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**GOD IS NOT DOING VERY WELL THESE DAYS**

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**He says there are four reasons why god is not doing very well these days:**

**The first is that increasingly large numbers of men and women attend university, and Western universities have become essentially secular (and leftist) seminaries.**

**DENNIS, HERE IS A GOOD EXAMPLE OF WHY THE DICTIONARY IS ONE THE WORST ENEMIES OF THE RELIGIOUS BELIEVER. HERE IS THE DEFINITION OF SEMINARY:**

**"A theological school for the training of rabbis, priests, or ministers."**

**THERE IS NO SUCH THING AS A SECULAR SEMINARY. LEARN THE DEFINITION OF WORDS BEFORE YOU USE THEM. UNLESS, OF COURSE, YOU ALREADY KNOW THE MEANING, AND ARE PURPOSELY TRYING TO MISLEAD YOUR AUDIENCE. THAT'S NOT WHAT YOU'RE DOING, IS IT DENNIS?**

**Just as the agenda of traditional Christian and Jewish seminaries is to produce religious Christians and religious Jews, the agenda of Western universities is to produce (left-wing) secularists.**

**DENNIS, WHAT PROOF DO YOU OFFER TO BACK UP THAT ASSERTION?**

**I ASK BECAUSE, HAVING ATTENDED WHAT YOU CALL A "WESTERN UNIVERSITY," I SAW NO EVIDENCE OF WHAT YOU CLAIM. THAT DOESN'T MEAN THAT INDIVIDUAL PROFESSORS DO NOT STEP OVER THE LINE AND TRY TO PROMOTE THEIR PERSONAL BELIEFS - THEY SOMETIMES DO. ONE EXAMPLE IS BIOLOGY PROFESSORS WHO TEACH CREATIONISM (SOMETHING I DOUBT YOU WOULD OBJECT TO), BUT YOU ARE CLAIMING THAT THE UNIVERSITIES THEMSELVES ARE PROMOTING LEFT-WING IDEOLOGY. IN ORDER TO SUPPORT YOUR CLAIM YOU NEED TO SPECIFY EXACTLY WHICH LEFT-WING IDEAS YOU ARE REFERRING TO.**

**AS FOR A SECULAR AGENDA, THAT COULD BE THE ONLY POSSIBLE RESULT FROM AN EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM THAT IS FOLLOWING THE CONSTITUTION, AND NOT PROMOTING ANY PARTICULAR RELIGIOUS BELIEF. THAT IS NOT AN "AGENDA" DENNIS - THAT IS THE LAW.**

**The difference is that Christian and Jewish seminaries are honest about their agenda, while the universities still claim they have neither a secularist nor a political agenda.**

**DENNIS, YOU ARE GIVING CHRISTIAN AND JEWISH SEMINARIES "CREDIT" FOR BEING HONEST ABOUT PROMOTING THEIR BELIEFS? WHY DOES THAT DESERVE CREDIT? WHAT ELSE WOULD YOU EXPECT THEM TO DO? HOW WOULD IT EVEN BE POSSIBLE FOR A JEWISH SEMINARY TO HIDE ITS AGENDA TO SUPPORT THE JEWISH WORLDVIEW?**

**UNIVERSITIES ARE NOT CLAIMING THEY ARE NOT SECULARIST. IN FACT, THEY ARE REQUIRED BY THE CONSTITUTION TO BE SECULARIST - THEY CANNOT PROMOTE ANY RELIGION. WHICH UNIVERSITY ARE YOU CLAIMING, SAYS THAT IT IS NOT PROMOTING A SECULARIST WORLDVIEW? IF YOU WOULD BE SO KIND AS TO PROVIDE A NAME, THERE ARE PLENTY OF LAW FIRMS WHO WOULD GLADLY BE SO KIND AS TO SERVE THAT INSTITUTION WITH LEGAL PAPERS.**

**The more university education a person receives, the more likely he is to hold secular and left-wing views.**

**DENNIS, YOU MAY NOT WANT TO ADMIT THAT THE MORE EDUCATION A PERSON RECEIVES, THE MORE LIKELY THEY ARE TO THROW OFF CHILDISH SUPERSTITIONS ABOUT MONSTROUS, INVISIBLE GHOSTS WHO WILL HURT THEM AFTER THEY DIE IF THEY DON'T BELIEVE IN THEM.**

