# Psalm 14:1 The fool has said in his heart there is no God

Pew Research Center's Forum on Religion & Public Life estimates that there are 5.8 billion religiously affiliated adults and children around the globe, representing 84% of the 2010 world population of 6.9 billion.

# Atheism

- Wikepidia disbelief or lack of belief in the existence of God or gods.
- American Atheism website Atheism is not a disbelief in gods or a denial of gods; it is a lack of belief in gods.
- The word, atheism, comes from the negative a which means "no," and theos which means "god."

# What an Atheist is...

- "An atheist is someone who believes and/or knows there is no god."
- "An atheist lacks belief in a god."
- •"An atheist exercises no faith in the concept of god at all."
- •"An atheist is someone who is free from religious oppression and bigotry."
- "An atheist is someone who is a free-thinker--free from religion and its ideas."

#### How many are there in the U.S.?

Statistics seem to suggest that in America the number of atheists is growing. The Pluralism Project at Harvard reports that people with no religious affiliation now number nearly forty million. That's almost 15 percent of the population, up from less than 10 percent in 1990, and so a virtual doubling of the atheist ranks in a single decade. Science writer John Horgan boasts that "there are more of us heathens out there than you might guess." It's unclear from the data if there are more atheists, or simply more people who are open about their atheism.

#### **Basic Tenets of Atheism**

- •There is no God or devil.
- •There is no supernatural realm.
- Miracles cannot occur.
- There is no such thing as sin as a violation of God's will.
  Generally, the universe is materialistic and measurable.
  Man is material.
- •Generally, evolution is considered a scientific fact.
- •Ethics and morals are relative.

# What is Humanism?



...an outlook or system of thought attaching prime importance to human rather than divine or supernatural matters. Humanist beliefs stress the potential value and goodness of human beings, emphasize common human needs, and seek solely rational ways of solving human problems

Modern Humanism, also called Naturalistic Humanism, Scientific Humanism, Ethical Humanism, and Democratic Humanism, is defined by one of its leading proponents, Corliss Lamont, as "a naturalistic philosophy that rejects all supernaturalism and relies primarily upon reason and science, democracy and human compassion." Modern Humanism has a dual origin, both secular and religious, and these constitute its sub-categories.

# A World-view



# Naturalism/Materialism

•That the only reality is nature (Matter), as gradually discovered by our intelligence using the tools of experience, reason, and <u>science</u>. (http://www.naturalisms.org/)

#### **The Humanist Manifesto**

A 1933 document compiled by 34 secularist in the United States. Many of its signers were leaders in education, government and the Unitarian clergy.

•Humanist Manifesto II was the 1973 update.

Humanist Manifesto 2000, signed by R. Dawkins & Arthur C. Clarke

http://americanhumanist.org/Humanism/Humanist\_Manifesto\_III

### Promotion of ...

Atheism
Evolution
Amorality
Autonomous, Self- Centered Man
Socialistic One-World Government (Mind Siege pg. 128 LaHaye)

#### That's religion and not science!

To argue for God is a argument of no relevance to the Atheist, because of there materialistic world-view To argue for God is ridiculous, because the conclusion is already a wrong conclusion according to the Atheistic world-view paradigm

# Atheist Aldous Huxley (1894-1963)

"Yes; but what sort of science?" asked Mustapha Mond sarcastically. "You've had no scientific training, so you can't judge. I was a pretty good physicist in my time. Too good– good enough to realize that all our science is just a cookery book, with an orthodox theory of cooking that nobody's allowed to question, and a list of recipes that mustn't be added to except by special permission from the head cook. I'm the head cook now.

Quote from the book "Brave New World"

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"I had motives for not wanting the world to have a meaning; and consequently assumed that it had none, and was able without any difficulty to find satisfying reasons for this assumption. The philosopher who finds no meaning in the world is not concerned exclusively with a problem in pure metaphysics. He is also concerned to prove that there is no valid reason why he personally should not do as he wants to do.

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> Peter 3:3-4

Knowing this first: that scoffers will come in the last days, walking according to their own lusts, and saying, "where is the promise of his coming? For since the fathers fell asleep, <u>all things continue as they were from</u> the beginning of creation."