



Does It Really Matter Whether **God** Exists?

Ecclesiastes 12:9-14

Theoretical Implications



- **The universe and human life are without purpose**
 - Acts 17:28
 - Ecclesiastes 12:13-14
- **Nothing distinguishes man from other forms of animal life**
 - 2 Corinthians 5:1-5
- **Man is autonomous, subordinate to no higher authority**
 - Romans 1:18-32



Theoretical Implications



- **Man has no objective, absolute standard by which to calibrate his conduct**

- Romans 4:15

- 1 John 3:4

- **Religion is a delusion**

- 1 Corinthians 15:19



“If in this life only we have hope in Christ,
we are of all men the most pitiable”

Practical Consequences



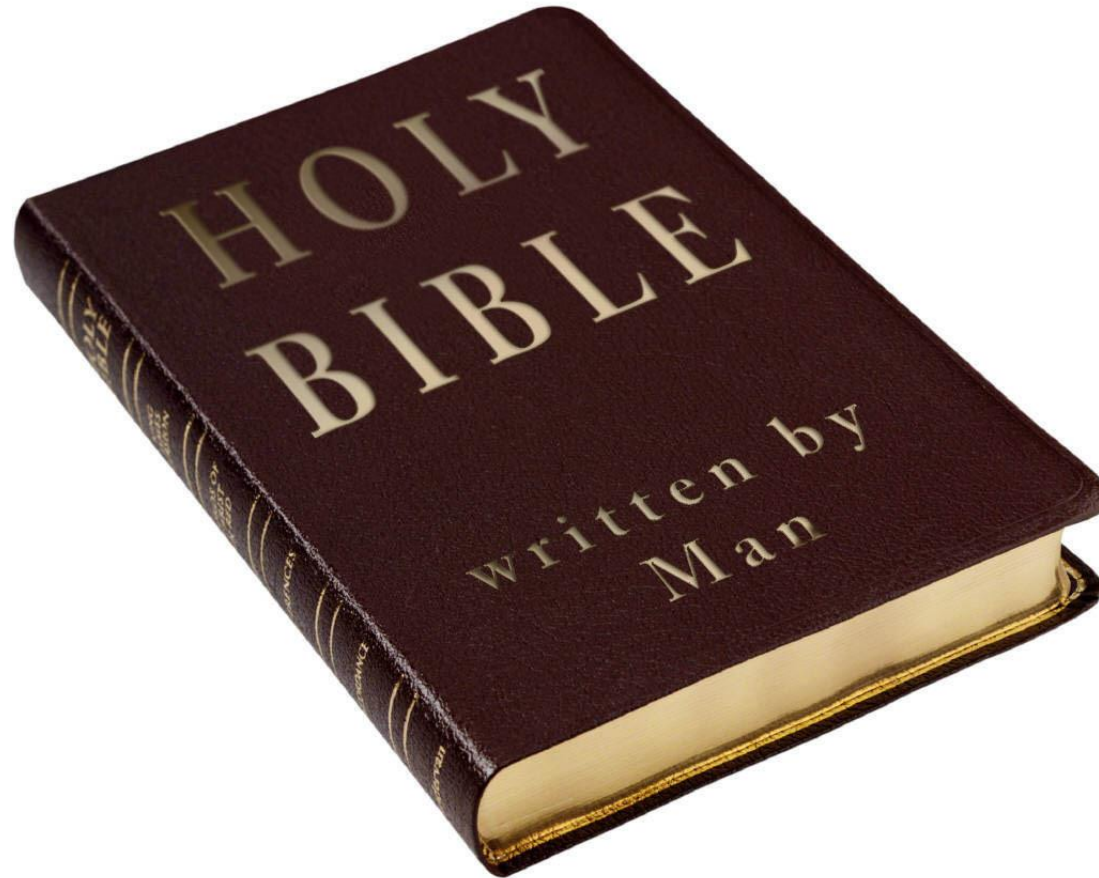
- **Creature worship, worship of self, pride**
 - Romans 1:18-32
- **Amoral conduct, characterized by hedonism, sexual immorality, deceit, greed**
 - 1 Corinthians 15:32
- **Anarchy, violence, fear**
 - Genesis 6:5, 11-12



Practical Consequences



- **Repudiation of the Bible, eradication of religion**
- **Despair**
 - Psalm 22:1
 - Ephesians 2:12
- **Suicide**



