

WHY EVOLUTION IS VITAL TO ATHEISM, AGNOSTICISM, AND HUMANISM

Atheism: the doctrine that there is no deity

Agnosticism: a person who holds the view that any ultimate reality (as God) is unknown and probably unknowable

Secular Humanism: humanistic philosophy viewed as a nontheistic religion antagonistic to traditional religion

Darwin made it possible to be an intellectually fulfilled atheist .-Richard Dawkins
[Charles Simonyi Professor of the Public Understanding of Science at Oxford University]

Evolution is the greatest engine of atheism ever invented. - William Provine
[Charles Alexander Professor of Biology at Cornell University]

The ancient seekers after truth differ from their modern successors in only one respect. It was permitted to them to suppose that supernatural forces were at work in the world-forces which could be perceived only by the eye of faith. The modern seeker refuses to accept any explanation which involves the action of a supernatural agent, even as a last resort. ~ Arthur Keith [Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons (b.1866 — d.1955)]

CHARLES ROBERT DARWIN stands among the giants of Western thought because he convinced a majority of his peers that all of life shares a single, if complex, history. He taught us that we can understand life's history in purely naturalistic terms, without recourse to the supernatural or divine. ~ Niles Eldredge [Chief Curator at The American Museum of Natural History]

Psalm 14:1 The fool has said in his heart, "There is no God." They are corrupt, They have done abominable works, There is none who does good.

Naturalistic evolution has clear consequences that Charles Darwin understood perfectly. 1) No gods worth having exist; 2) no life after death exists; 3) no ultimate foundation for ethics exists; 4) no ultimate meaning in life exists; and 5) human free will is nonexistent.

~ William Provine

- Based on statements like these, is it fair to say that the philosophies of atheism, agnosticism, and secular humanism desperately need a plausible story of how the universe and life came about?
- What problems does Darwin's theory of evolution appear to solve for those who don't believe in God?
- If God does not exist, and these philosophies are correct, what is the nature of....
 - Truth?
 - *Science is the closest thing to objective truth.*
 - *All truth is relative.*
 - Man?
 - *Humans are the highest evolved life form.*
 - *Some humans are more evolved than other humans.*
 - *Humans will continue to evolve into even higher beings.*
 - *Only a complex biomolecular machine; no soul or spirit*
 - Morals?
 - *If it seems right to you, than it is right for you.*
 - *Arguments against abortion, euthanasia, homosexuality, slavery, etc. are merely subjective. There is no such thing as sin.*

The German Führer, as I have consistently maintained, is an evolutionist; he has consciously sought to make the practice of Germany conform to the theory of evolution.¹

- Sir Arthur Keith [British anthropologist, an atheistic evolutionist and an anti-Nazi]

- Can the origin of these philosophies ultimately be tied back to the Garden of Eden?

Gen 3:4-5 Then the serpent said to the woman, "You will not surely die. For God knows that in the day you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."

- What are the consequences when humans believe that they are god-like?