniqueness, being created in his image (*Genesis 1:26*). It's only then that understanding a salvation message will seem acceptable.

Every human experiences a civil war within their soul. The struggle is between inborn awareness of righteousness (*Romans 1:18-19*) and the inherited choice to yield to selfish desires, our sin nature, described early in Genesis as the "*Tree of knowledge of good and evil.*" This struggle will continue until the dormant human spirit merges with God's Holy Spirit. At that time the battle may escalate to an even greater struggle until the soul finally yields to the influence of the teachable Holy Spirit. This will allow understanding two major ingredients of our Lord's Grace, God's provision of Christ's innocence, accompanied by a new spiritual authority to release His purifying power. The civil war will subdue only to the degree that the human soul yields to the influence of the Holy Spirit now within. This transition is referred to in James 1:21.

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