

Atheism in the world

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I would like to begin by telling you a little story that is germane to our topic tonight. There were two men who were Friends. One was an atheist and one was a man of faith. They had decided to go on a journey together and in that journey they were out on a walk deep in the forest. They were walking for hours and then they suddenly came to a fork in the road. The man of faith said: `We should go to the right; I can see a clearing ahead´. And the atheist says: `no, we should go to the left deep into the forest. The two men could not agree and separated.

After a number of hours, the atheist realized that he had taken the wrong path. As every good atheist does. Suddenly, he heard a noise behind him. He turned around and there was the biggest grizzly bear that he has ever seen... a huge bear. The bear looked at him, he looked at the bear, he started to walk quickly. The bear started to walk quickly; he started to run, the bear started to run and the problem is that bears run faster than men and within minutes, the bear was on top of him. He was ready to strike and out of nowhere the atheist yells out: `God save me´. Suddenly everything stood still, the bear freezes, the birds of the trees stop chirping and the atheist heard a voice: `Well, well, well, so now I exist, do I? Right at the point of death I suddenly exist´. And the atheist realized what he had said. And like every good atheist, he tried to back away from what he had done and he said: `Maybe, I´m not sure, I could be in shock, I could be hearing my own voice, so, I will make a deal with you. If you are really God, turn this bear into a Christian and I will believe in you´. Just then, the bear stood up, put his hands together in prayer position and says: `thank you Jesus, thank you Jesus for this food that I´m about to eat´.

All over the world, we have people who are trying to profess atheism. I live in London, and all through Europe, we have secular societies that are gaining weight. It is not unusual to see a double decker bus in London to have signs that say `God is dead´ or `God does not exist´ or `Many people are gay, get over it´. It is not unusual that our churches are having less and less



attendance; our seminaries are at all-time low. We are losing faith; we are losing family and we are losing our respect for one another... and this is growing.

Here in the United States, that wind has been blowing in this direction. We are removing the name of God from our society. We are removing the Commandments of God as the foundation of our laws. Without perhaps seeing it, we are becoming secular nations. Secular simply means to exist without God and this is the problem.

The people that are following this path, are people just like you and I; but the message of the world in these times is very strong. The world would have us serve two masters, but we know that we cannot. In these times we are being told what we know in our heart is wrong is right. We are being told this under the sentences of `freedom of choice`, `freedom to decide our own life`, what we do and with whom and this exercise of freedom is going too far, because when it creates a child of the world and extracts the child of God, then we are teetering once again of a people on the edge of a precipice.

All over the world we are changing our standards, our values; our morality, our respect for one another and this is all in the name of modernism and individualism. But the problem is that all of these things are centuries and millenniums' old. In these times we are asked to throw away what has been proved by time and tested that is true. Just two generations ago, our behavior would have been called scandalous, obscene, but you don't hear these words used very often anymore.

We are going away from God. We are losing this relationship with God. We are seen as those people who think of God as some old man out there some place. We've lost that connection as being the child of God. We are losing our connection with God as our Father; and this is the problem...

How can we understand the meaning of life? How can we understand who we are and the direction of our life without first understanding that God exists, He loves us and He is our Father and we are His children?



Our Lord came to give us this understanding, this gift, this responsibility, because each one of our lives is a responsibility for each one of us to understand it. But the message of the world is very powerful and its drawing us away daily of our true identity. We are losing our common sense in these times and common sense carries with it a gift, the gift of reality, to understand reality and we are losing that understanding in these times.

We are actually believing that we can abandon God, that we can abandon the Commandments of God, We can abandon faith, we can abandon our family and one another. We actually are believing day by day that there can be a future without God. The younger people of the world today are being raised without very much knowledge at all about God if any.

I travel all over the world and I am seeing this as a crisis. In Europe, we are now facing the highest rate of teenage suicide ever recorded. Because the moment the young people hit a very hard point in their life, they have no hope, everything is dark, there is no light because they do not understand God; they do not understand themselves neither who they are, because everything they do in the world today, all of the teachers of the world, their message is about everything but God.

We are worshipping more false gods in these times than ever before in the history of mankind. And it is very serious because most of us don't even recognize it. We are being sucked in day by day. And when we look around, when we speak to our friends or members of our family, they say to us: `look, everyone is doing it, Why is it wrong for you when everyone else is doing it? And little by little, the messages on the TV, magazines, newspapers, internet continue reinforcing it. And we don't have any defense, because as a people, we have allowed technology to consume us.