Theoretical Implications

Atheism

- **Man is subordinate to the authority of God**
 - Romans 1:32
 - Romans 6:23
 - Romans 12:1-2
- **Obtaining and maintaining a correct relationship with God**
 - Ecclesiastes 12:13-14

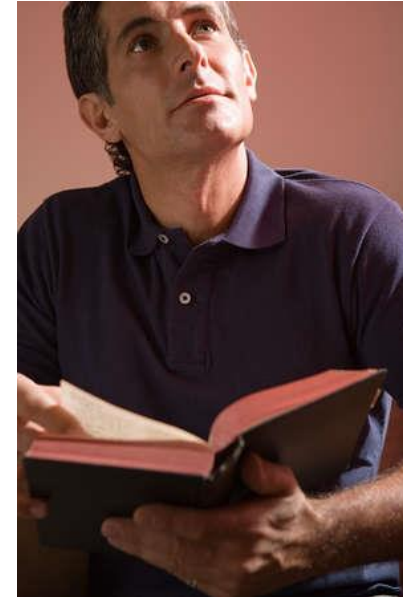


Theoretical Implications

Atheism

- **Any revelation of the Creator's will concerning man's purpose is vitally important**

- Hebrews 1:1-3
- Hebrews 2:1-4

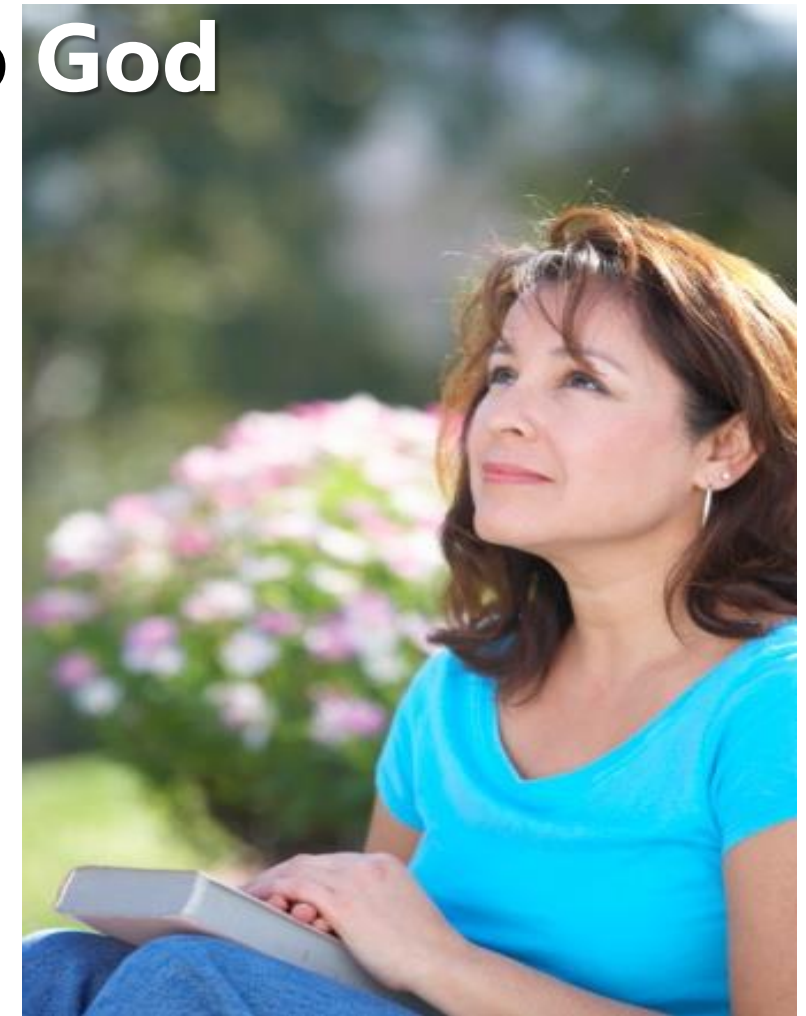


“Therefore we must give the more earnest heed to the things we have heard, lest we drift away”

Practical Consequences



- **Voluntary and loving submission to God**
- **Repentance**
- **Virtue, morality**
 - 2 Peter 3:11, 14
- **Devotion to religious exercises**
- **Evangelism**
 - 2 Corinthians 5:10-11, 20
- **Hope, optimism, courage, trust**



A vibrant sunset scene with a bright sun partially obscured by clouds, casting a golden glow over a landscape. The foreground shows dark silhouettes of trees and houses against the bright sky.

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Joshua 24:15

Actions speak much louder than words!