**YOU MAY NOT WANT TO ADMIT THAT THE MORE EDUCATION A PERSON RECEIVES, THE MORE LIKELY THEY ARE TO GRAVITATE TO THE LEFT-WING OF THE POLITICAL SPECTRUM (BY THE WAY, I AM NOT ONE OF THEM. I HAVE NO STOMACH FOR IDEALOGUES ... ON EITHER END OF THE SPECTRUM).**

**RATHER THAN ADMITTING THAT EDUCATION MAY LEAD TO THESE MORE ENLIGHTENED POSITIONS, YOU RESORT TO CLAIMING THAT STUDENTS ARE BEING BRAINWASHED. SINCE BRAINWASHING MORE ACCURATELY DESCRIBES THE INDOCTRINATION ONE RECEIVES IN RELIGION WHERE DOUBT IS STRONGLY DISCOURAGED, IT APPEARS AS THOUGH YOU ARE PROJECTING YOUR OWN MENTAL PROCESSES ONTO THOSE WHO DISAGREE WITH YOU. IN OTHER WORDS, BRAINWASHING IS YOUR SPECIALTY, NOT EDUCATION'S.**

**The secular Left**

**BY THE WAY DENNIS, JUST TO BE CLEAR, SINCE MORE THAN 85% OF AMERICANS BELIEVE IN GOD, SIMPLE MATH WOULD PROVE THAT THE MAJORITY OF THOSE ON THE LEFT ARE NOT SECULARISTS BUT GHOST WORSHIPPERS LIKE YOURSELF.**

**argues that this correlation is due to the fact that a college graduate knows more and thinks more clearly and therefore gravitates leftward and toward secularism.**

**WELL DENNIS, YOU'RE CERTAINLY NOT GOING TO LET THAT ONE GO BY WITHOUT A FIGHT, ARE YOU?**

**But if you believe that the average college graduate is a clear and knowledgeable thinker as a result of his or her time at university, I have more than one bridge to sell you.**

**DENNIS, REREAD THE CLAIM. IT DOESN'T SAY THE AVERAGE COLLEGE GRAD *IS* "A CLEAR AND KNOWLEDGEABLE THINKER." IT SAYS *MORE* KNOWLEDGEABLE AND THINKS *MORE* CLEARLY. YOU ARE MISREPRESENTING WHAT WAS CLAIMED, AND THE PROOF IS IN THE PARAGRAPH ABOVE.**

**A radio talk-show host for 29 years, I long ago began asking callers who made foolish comments what graduate school they had attended.**

**DENNIS, WHEN YOU MAKE FOOLISH COMMENTS DO PEOPLE ASK YOU ABOUT COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY ... WHERE YOU ATTENDED GRADUATE SCHOOL?**

**It takes higher education to learn that America and Israel are villains, that men and women have essentially the same natures, that human nature is good, that ever-larger governments create wealth, etc.**

**DENNIS, 4 STRAW MAN ARGUMENTS IN ONE SENTENCE. MR. SPOCK MUST BE TURNING OVER IN HIS GRAVE.**

**AH, BUT THAT DOESN'T SOUND IMPOSSIBLE TO YOU DOES IT? IN THE BIBLE, MANY PEOPLE ROSE FROM THEIR GRAVES AND YOU BELIEVE EVERY WORD, DON'T YOU DENNIS. A GROWN MAN WHO BELIEVES IN ZOMBIES. MAYBE YOU WERE RIGHT EARLIER. IN YOUR CASE, MAYBE GRADUATE SCHOOL WASN'T SUCH A GOOD IDEA.**

**A second reason God is not doing well among Westerners these days is that many members of the Jewish and Christian clergy decided that their primary role was not to advocate their religion’s moral and religious standards, but rather (1) to make congregants comfortable (“Don’t call me ‘Pastor’ [or ‘Rabbi,’ or ‘Father’], call me Jerry”)**

**DENNIS, PART OF THE EFFECTIVENESS OF INDOCTRINATION COMES FROM MAINTAINING AN AURA OF AUTHORITY. MAYBE THAT'S WHY YOUR RELIGION IS ON THE DECLINE.**

