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Sermon Notes

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My friend thinks “Christianity is just a crutch for weak people,”

John 14:6

“I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.”

That people would exchange the truth for a lie and prefer a god of their own fashioning is understandable.

Atheistic Theories for Why People are Religious

- 1) Man invented religion to tame natural forces. (Sigmund Freud)
- 2) Religion was invented by rich ruling class to keep the poor masses in line and working hard. (Karl Marx)
- 3) Religion was invented to meet people’s psychological need for comfort and consolation. (Nietzsche – Sartre – Russell & Others)

“The crutch is on the other foot.”

Romans 1:

18 “The wrath of God is being revealed from heaven against all the godlessness and wickedness of men who suppress the truth by their wickedness, 19 since what may be known about God is plain to them, because God has made it plain to them. 20 For since the creation of the world God’s invisible qualities—his eternal power and divine nature—have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that men are without excuse. 25 They exchanged the truth of God for a lie, and worshiped and served created things rather than the Creator—who is forever praised.”

John 3:19

“This is the verdict: Light has come into the world, but men loved darkness instead of light because their deeds were evil.”

Aspect of God’s Nature that Make us Uneasy:

1) *The Threat of God’s Holiness*

Isa. 6

“I saw the Lord seated on a throne, high and exalted, and the train of his robe filled the temple. 2 Above him were seraphs, each with six wings: With two wings they covered their faces, with two they covered their feet, and with two they were flying. 3 And they were calling to one another:

‘Holy, holy, holy is the LORD Almighty; the whole earth is full of his glory.’

4 At the sound of their voices the doorposts and thresholds shook and the temple was filled with smoke.

5 ‘Woe to me!’ I cried. ‘I am ruined! For I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have seen the King, the LORD Almighty.’”

Luke 5:8

“When Simon Peter saw this, he fell at Jesus’ knees and said, ‘Go away from me, Lord; I am a sinful man!’”

2) *The threat of God’s Sovereignty.*

Isa. 43:10

“...understand that I alone am God. There is no other God; there never has been and never will be.”

*"If there is no God
then all things are permissible."
(Dostoyevsky)*

But is there is He decides what is and isn't - This collides
with my evil desires.

3) *The Threat of God's Omnipotence*

Rev 19:6

... "Hallelujah! For our Lord God Almighty reigns."

Mark 4:41

*"They were terrified and asked each other, 'Who is
this? Even the wind and the waves obey him!'"*

Heb 10:31

*"It is a dreadful thing to fall into the hands of the
living God."*

4) *There threat of God's Immutability*

James 1:17

"...no variableness, neither shadow of turning"

Hebrews 13:8

*"Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and
for ever."*

5) *The threat of God's Omniscience*

Psalms 33:13-15

*"From heaven the LORD looks down
and sees all mankind;
from his dwelling place he watches
all who live on earth-
he who forms the hearts of all,
who considers everything they do."*

Heb 4:13

*"Nothing in all creation is hidden from God's sight.
Everything is uncovered and laid bare before the
eyes of him to whom we must give account."*

Luke 8:17

*"For there is nothing hidden that will not be disclosed,
and nothing concealed that will not be known or
brought out into the open."*

Isa 1:18

*"Come now, let us reason together,"
says the LORD.
"Though your sins are like scarlet,
they shall be as white as snow;
though they are red as crimson,
they shall be like wool."*