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The need for a renewed mind, in order to recognize God's glory in creation

GOD – AS SEEN IN CREATION

- ✓ The infinite Creator God <u>cannot be seen</u>.
- ✓ Jesus Christ, God revealed in human form, will not be seen again until he returns to judge the earth.

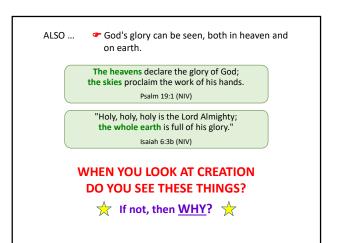
HOWEVER ... • God's eternal power and divine nature are *clearly visible* in creation.

... since what can be known about God is evident among them, because God has shown it to them.

For his invisible attributes, that is, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly seen since the creation of the world, being understood through what he has made.

As a result, people are without excuse.

Romans 1:19-20 (CSB)



UNSAVED PEOPLE DON'T SEE THESE THINGS BECAUSE THEY SUPPRESS THEM.

... people, who suppress the truth by their wickedness, ...

Romans 1:18b (NIV2011)

✓ IT'S NOT GOD'S FAULT, for **WE** are the ones who chose to go astray!

For though they knew God, they did not glorify him as God or show gratitude. Instead, their thinking became worthless, and their senseless hearts were darkened.

Romans 1:21 (CSB)

This alone have I discovered: God made humankind upright, but they have sought many evil schemes.

Eccles. 7:29 (NET)

IF UNSAVED PEOPLE WERE WILLING TO SEEK HIM, THEY COULD FIND HIM ... ✓ YES, it is possible... ... he never left himself without a witness. Acts 14:17a (NLT) He did this so that they might seek God, and perhaps they might reach out and find him, though he is not far from each one of us. Acts 17:27 (CSB) ✓ But NO they aren't willing. They may seek after ... there is no one who seeks God. "gods," but not the one true God. Romans 3:11b (CSB)





EVEN THOUGH GOD'S REVELATION IN CREATION IS NATURALLY VISIBLE, LEARNING TO RECOGNIZE IT WILL TAKE EFFORT.

THE DEVIL is doing everything he can to make it difficult. He will use:

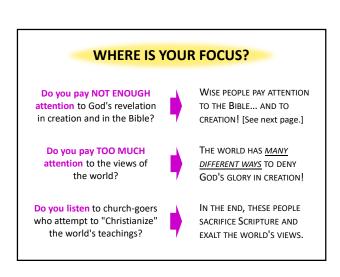
YOUR OWN SIN to cloud your thinking.

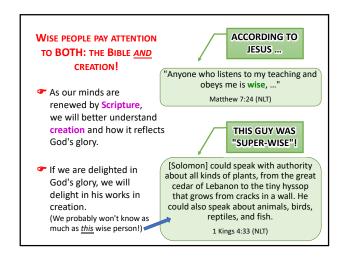
THE SINFUL WORLD to distort your perspective.

ARE YOU WILLING

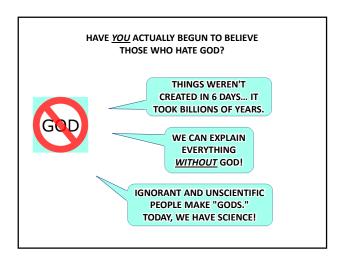
... to put forth the effort to reject the world's values?
... to pursue holiness and reject sin?

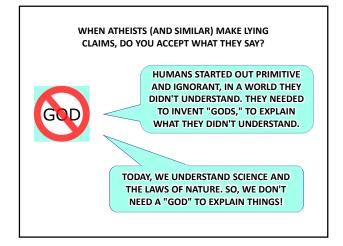
To see these things, we will need <u>Renewed</u> minds! (God uses <u>Scripture</u> to accomplish this.) The values and habits we developed <u>before</u> salvation have blinded us to the truth. Even now, when we sin, it becomes more difficult to see these things. ... be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Romans 12:2b (NIV) ... the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge in the image of its Creator. Col. 3:10b (NIV) You were taught ... to put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires; to be made new in the attitude of your minds; ... Ephes. 4:22a, 23 (NIV)

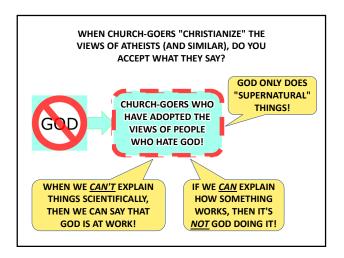












TO OBSERVE: the design, beauty, function, interrelatedness, purposefulness, cause-and-effect, and everything else that is a reflection of God's power, majesty, wisdom and glory. TO CONSIDER: the horribleness of sin and its consequences – which mask the display of God's glory. (We, the human race, must take credit for such things ... we can't blame them on God!) BUT WE WILL NEED THE BIBLE, TO TEACH US HOW TO DO THESE.

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