



## QA: Why Are There So Many Atheists? by [John T Polk II](#)

All Scriptures and comments are based on the **New King James Version**, unless otherwise noted.

**QUESTION: "If the Bible is the Word of God, why are there so many atheists?"**

**ANSWER: There are two kinds of "atheists:" 1) Practical, and, 2) Doctrinal**

1) **"Practical atheism"** is described in **Titus 1:15-16**:

To the pure all things are pure, but to those who are defiled and unbelieving nothing is pure; but even their mind and conscience are defiled. They profess to know God, but in works they deny Him, being abominable, disobedient, and disqualified for every good work.

Many people "practice" atheism, that is, they live their lives as though there is no God. They think they exist because of godless *evolution*; or they are totally in charge of their lives because of *humanism*, which is *human pride* elevated over anyone else; or they think their lives are completely hidden in darkness from God's view! They are "without excuse," "futile in their thoughts," and have "foolish hearts" (**Romans 1:20-23**), and thus live in sin (**Romans 1:24-25**).

2) **"Doctrinal Atheism"** offers reasons why God doesn't exist! **Psalm 53:1**:

The fool has said in his heart, "There is no God."  
They are corrupt, and have done abominable iniquity;  
There is none who does good.

The obvious explanation is: "The wicked in his proud countenance does not seek God; God is in none of his thoughts" (**Psalm 10:4**). The foolish reasoning is: "He has said in his heart, 'God has forgotten; He hides His face; He will never see'" (**Psalm 10:11**). Therefore God designates as a "fool" anyone who refuses to acknowledge Him. ***Every human living in rebellion to God's way proves that there IS God's way!***

**All atheists, and the rest of us, must obey some decrees of God:**

(a) **We must all die.** God's decree in **Genesis 3:19** continues to be true, as we are told in **Hebrews 9:27-28**:

And as it is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment, so Christ was offered once to bear the sins of many.

**Every human *death* is a testimony that GOD LIVES!**

(b) **We must confess to God and be judged.** Everyone who dies confesses Jesus as the Christ,

For we shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ. For it is written: "As I live, says the LORD, Every knee shall bow to Me, And every tongue shall confess to God." (**Romans 14:10-11**)

But unfortunately for many, we must make this confession in this life to be saved, for:

If you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.  
(**Romans 10:9**)

**There are no "atheists" after they die!**

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