**and (2) to promulgate the values they learned at their secular left-wing universities.**

**DENNIS, YOU LOST ME. WHY WOULD CLERGY PROMOTE SECULAR VALUES? THAT DOESN'T EVEN MAKE SENSE.**

**A third reason God is not doing well is that most of the men and women who are products of this secular left-wing education (meaning a large majority of Western men and women)**

**DENNIS, ARE YOU REALLY CLAIMING THAT A LARGE MAJORITY OF WESTERN MEN AND WOMEN ARE COLLEGE GRADUATES? SERIOUSLY?**

**SINCE WHEN DID ONE IN FOUR BECOME A LARGE MAJORITY?**

**are theologically, intellectually, and emotionally ill-prepared to deal with all the unjust suffering in the world.**

**DENNIS, WHAT EVIDENCE DO YOU OFFER TO BACK UP THAT ASSERTION?**

**I will never forget a Swedish pastor’s reaction to the 1994 sinking of the Estonia, a ferry that capsized in the Baltic between Estonia and Sweden leaving 852 passengers and crew dead. He said he could not believe in a God who allowed such injustice to take place.**

**I CAN'T EITHER DENNIS. ONLY A MONSTER WOULD ALLOW THAT. BUT SINCE A BRUTAL MONSTER IS EXACTLY HOW THE BIBLE DESCRIBES YOUR GOD, YOU MAY ACTUALLY HAVE A CASE FOR HIS EXISTENCE.**

**This pastor spoke for vast numbers of modern Western men and women.**

**DENNIS, YOU ALWAYS POINT OUT JUST HOW FEW AMERICANS ARE ATHEISTS. NOW WHEN YOU NEED YOUR ARGUMENT TO GO THE OTHER WAY, YOU DESCRIBE "VAST NUMBERS OF WESTERN MEN AND WOMEN."**

**YOU PEOPLE WILL SAY WHATEVER YOU NEED TO SAY TO FLOAT YOUR CRAP. IF YOUR ARGUMENT NEEDS THERE TO BE VAST NUMBERS OF NONBELIEVERS, THEN THERE ARE VAST NUMBERS OF NONBELIEVERS. IF YOU ARGUMENT NEEDS THERE TO BE ONLY A SMALL FRACTION, THEN WE BECOME A SMALL FRACTION.**

**TRUTH MEANS NOTHING TO YOU PEOPLE: IT NEVER HAS, STILL DOESN'T ... AND NEVER WILL.**

**The existence of so much unjust suffering in the world has strongly contributed to their rejecting belief in God. And undoubtedly the devastation caused by the Japanese earthquake and tsunami has further reinforced many individuals’ rejection of God.**

**DENNIS, THE QUESTION ISN'T WHY THOSE FACTS SUPPORTED THEIR DECISION, BUT RATHER, WHY THOSE FACTS WERE UNABLE TO SWAY YOURS.**

**Of course, none of us has a fully coherent solution to the problem of theodicy.**

**DENNIS, ATHEISTS DO.**

**But the problem is not exactly new. Every great religion has dealt with it,**

**DENNIS, I THINK BUDDHISTS AND JAINS WOULD DISAGREE.**

**and most of the brilliant minds in history retained their faith in God despite all the unjust suffering they saw.**

**DENNIS, WHEN PEOPLE ARE THREATENED WITH ETERNAL TORTURE, IT'S REALLY NOT ALL THAT SURPRISING THAT THEY WERE UNWILLING TO GIVE UP THEIR FAITH. WE CALL THAT "COVERING YOUR ASS."**

**The difference today is that life has been so good for most Westerners that suffering is no longer regarded as part of life, but as an aberration that can be done away with.**

**DENNIS, ANYONE WHO DOES NOT REGARD SUFFERING AS A PART OF LIFE IS PROBABLY DRUNK OR STONED MOST OF THE TIME.**

**BUT SCIENCE IS WORKING AS HARD AND AS FAST AS IT CAN TO COMBAT HUMAN SUFFERING. THEIR EFFORTS WOULD MOVE A LOT FASTER THOUGH IF IT WEREN'T FOR THE ROADBLOCKS CONSTANTLY BEING PUT UP BY RELIGION.**

