

Exposing the False gods of Atheism – Week One

The Rise of Atheism – And Why It Matters

Selected Scriptures

Introduction: While philosophical atheism is in freefall, pop atheism has become enormously popular. This gives us tremendous opportunities to demonstrate – and share – our faith.

1. *DEFINING TERMS –*

- A. Theism
- B. Deism
- C. Atheism
- D. Agnosticism

2. *BASIC ATHEISM – Atheism is a condition of the fallen human heart.*

- A. Old Testament – Psalm 14:1; 53:1
- B. New Testament – Romans 1:18-23
- C. How atheism develops in practice: Huxley.
- D. Reality – There will always be atheists.

3. *MODERN ATHEISM – Atheism rises and falls between 1789 and 1989.*

- A. Two things take place in the latter 1600s.
- B. Atheism grows in the latter enlightenment as a reaction against the failures of the church.
- C. Atheism subsides in the late twentieth century.

4. *POPULAR ATHEISM – Pop atheism rises in a time of political correctness.*

- A. The books
- B. The difference between philosophical atheism and pop atheism.
- C. Why pop atheism is rising now.

5. *LOVING ATHEISTS – Pop atheism provides us with a great opportunity.*

- A. God talk is on the rise.
- B. Fear not: You can see the movies and read the books.