All our time is taken, stolen. The mobile, it's very serious...constantly on the phone and texting; we have no time anymore, between the television and the



internet; the mobile and texting...we have no time to pray the rosary and we have no time for the word of God. We don't read the Bible anymore.

As Catholics, most of us cannot even say what are the Ten Commandments, let alone the understanding of the importance of the Ten Commandments. Why were they given in Two Tablets with 3 in one and 7 on the other? Most of us don't realize that Our Lord when asked what the most important things are, He went right back to the Old Testament. Because in the first Tablet of stone, the three Commandments are telling us, teaching us about how to love God and the second Tablet teaches us how to love one another. In these times, we don't know what the Bible says. We don't have time...

The bureaucracy of the world today, the technology of the world today is robbing us our time. We are looking for the easy way out. The way just to push the world away and hide for the night so that we don't have to think and slowly it's sucking all of us in.

Our politicians all over the world are afraid to stand up and say : `I believe in God; I believe in the Ten Commandments... I believe this and this and this is wrong... They are afraid to do what is right and our law makers as well. And as a result, we are removing God from our society and He is the Creator of all things. But the most important understanding is that He is your Father. And in these times, it simply does not compute.

When I hear that I am a son of God, the daughter of God, it is so difficult for me to understand that. Because to understand it, I need to understand it from my heart as well and it is missing. We don't talk to God anymore. We don't include our Father in anything we do anymore and He is our Father and this is what we have to restore.

Each one of us has the responsibility of understanding our life. That through all the experiences that you and I will have through our free will in our life, there will come a moment in time where we will realize that there is something greater than ourselves and that is a point where we will go in search of that and very simply, that is the search of the love of God, and



hopefully by the end of our lives, we would have learned in our heart that God exists, He loves us and we in turn would have found the way to love God with all our heart, our soul and mind; because that, my brothers and sisters, is the citizenship of Eternity. Without it we will not be able to understand how to love one another.

If you do not understand the meaning of your life, then everything else is just a shadow of what could have been. If we do not understand the Father, how can we understand the Son if we do not understand the Father...?

If we do not love God, how can we love our faith? It's not possible, not in the depths that is required especially in these times. If I don't see myself as a son of God or a daughter of God, How can I stop serving two masters? How can I escape from this life of always living in the middle? One minute I am a child of God, the next minute I am a child of the world. Back and forth... Our Lord calls it lukewarm and He says to us: `At the end of time for each of you who is lukewarm, I will spit you from my mouth'. Very serious. We border on committing the only sin, which is unforgiven, the sin of blasphemy, where we blaspheme against the Holy Spirit, we reject our own identity of children of God. Very serious...but in these times, do we stop long enough to ponder these things? Or we have become children of the flesh instead of who we are, children of the Spirit. Because make no mistakes dear brothers and sisters, out there in these times is a war, and that war is raging and it is a war between good and evil... because evil does exist... but unless you are a child of the Spirit, you are not going to see it.

You will see glimpses suggesting that something is very wrong in the world, but you will not see it in your home. The insidiousness of it in these times, it is like a mountain that is growing in this world. Every day this corruption is eating it like a cancer. This defiance of God is at extraordinary proportions and the enemy of God is laughing because he says to you: `What can you do? You, yes, you... what can you do against that? You are only one little, tiny



person. What do you think you can do against that? It is everywhere, you can do nothing´. And when we begin to believe this, we sit... the children of God, we sit! And allow society to remove God from our presence, from our families, from our society. And we sit and we hope that somewhere, someone is going to come along and fix all this problems.

But there is no one coming and Our Lord cries out from the Gospel: `Children, of you of little faith, if only one of you had the faith of a tiny little mustard seed, you would understand who you are and in My Name, you could walk up to this mountain and in My Name, command: `Move´ and it must move´, cause there is no one greater than God, there is nothing greater than God and you are His children with His power and His authority. You are not one little person, you are the son of God, the daughter of God if only you would accept this responsibility and begin to act like that, every day, day by day... one day at a time. `No, I am not going to offend my Father; tomorrow is a different story, but today, I am not going to continue to commit the sins that I always commit on a regular basis... my weaknesses... no, not today. I am not going to allow it to happen. Day by day, one day at a time. If it´s wrong, it´s wrong.

