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## THE DIFFERENT FACES OF ATHEISM

- Our Common Conception** Since *theism* means belief in the existence of God, or of gods, when we add an “A” to the word it means disbelief in the existence of deity, therefore *atheism*. David (Ps 14:1) said, “The \_\_\_\_\_ hath said in his \_\_\_\_\_, There \_\_\_\_\_ God. They are \_\_\_\_\_, they have done \_\_\_\_\_ works.” We, who acknowledge the God of the Bible, believe David’s statement to be true. Those who deny the existence of God affirm that the Bible is false.
- CLASSICAL ATHEISM** This is the denial of the existence of the god of a particular people or nation. Christians, because of their disbelief in the gods of heathenism, are branded with being *infidels*, which is a close cousin to being an *atheist*. The cry, “*Death to the infidels!*” may ring in your ears from hearing reporting on the (2003) Iraqi War. This was directed toward American troops because various Arabic factions view Americans as classical atheists. Pharaoh said (Ex 10:16), “*I have \_\_\_\_\_ against the LORD \_\_\_\_\_ God.*” Obviously, he did not mean “his” god(s).
- Your God, Not My God** (2 Chron 32) Sennacherib, the Assyrian king, ridiculed the Jews during the Jerusalem siege and mentions that King Hezekiah of Judah (V11) “*persuade you*” that “*The LORD our God \_\_\_\_\_ us out of the hand of the king of \_\_\_\_\_.*” In (V15) he scorned Almighty God’s power with these words: “*For \_\_\_\_\_ god of \_\_\_\_\_ nation or kingdom \_\_\_\_\_ to deliver his people out of mine hand----- how \_\_\_\_\_ shall \_\_\_\_\_ God deliver you out of mine hand?*” In referring to Jehovah as “*your God*” Sennacherib disavowed God.
- PHILOSOPHIC ATHEISM** (Heb 11:3) “*Through \_\_\_\_\_ we understand that the worlds were framed by the \_\_\_\_\_ of God, so that things which \_\_\_\_\_ were not made of things which \_\_\_\_\_.*” The various philosophic systems don’t expend their energies denying the existence of God, but they cloud and undermine faith in God’s existence. This type of atheism believes in “a force” that produced life but refuses to acknowledge that force as a Divine Being. These are the evolutionists, the “Big Bang” theorists. To deny this fundamental affirmation of theism makes it atheistic. The words of Jesus (Lk 16:8) apply: “*For the children of \_\_\_\_\_ are in their generation \_\_\_\_\_ than the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_.*” This is an origin-less theory.
- The Wisdom Of Men** Paul said: (1 Cor 2:5) “*Your faith should \_\_\_\_\_ stand in the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_, but in the power of God.*” He affirmed (Rom 1:16), “*For I am not \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ: for it is the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ unto salvation.*” There is little doubt that Christians in any era, but especially today (circa 2003), are (1 Pet 2:9) “*a \_\_\_\_\_ people,*” quite distinct from general society. (1 Cor 3:19) “*For the \_\_\_\_\_ of this \_\_\_\_\_ is foolishness with God.*” We must be mentally strong in resisting the philosophic agnosticism and atheism of our current educational culture. If the “*wisdom of this world is foolishness with God*” then we had better recognize it as foolishness too. (Acts 5:29) “*We ought to \_\_\_\_\_ God rather than men.*”