**Meanwhile, the liberal wings of Christianity and Judaism are too influenced by secularism to make an effective religious case for God, whom the religious Left has largely rendered a celestial buddy.**

**DENNIS, THAT WAS NONSENSICAL. HOW CAN CHRISTIANITY BE INFLUENCED BY SECULARISM? CHRISTIANITY IS BELIEF IN GOD - SECULARISM IS A REJECTION OF THAT BELIEF: THERE IS NO MIDDLE GROUND. AND NO, AGNOSTICISM IS NOT A MIDDLE GROUND - THEY DON'T BELIEVE IN YOUR GOD EITHER.**

**The fourth reason is Islamic violence and the tepid response to it by the liberal churches and synagogues.**

**DENNIS, RECENT ISLAMIC VIOLENCE HAS HIGHLIGHTED THE INSANITY THAT HAS GONE HAND-IN-HAND WITH MOST RELIGION THROUGHOUT HISTORY. IT HAS OPENED WESTERN EYES TO THE REALITY OF WHAT RELIGION HAS DONE TO THIS WORLD, AND CONTINUES TO DO TO THIS DAY.**

**It would seem pretty clear that a major, albeit almost never acknowledged, reason for the huge audiences for recent books advocating atheism has been the massive amount of evil committed in God’s name by radical Muslims.**

**DENNIS, ISLAMIC EVIL THAT UNTIL RECENTLY, WAS MATCHED BY RADICAL, EVIL CHRISTIANS THROUGHOUT HISTORY. GOOGLE THESE TOPICS: CRUSADES, INQUISITION, WITCH-BURNINGS, SLAVERY, GENOCIDE, HUMAN AND ANIMAL SACRIFICE, AND ON AND ON AD NAUSEUM. WHAT A WONDERFUL HISTORY YOU PEOPLE HAVE.**

**Nothing creates atheism as much as evil done in God’s name.**

**OR BY READING THE BIBLE, DENNIS.**

**That is why the pathetically weak responses from within mainstream — i.e., liberal — Christianity and Judaism have only added to the contempt for God and religion sown by beheadings and suicide bombings in Allah’s name.**

**DENNIS, GO BACK AND REREAD THAT LIST OF ATROCITIES I JUST LISTED THAT MADE CHRISTIANS THE MOST FEARED RELIGION ON EARTH FOR CENTURIES. MUSLIMS ARE SIMPLY A GROUP THAT BRANCHED OFF FROM CHRISTIANITY ABOUT 1,400 YEARS AGO AND HAS BEEN AT WAR WITH CHRISTIANS EVER SINCE. THEY ARE SIMPLY TWO SIDES OF THE SAME FOUL-SMELLING COIN.**

**The liberal Christian and Jewish responses have been to attack fellow Christians and Jews who have focused on Islamist terror. Instead of drawing attention to the damage radical Islam does to the name of God, liberal Christians and Jews focus their anger on co-religionists who do speak out on this issue and label them “Islamophobes.”**

**OKAY DENNIS, I'LL AGREE WITH YOU ON THAT PART. THEY ARE MORONS. THE REASON THEY DON'T WANT ANYONE TO DISREPECT MUSLIMS IS BECAUSE THEY WANT THAT SAME PRIVILEGE FOR THEMSELVES. THEY TOO WANT THE BLASPHEMY LAWS BACK. THEY LOOK WITH ENVY ON THOSE MUSLIM NATIONS THAT STILL RETAIN THOSE LAWS AND THE DEATH PENALTIES ATTACHED TO THEM.**

**That God is not doing well in the Western world may trouble God.**

**DENNIS, I THOUGHT HE WAS SUPPOSED TO BE ALL-POWERFUL?**

**But it is we humans who should be most troubled.**

**THAT'S TRUE DENNIS. IF YOU READ THE BIBLE YOU KNOW THAT THIS IS ONE GHOST WHO YOU DO NOT WANT TO PISS OFF.**

**The moral, intellectual, artistic, and demographic decline in Western Europe (people in secular countries don’t even have the will to reproduce themselves) is only gaining momentum.**