The world is now telling you and I that what we know in our soul is wrong, it´s right and it´s bothering us deeply, we are not at peace, we are not happy... When we look to the future, we see it dark. The solution?... they are not going to change. The system is corrupt in these times no matter what you are talking about. They will never change until one other person changes first. The one person that has the possibility to change. The one person that has the power and the authority of his Father to change: you... me... personal change...It is the only solution in these times. It affects my responsibility before God for the gift of my life, the gift of my faith.

´Father, help me... and forgive me. I know I am not the best child you´ve ever had, but I´d like to be... The world is strong and I am weak, but I know Father, day by day, one day at a time, if I have the desire in my soul to change and if I call Your Name in my heart, I know You will hear me and You will help me



because God is not some old man out there, that is a myth. God has created a sacred place of meeting within every single human being and there He waits patiently for each one of us to understand that He exists, to understand who we are and to use His Name and call to Him. The Name that Jesus gave us the right to use. Our Lord calls us brother, sister... He told us we are the coinheritors of the Kingdom of God and He has given us permission of using this name: "Father".

God waits for you to open the door to your heart, this sacred place of meeting between a Father and a child and step inside to make time for God and close the door behind you so there are no distractions and kneel, because you are in a sacred place of meeting and call Him: `Father, Father... It's me, your little child. Help me Father to understand my life, help me to understand these times and give me the strength, the courage, the gift of holiness which is perseverance. Help me Father each day to come to You and build this relationship with You´.

God has created a special language to develop this relationship between a Father and a child and this special language is prayer from the heart. Everything from the heart... it is the place of goodness, the place of love. How can you trust God?

We are entering extraordinary times as mankind; each one of us is going to need a concrete trust in God. How can you trust someone that you don't even know? How can you trust someone when you do not have any relationship with him? On a human level, it is the same... every good marriage, you will find at the core of that marriage daily communication, open and honest and it builds daily and over time, trust develops and when we apply that in the Name of God from that trust, comes the faith. It is deep and solid but it is through this daily relationship with God.

How can I possibly understand this gift of Our Lord and my faith without first having this relationship with my Father? Everything begins through the love of God. If it's solid, if it's true, if it's right, at the base of it is the love of God as its core.



This country is going to face many challenges especially in this Faith. All over the world this Faith is under attack. At our Confirmation as Catholics, we promised to be the soldiers of Christ. We are in a war, our Faith is under attack, our societies are under attack and where is the army of God? where are the soldiers of Christ in these times? Where are we? The sad answer is that we are silent because we are apathetic, we are complacent, we are confused... we are misdirected and we are afraid to stand up. If we had to be the only person in all of the United States to stand up and say: `No, this is wrong and I am a child of God. To pray together the same prayer with the same intention... The Gospel is full of the promises of Christ, but, do we know them, do we believe them, do we trust in the words?

In the Old Testament, the promise of God in Chronicles 2, Chapter 7: `Tell the children who bear My Name, that if you should turn of your wicked ways, if you return to Me in all things, My Laws and Commandments, I will cleanse you, I will save you, I will restore you and restore your nation. The promise of God. But if we don't know Him, if we do not have a relationship with God as our Father, if we have not built this trust in God, how are we ever going to believe these words? And we sit... the children of God.

Our Faith, our priests are under attack... Our Church, our families, our standards, our values, our morality, the respect from one another. Look around you. We need a Metanoia, we need a spiritual awakening in these times, because be sure with all respect, that you and I are asleep. Spiritually, we are asleep in these times. We don't see the nefarious nature of that war that is happening that is raging in the world. We live our lives as if none of us are ever going to die: `I'll do it tomorrow, I'll think about it tomorrow', when the war is here and now and it's raging. But you and I cannot enter that war if we are asleep spiritually. What weapon as a soldier we are going to use? What ammunition are we going to put in that weapon? And the answer is: you and I cannot engage in that war unless we fix the problem within ourselves first; otherwise, we are hypocrites and if we enter that war, we would be broken like a twig.



*Personal change... it is the only way, when you decide and say: 'No more'.
The voice of God is on the wind now throughout the world touching every
heart. His bell is ringing to awaken His children to understand these times
and that is this Mission that is coming to your parish by the grace of God.*

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