

# Week 6 Responding to Atheism and Skepticism

## 1. Objectives

- 1) Understand the concepts of atheism and skepticism.
  - 2) Analyze the influence of modern atheistic thought.
  - 3) Learn biblical and philosophical responses to atheism.
  - 4) Establish a true understanding of God through the gospel of Paul.
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## 2. Key Topics

### 1) Definition and Types of Atheism

- (1) Theoretical atheism (denial of God's existence)
- (2) Practical atheism (living as if God does not exist)
- (3) New atheism (aggressive, science-based atheism)

### 2) Characteristics of Skepticism

- (1) Denial of absolute truth
- (2) Overreliance on human reason
- (3) Relativism toward religion and truth

### 3) Claims of Modern Atheism

- (1) "God does not exist"
  - (2) "Science explains everything"
  - (3) "Religion is man-made"
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## 3. Biblical Response

### 1) Biblical Evidence for God's Existence

- (1) Creation reveals God (Romans 1:20)
- (2) Human conscience (Romans 2:15)
- (3) God's revelation in history

### 2) Human Fall and Spiritual Ignorance

- (1) Suppression of truth due to sin (Romans 1:21-23)
- (2) Knowing God yet rejecting Him

### 3) Paul's Apologetic Approach

- (1) Use of natural revelation for Gentiles
- (2) Christ-centered argumentation
- (3) Resurrection of Christ as key evidence

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#### 4. Philosophical Apologetics

##### 1) Cosmological Argument

Every effect has a cause → First Cause = God

##### 2) Teleological Argument

Order and design in the universe → Intelligent Designer

##### 3) Moral Argument

Objective moral values → Moral Lawgiver

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#### 5. Practical Application

- 1) Approach atheists with understanding, not hostility
  - 2) Keep the gospel central
  - 3) Demonstrate faith through life
  - 4) Rely on the work of the Holy Spirit
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#### 6. Discussion Questions

- 1) Why is atheism increasing in modern society?
  - 2) Are science and faith in conflict or harmony?
  - 3) How can Paul's apologetic method be applied today?
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#### 7. Assignment

- 1) Choose one atheistic claim and refute it biblically
- 2) Write a logical and structured personal testimony