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R o m a n s

Rom. 1:16-20 I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes: first for the Jew, then for the Gentile. For in the gospel a righteousness from God is revealed, a righteousness that is by faith from first to last, just as it is written: “The righteous will live by faith.” The wrath of God is being revealed from heaven against all the godlessness and wickedness of men who suppress the truth by their wickedness, since what may be known about God is plain to them, because God has made it plain to them. For since the creation of the world God’s invisible qualities — his eternal power and divine nature — have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that men are without excuse.

- 1. The revelation of God's wrath**
- 2. The reason for God's wrath**
- 3. The results of God's wrath**

I. The Revelation of God's wrath

Rom. 1:18 The wrath of God is being revealed from heaven against all the godlessness and wickedness of men who suppress the truth by their wickedness...

WRATH

THERE'S PROBABLY NO GOD.
NOW STOP WORRYING AND ENJOY YOUR LIFE.

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"Wrath"

God's settled disposition against evil

**"The fear of God is the beginning of
wisdom"**

Proverbs 9:10

2. The Reason for God's Wrath

Rom. 1:19-21 since what may be known about God is plain to them, because God has made it plain to them. For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities — his eternal power and divine nature — have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that men are without excuse. For although they knew God, they neither glorified him as God nor gave thanks to him, but their thinking became futile and their foolish hearts were darkened.

God being God offends human pride.

Augustine

For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities — his eternal power and divine nature — have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that men are without excuse.

Romans 1:20

The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands. Day after day they pour forth speech; night after night they display knowledge. There is no speech or language where their voice is not heard. Their voice goes out into all the earth...

Psalms 19:1-4



"Because there is a law such as gravity, the universe can and will create itself from nothing."

**"What all this goes to show is that
nonsense remains nonsense, even
when talked about by world-famous
scientists."**

John Lennox

3. The Results of God's Wrath **(Rom. 1:22-32)**

Three stages in this death spiral:

1. They had knowledge of God (v. 21, 25, 28)
2. They rejected that knowledge in favor of idolatry (v. 21, 25, 28)
3. God gave them over to the results of their rejection of him (v. 24, 26, 28)

1. Paul taught that homosexuality is wrong.
2. This passage is not primarily about homosexuality.
3. The topic is important culturally and personally.



**The worse exchange ever...the truth
and beauty of God for a lie.**

"The surest source of destruction to men is to obey themselves."

John Calvin

A black and white portrait of Sigmund Freud, an elderly man with a white beard and mustache, wearing a dark suit and tie. He is looking slightly to the right of the camera with a serious expression. His right hand is visible, holding a cigar.

**“RELIGION IS COMPARABLE
TO A CHILDHOOD
NEUROSIS.**

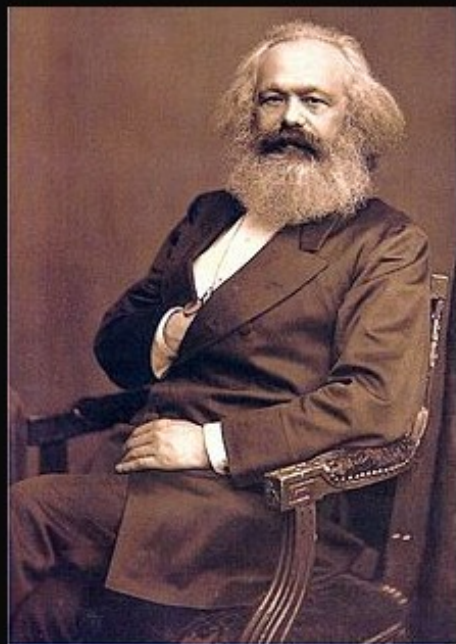
**THE WHOLE THING IS SO PATENTLY INFANTILE,
SO FOREIGN TO REALITY,**

that to anyone with a friendly attitude to humanity it is
painful to think that the great majority of mortals
will never be able to rise above this view of life.”

-SIGMUND FREUD

PHYSICIAN & PIONEER PSYCHOANALYST

**"By the same token if God does exist,
then it is atheism that is the
comforting delusion, the flight from
facing reality...it is a projection of the
desire not to meet God one day and
give account for your life."**



Religion is the opium of the masses.

(Karl Marx)

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“A true opium of the people is a belief in nothingness after death — the huge solace of thinking that for our betrayals, greed, cowardice, murders, we are not going to be judged. Thus, if God does exist, atheism can be seen as a psychological escape mechanism to avoid taking ultimate responsibility for one’s own life.”

Czeslaw Milosz



**Everyone, everywhere, at all times...
is trading their lives for something.**

**Everyone is undergoing spiritual
formation.**

**We are all believing certain
things...that cause us to value
certain things...that cause to live in
certain ways.**

**When you believe a lie...you value
what is worthless.**

**When you value what is
worthless...you live an empty and
ultimately wasted life.**

Keep believing what is true

Keep valuing what is valuable

Keeping living with the end in mind

-Keep making the good trade-