

No God, No Worries?

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A few years ago, The British Humanist Association began a “Bus Campaign” in which they printed the following on the sides of British buses, “There’s Probably No God. Now Stop Worrying And Enjoy Life.”

Well, there are many things I might say about this, but I will confine my remarks to just this thought. Convincing one there is no God is not reason to stop worrying, but rather gives one reason to worry!

Without God, ethics and morals are independent and autonomous. “Right” and “wrong” are determined in the mind of every individual. What right would one have to impose his ethics on another person? If there is no objective, God-given standard, then logically, one could do as he pleased. Now that’s the kind of world in which I would worry about living!

The British Humanist Association claims to represent people who have ethical concerns, but are non-religious. But that is the “Achilles heel” of atheism. I am not saying that every atheist is amoral or immoral, but what I am saying is that atheism provides no values, no code of ethics, no standard by which to measure any human conduct. If there is no God; if one is nothing more than a biological accident; if one is accountable to no one; if one is here today and gone tomorrow; then why shouldn’t one live as he chooses? What possible reason would one have to deny himself gratification in order to demonstrate love, patience, and compassion for others?

Contrary to the campaign slogan, we better start worrying if there is no God!