**DENNIS, YOU THINK THAT BREEDING LIKE ROACHES, AND PRODUCING MORE CHILDREN THAN CAN BE PROPERLY FED AND CARED FOR IS PREFERABLE TO CONTROLLING REPRODUCTION? NOW YOU SOUND MORE LIKE A CATHOLIC OR A MUSLIM THAN A JEW.**

**DENNIS, YOU MAY NOT BE AN IDIOT - BUT THAT LAST STATEMENT WAS ONE OF THE MOST IDIOTIC I HAVE EVER HEARD.**

**WHAT PROOF DO YOU OFFER FOR THE MORAL DECLINE IN EUROPE? MOST INDICATORS SHOW THAT EUROPE IS ENJOYING UNPRECEDENTED LOW LEVELS OF CRIME. ENGLAND, FRANCE, SPAIN, GERMANY, ITALY, SCANDANAVIA, AND OTHER WESTERN EUROPEAN NATIONS HAVE BEEN FREE FROM WAR FOR OVER 60 YEARS WHILE CHRISTIAN AMERICA HAS HARDLY BEEN WITHOUT IT. THE ONLY WARS THEY HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN WERE THE ONES WE DRAGGED THEM INTO.**

**AND WHAT PROOF DO YOU HAVE FOR INTELLECTUAL AND ARTISTIC DECLINE? FROM EVERY REPORT I'VE SEEN THEY ARE FAR OUTPERFORMING CHRISTIAN AMERICA. BUT THEN AGAIN, WHO ISN'T? THE ONLY METHOD AMERICA HAS FOR KEEPING OUR KID'S SCORES HIGHER THAN AFRICANS ... IS IMMIGRATION.**

**And the consequences of that decline will be far more devastating than all the tsunamis and all the earthquakes that may come our way.**

**DENNIS, WHY IS IT THAT YOU GHOST WORSHIPPERS ALWAYS END YOUR ARGUMENTS WITH THREATS? OH, THAT'S RIGHT, I ALMOST FORGOT ABOUT YOUR INSTRUCTION MANUAL.**

**IN A WORLD WHOSE POPULATION IS RAPIDLY IMPROVING IN EDUCATION (AIDED ESPECIALLY BY THE INTERNET), YOU STRUGGLE TO RETAIN CREDIBILITY. YOU FIGHT TO HOLD ONTO THE POWER YOU HAVE HAD FOR 2,000 YEARS. AS YOU SEE THAT CONTROL SLIPPING AWAY, WHAT WILL YOU DO? RETURN TO VIOLENCE? FOLLOW THE MODEL OF MODERN MUSLIMS WHO CONTROL THEIR POPULATIONS WITH AN IRON THEOCRATIC FIST?**

**WELL, WHATEVER YOU DO DENNIS, THE EMERGING RATIONALIST COMMUNITY WILL BE THERE TO MEET YOU; AND YES DENNIS, THAT WAS A THREAT - THE ONLY THING YOU PEOPLE SEEM TO UNDERSTAND.**

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**THE SCIENCE SEGMENT**

**SCIENTISTS FIND NEW TYPE OF MINERAL IN HISTORIC METEORITE**

**NASA AND CO-RESEARCHERS FROM THE UNITED STATES, SOUTH KOREA AND JAPAN HAVE FOUND A NEW MINERAL NAMED "WASSONITE" IN ONE OF THE MOST HISTORICALLY SIGNIFICANT METEORITES RECOVERED IN ANTARCTICA IN DECEMBER 1969.**

**THE NEW MINERAL WAS DISCOVERED WITHIN THE METEORITE OFFICIALLY DESIGNATED YAMATO 691 ENSTATITE CHONDRITE. THE METEORITE WAS DISCOVERED THE SAME YEAR AS OTHER LANDMARK METEORITES ALLENDE AND MURCHISON AND THE RETURN OF THE FIRST APOLLO LUNAR SAMPLES. THE STUDY OF METEORITES HELPS DEFINE OUR UNDERSTANDING OF THE FORMATION AND HISTORY OF THE SOLAR SYSTEM.**

