

## Convenience or Conviction?

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I am convinced that many Americans today are atheists or agnostics out of **convenience** rather than **conviction**. I say this because of those I have talked with, or read after, their positions are illogical and unreasonable.

For example, when they say they do not believe in God, then they are *forced* to accept the inevitable conclusion that matter is eternal, or that it came from nowhere for no reason at all! Yet the second law of thermodynamics denies this conclusion. It states that matter is in a constant state of decent, going from a good state to a worse state. Therefore, matter and our universe had a beginning. But from where did it come?

Well, our friends say that our gigantic universe came from the “big bang.” This position argues that at some unknown, unexplainable past a giant explosion took place that has scattered all the universe’s molecules out into billions of miles! But again, the first law of thermodynamics states that matter can neither be created nor destroyed. Thus, we live in what scientists call a “closed universe.” The “big bang” theory is unscientific, unreasonable, and illogical. It takes **great faith** to believe in it.

Well, this leads me to conclude that atheists and agnostics *ignore* the evidence (see Romans 1:20) and thus choose to deny God’s existence or to ignore it because it is **convenient** to their way of life. For if there is no God, then there is no accountability, no rules, no right or wrong — except as the might of man makes it! This suits man’s purposes perfectly because he wants to answer to nobody except himself. If there truly is no God, then they are on sound footing. But if there is a God — and all the logical, scientific and biblical evidence points to this reality — then they are in a world of trouble! *“Because, although they knew God, they did not glorify Him as God, nor were thankful, but became futile in their thoughts, and their foolish hearts were darkened”* (Rom. 1:21).

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