





"WE HAVE MADE LIES OUR REFUGE"

# A REFUGE OF LIES

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# ATHEISM

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- Atheism is sought as a refuge from accountability to God – **Acts 17:26-28;**  
**Romans 1:18-24**
- Idols erected because there must be a greater being/idea to justify our way of life (we have a conscience) – Materialistic Naturalism, Evolution and Natural Selection, Humanism

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- **Atheism cannot provide for an objective morality.**
  - When God is rejected – **Romans 1:28-32** – everything goes.
  - Does not provide refuge – **Romans 1:18, 24, 26-27; Proverbs 13:15**

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- **Atheism cannot provide for any purpose of life.**
  - Darkness of such a view – **Ecclesiastes 1:2; 3:19-20**
  - We were created for a purpose – **Ecclesiastes 12:13-14** – Atheism provides no refuge from this.

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# PHILOSOPHY

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- **Philosophy** – the rational investigation of the truths and principles of being, knowledge, or conduct. (dictionary.com)
  - Greek – *philosophia* – *philo* (love), *sophia* (wisdom) – the love of wisdom. (NT 1x – **Colossians 2:8**)

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- Philosophy is a failing refuge in the realm of spiritual substance.
  - The spiritual is only obtainable by divine revelation – **1 Corinthians 2:11** – involves the intellect but is not equal to it.
  - Spiritual purpose – not merely being more in touch with reality, or being a good person, but glorifying God.
  - Spiritual salvation – redemption from sin, transformation.

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- Philosophy is warned about as being a refuge of lies – **Colossians 2:8-10**
  - Salvation is only in the gospel – **2 Timothy 1:10; 3:16-17**
  - The gospel is not a philosophy, and to mistake it as such is spiritually fatal – **1 Corinthians 1:12, 17-25; 2:1-5**
  - No amount of human reasoning will save. Only the gospel – **Romans 1:16**



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# RELIGIOUS ERROR

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- Self-imposed religion is a refuge of lies –  
**Colossians 2:20-23**
  - Any religious doctrine/practice that is not of God will be uprooted – **Matthew 15:10-13**
  - What God has planted is determined by the apostles' doctrine – **Matthew 16:19;**  
**John 16:13; Acts 2:42**

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- The false refuge of binding where the bible does not bind.
  - Wanting to be careful, so add restrictions – **Matthew 15:2-3**
  - Unsafe to go beyond – **1 Corinthians 4:6;**  
**2 John 9**
  - If not revealed of God, then no spiritual value – **Colossians 2:18-19**
  - Places self in seat of lawgiver – **James 4:11-12**

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- The false refuge of loosing where the bible does not loose.
  - Minimizing the weight of divine commands or restrictions – **James 2:10-12**
  - Must hold fast to all of what is revealed – **2 Thessalonians 2:14-15; 3:6, 14**
- When error is sought for refuge, even what you have accepted of the truth will be compromised – **1 Corinthians 15:12-13; Luke 8:18**

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# NOMINAL DISCIPLESHIP

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- When our discipleship is simply assuming the name “Christian” without being faithful, we are merely practical atheists.
  - Christian indeed? – [John 1:47](#);  
[Romans 2:28-29](#); [Acts 11:26](#)

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# NOMINAL DISCIPLESHIP

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- Only those who do the will of the Father find refuge – **Matthew 7:21-23; Luke 6:46**
- Nominal discipleship denies the power of godliness – **1 Timothy 3:16; 4:7-8; 2 Timothy 3:5**
- We must not just name Christ, but obey Him – **2 Timothy 2:19**
- **Nominal discipleship offers no true refuge – no fellowship, salvation, transformation, joy, hope.**



"A TRIED STONE...SURE FOUNDATION"

**A TRUE REFUGE**

ISAIAH 28:16