**THE METEORITE LIKELY MAY HAVE ORIGINATED FROM AN ASTEROID ORBITING BETWEEN MARS AND JUPITER. WASSONITE IS AMONG THE TINIEST, YET MOST IMPORTANT, MINERALS IDENTIFIED IN THE 4.5-BILLION-YEAR-OLD SAMPLE. THE RESEARCH TEAM, HEADED BY NASA SPACE SCIENTIST KEIKO NAKAMURA-MESSENGER, ADDED THE MINERAL TO THE LIST OF 4,500 OFFICIALLY APPROVED BY THE INTERNATIONAL MINERALOGICAL ASSOCIATION.**

**WASSONITE IS A MINERAL FORMED FROM ONLY TWO ELEMENTS, SULFUR AND TITANIUM, YET IT POSSESSES A UNIQUE CRYSTAL STRUCTURE THAT HAS NOT BEEN PREVIOUSLY OBSERVED IN NATURE.**

**IN 1969, MEMBERS OF THE JAPANESE ANTARCTIC RESEARCH EXPEDITION DISCOVERED NINE METEORITES ON THE BLUE ICE FIELD OF THE YAMATO MOUNTAINS IN ANTARCTICA. THIS WAS THE FIRST SIGNIFICANT RECOVERY OF ANTARCTIC METEORITES AND REPRESENTED SAMPLES OF SEVERAL DIFFERENT TYPES. AS A RESULT, THE UNITED STATES AND JAPAN CONDUCTED SYSTEMATIC FOLLOW-UP SEARCHES FOR METEORITES IN ANTARCTICA THAT RECOVERED MORE THAN 40,000 SPECIMENS, INCLUDING EXTREMELY RARE MARTIAN AND LUNAR METEORITES.**

**RESEARCHERS FOUND WASSONITE SURROUNDED BY ADDITIONAL UNKNOWN MINERALS THAT ARE BEING INVESTIGATED. THE MINERAL IS LESS THAN ONE-HUNDREDTH THE WIDTH OF A HUMAN HAIR. IT WOULD HAVE BEEN IMPOSSIBLE TO DISCOVER WITHOUT NASA'S TRANSMISSION ELECTRON MICROSCOPE, WHICH IS CAPABLE OF ISOLATING THE WASSONITE GRAINS AND DETERMINING THEIR CHEMICAL COMPOSITION AND ATOMIC STRUCTURE. MORE SECRETS OF THE UNIVERSE CAN BE REVEALED FROM THESE SPECIMENS USING 21ST CENTURY NANO-TECHNOLOGY.**

**THE NEW MINERAL'S NAME WAS APPROVED BY THE INTERNATIONAL MINERALOGICAL ASSOCIATION. IT HONORS JOHN T. WASSON, PROFESSOR AT UCLA. WASSON IS KNOWN FOR HIS ACHIEVEMENTS ACROSS A BROAD SWATH OF METEORITE AND IMPACT RESEARCH, INCLUDING THE USE OF NEUTRON ACTIVATION DATA TO CLASSIFY METEORITES AND TO FORMULATE MODELS FOR THE CHEMICAL MAKEUP OF BULK CHONDRITES.**

**METEORITES, AND THE MINERALS WITHIN THEM, ARE WINDOWS TO THE FORMATION OF OUR SOLAR SYSTEM. THROUGH THESE KINDS OF STUDIES SCIENTISTS CAN LEARN ABOUT THE CONDITIONS THAT EXISTED AND THE PROCESSES THAT WERE OCCURRING THEN.**

**THE BEAUTY OF THIS RESEARCH IS THAT IT REALLY DEMONSTRATES HOW THE JOHNSON SPACE CENTER HAS BECOME A PRE-EMINENT LEADER IN THE FIELD OF NANOSCALE ANALYSIS. IN THE WORDS OF THE GREAT ENGLISH POET WILLIAM BLAKE, WE ARE NOW ABLE 'TO SEE THE WORLD IN A GRAIN OF SAND.'**

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**FAMOUS QUOTES**

**AFTER I GIVE TODAY'S QUOTE IT SHOULD BECOME OBVIOUS WHY NO BIOGRAPHY WAS NECESSARY.**

**"YOU CAN'T BELIEVE EVERYTHING YOU READ ON THE INTERNET."**

**BY ABRAHAM LINCOLN**