

NO EXCUSE!

Romans 1:19-20

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Acts 17:26–27 - 26 and He made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined their appointed times and the boundaries of their habitation, 27 that they would seek God, if perhaps they might grope for Him and find Him, though He is not far from each one of us...

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Thomas Schreiner— *God has stitched into the fabric of the human mind his existence and power, so that they are instinctively recognized when one views the created world.*

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Exo 33:20 - But He said, "You cannot see My face, for no man can see Me and live!"

Judges 13:2 - So Manoah said to his wife, "We will surely die, for we have seen God."

John 1:18 - No one has seen God at any time...

Col 1:15 - He is the image of the invisible God...

1 Tim 1:17 - Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God...

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Acts 14:16–17 - 15 ... God ... MADE THE HEAVEN AND THE EARTH AND THE SEA AND ALL THAT IS IN THEM. 16 "In the generations gone by He permitted all the nations to go their own ways; 17 and yet He did not leave Himself without witness, in that He did good and gave you rains from heaven and fruitful seasons, satisfying your hearts with food and gladness."

Psa 19:1 – The heavens are telling of the glory of God; and their expanse is declaring the work of His hands.

Psa 19:7–8 – 7 The law of the LORD is perfect, restoring the soul; The testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple. 8 The precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart; The commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes.

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Abraham Lincoln – I can see how it might be possible for a man to look down upon the earth and be an atheist, but I cannot conceive how he could look up into the heavens and say there is no God.

Exo 10:16 - ...I have sinned against the LORD your God...

1 Sam 4:7-8 – 7 The Philistines were afraid, for they said, “God has come into the camp.” And they said, “Woe to us! For nothing like this has happened before. 8 “Woe to us! Who shall deliver us from the hand of these mighty gods? These are the gods who smote the Egyptians with all kinds of plagues in the wilderness.

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C. *WHAT IS THE RESULT OF THIS KNOWLEDGE?*

20...so that they are without excuse.

excuse = anapologetos.

SUMMARY THOUGHT #1 – All this clarifies the so-called atheist.

Psa 14:1 - ...The fool has said in his heart, "There is no God."...

It is a deliberate ignorance.

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SUMMARY THOUGHT #2 – All this punctuates the need to proclaim the gospel.

Col 2:9 - For in Him all the fullness of Deity dwells in bodily form...