

The Atheist

What about the professed atheist? In proving guilt of the world, God's will (as revealed in the law and the prophets of the Bible) is brought to bear against the pagan, through the witness of heart and creation. The Bible declares that the hearts of men really speak of God, and creation testifies of God. "For that which may be known of God is manifest in them, for God hath shown it to them" (Rom 1:18, 19). "For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes are clearly seen being understood by the things that are made even His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse" (see Romans 1:20). This truth is developed also in Psalm 19.

Against the moralist, the witness of conscience (Rom 2:15) is directed (see Acts 24:25 as an example), and against the Jew (Rom 2:17-21), the witness of Scripture. The Scripture speaks to men today (Rom 3:23; Jn 3:16; Eph 2:8, 9; 2 Tim 3:15; Rom 1:16)

The correct translation of Ecclesiastes 3:11 tells us that God has set awareness of eternity in man's heart. Prayer under stress, in foxholes, etc. confirms the point. This truth is confirmed also by the fact that man universally has a concept of life in another world. Such a life is required to give any meaning and value to this life on this earth. If a man died like a beast, with no future life, there would be no reason to aspire to moral or spiritual values on earth.

Jesus Christ is the LIVING WORD, who was declared amongst us (Jn 1:1, 2, 14). Salvation is by the Word of God (1 Pet 1:23), and "Faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God" (Romans 10:17). "But without faith it is impossible to please Him (be right with Him); for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him" (Heb. 11:6). Whosoever responds to the light received, and shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved (Rom 10:13). In past ages, salvation also was through believing faith—see Hebrews 11:4, 7 and Romans 4:3, 6-8.