

## If We Deny Him. . .

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An internet article this past week declared that “*millennials*” (those born since 1981) are losing faith in God. About 68% of millennials said that they “never doubt the existence of God,” which is actually a good thing. What makes it sad is that the percentage is down 15 points since 2007. But that leads me to another question: **“If man decides that God does not exist, does that make it true?!”**

The obvious answer is “no.” There are many things we may *wish* were not true -- death, taxes, false religion, etc. But that doesn’t make it so. Likewise, if all of America loses faith in God, that does not make God go away. The real question that needs to be asked is this: **“Is there evidence for the existence of God?”**

The answer to that question is a resounding “yes.” The universe itself is the *effect* of an eternal *cause*. Is that cause *mindless chaos*, or “God”? If it’s mindless chaos, then ask yourself this question: “Have I ever seen anything as organized as the universe become so organized by random chance?” If the answer to that is “no” -- and it is -- then the odds of the universe being an act of random chance are zero.

The apostle Paul wrote, “*...If we deny Him, He also will deny us. If we are faithless, He remains faithful; He cannot deny Himself*” (2 Tim. 2:12b-13). Man has the free will to deny God’s existence, but he cannot escape the horrible consequences if he is wrong. We cannot wish away God.

So why are so many “millennials” losing their faith in God? I’m sure there are many causes, not the least of which is **abject selfishness**. Never have so few had so much that was so undeserved. History tells us that extreme wealth leads to extreme rebellion and wickedness. Christians, it is our duty to pray for this country -- its leaders, its citizens, and its influence on the rest of the world. “*Therefore I exhort first of all that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks be made for all men, for kings and all who are in authority, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and reverence. For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth*” (1 Tim. 2:1-4). Hopefully, we are only going through a cycle, and not through a permanent change.

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