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# EXPELLED!

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**A**fter about twenty or so of us gathered today to watch “**EXPELLED: No Intelligence Allowed,**” I cannot impress upon the readers too much to view this timely film.

If you watch only one movie this year, make it be this documentary. Here is the link:

<http://www.expelledthemovie.com/> Consider inviting others to go with you; bring the children too! It is wonderfully done! Everyone needs to know how evolution is impacting our society.



As a side note...we (members of the Lord’s true church) need to be a people who have the *freedom* and *fortitude* to “think” for ourselves. We ought to be a people who can study out various issues with a willingness to test and be tested. Some folks/preachers/members take up the attitude of the current scientific establishment exposed in “*Expelled,*” and expel any who challenge their thinking/teaching. I read of where we are to “test the spirits” (I John 4:1). Hence, if I am doing the teaching I need to be prepared and willing to have anyone test what I am saying. At the same time, when I am doing the listening, or the reading, I have the burden placed on me to investigate what is said and compare it with what is written. If it matches the Scriptures, duty calls us to believe it. If it has weakness or is full of holes, duty calls us to repudiate it.

In addition, I also need the wisdom and humility to discern whether the issues that we sometimes “make issues” are really worthy to be considered issues at all! There are some things that are simply matters of judgment and indifference; for example, the eating of meats (see Rom. 14). Some get hung up on personal *scruples* and then begin to bind their conscience upon others as *doctrine*. As a result, an “issue” is born for brethren to debate and divide over, but the sad thing is when it was never an issue with God. Likewise, we need to make sure that we do not bring ideas and practices into the covenant of Christ that were never there or that are not authorized to be there. We need to guard against bringing our thinking to the scriptures and be content to reason out of the scriptures.

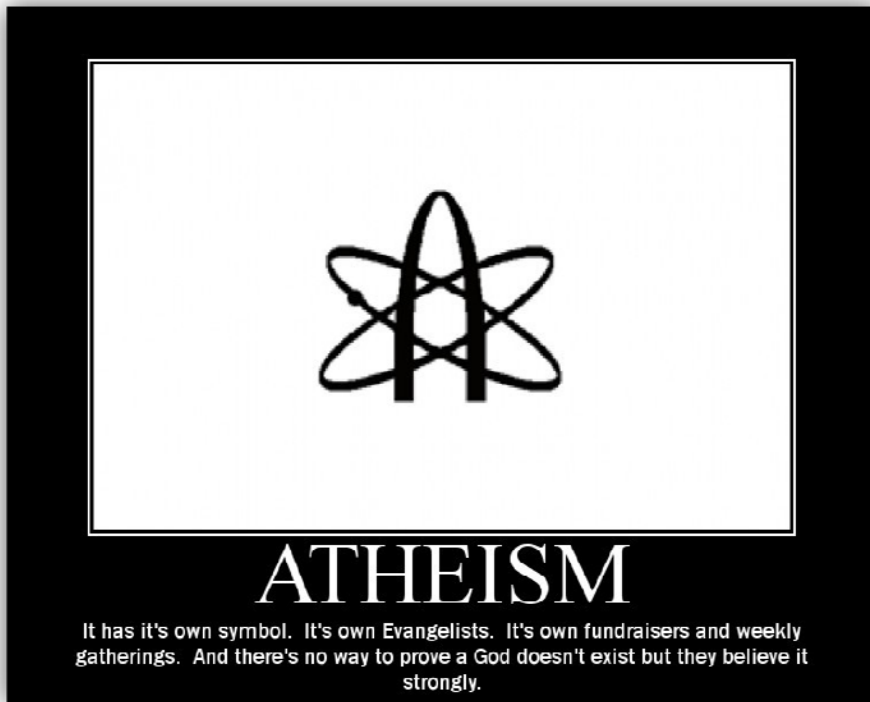
Some, incidentally, made “circumcision,” something in the New Testament church when it was to be considered “nothing” (cf. 1 Cor. 7:19; Acts 15:1ff). Problems will often come when men bring into the covenant of Christ ideas or practices that are foreign to it! In a similar manner, but equally wrong, we sometimes find people defining New Testament terms by modern and cultural definitions rather than by the definitions which were in place at the time the Bible was written. Whatever may be the result, sound doctrine is not! This has recently been the case with some, for

example, who insist on understanding Jesus' usage of "divorce" with American civil law (see Gk. *apoluo*, Matt. 19:9; 1:19; 14:15, 22, 23; 15:23; etc. where courtrooms, lawyers, papers, etc. are not intrinsic to the meaning).

Likewise, when all of the educated and sophisticated opinions of the world's scholars are driven by their pride and pomp to the book of Genesis, the recorded fact is still going to stand through time that God created the heavens and the earth in six literal days (Gen. 1; Ex. 20:11). All the scholarship of vain imagination weighs rather lightly with God's clear and unchanging word. Insisting on the figurative uses of the term "day" lends no more value in understanding the Genesis record than "courtrooms," "lawyers" and "papers" do in defining "*apoluo*" where Jesus described a man putting away his wife.

No matter how bloated or how thin, no matter how complicated or how simple a man's argument may be...the record will always stand, that God made man, and on day six stood he!

- The Centerfold of the Bible: "Know that the LORD, He is God; It is He who has made us, and not we ourselves..." (Psalm 100:3, NKJV)
- "So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them" (Genesis 1:27, NKJV)
- "Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth" (2 Tim. 2:15, NKJV)



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<sup>1</sup> I do not know who the designer of the chart on Atheism is. This chart was sent to me from a friend and I do not know the copyright status on it.