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A World Without God (Part 2 of 2) by Jack H. Williams

But secondly, we have failed. Perhaps the area of greatest failure is to show the result of this desire for a world without God. In God's word He many times uses the power of the negative result to prompt people to go the right way. He did so with Adam and Eve ("thou shalt surely die" [Genesis 2:17]), the Israelites ("these curses shall come upon thee" [Deuteronomy 28:15]), and those in the first century ("ye shall likewise perish" [Luke 13:3]). We too, realize the value of such "negative reinforcement" in such instances as telling the consequences of touching hot things, running into the street, driving carelessly and the like. It would thus be beneficial for us to examine the "negative consequences" of a world without God. In other words, we need to ask (and answer) the question,

What would it be like to live in... A World Without God? We would live in a world filled with immorality. In the book of Romans we read of those people who "did not like to retain God in their knowledge" (1:28). Notice what is said of their "lifestyle" in the verses that follow. They were "filled" with such things as fornication, wickedness, covetousness, murder, spiteful, disobedient to parents, unmerciful How tragic! But of course they could say, "I did it my way." Perhaps the saddest epithet given these people is found in verse 32 where we are told that they "not only do the same, but have pleasure in them that do them." They desired that others join them in their way of life - a life without God.

We would live in a world without answers. Have you ever wondered where everything came from? Without God there is no answer to that question. Every "answer" that man derives at by himself contradicts his own knowledge. But God gives the answer (Genesis 1:1-31; Exodus 20:11). Have you ever faced a choice and didn't know which was right - men were giving different answers to the same question. But God can give the answer (2 Timothy 3:16-17; 2 Peter 1:3). You see man's answers change depending on what he wants. God's answers stay the same because He looks to what man needs.

We would live in a world without hope. Have you noticed the rising suicide rate - those who say life is not worth living? Have you noticed the rise in the number of homeless - those who simply decide life is not worth the effort? Have you seen the increase in the number of those overcome with depression - who see no way to cope with the pressures of life? A world without God is a world filled with hopelessness and despair. Man cannot find in himself the answer to "Why should I keep on?" Life without God has no purpose that gives

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hope. God has the answer (Revelation 2:10; 1 Corinthians 15:58; Philippians 3:14).

We would live in a world of loneliness. How many of those who want a life without God have someone they can truly trust. Someone they can say loves them above all else? Paul painted the sad picture of those who lived for self and left God out when he said “all seek their own” (Philippians 2:21). Without God there is no reason for anyone to seek anything other than their own reward or self gratification. God has a better answer (John 13:35; Galatians 6:1-2; Hebrew 3:12-13).

A world without God? A world of loneliness, immorality, puzzles with no answer, hopelessness.... How terrible that so many think that is the way things should be. It is obvious that in the world in which we live there are many who have fallen prey to this horrible way.

Something though, that is stranger is that so many go headlong into a world without God because they look at the world about them and think, “If there is really a God, how can the world be like this?” Because they see a world filled with all that is ungodly they reject God. But what they fail to see is that the world is “like this” because so many still refuse to “retain God in their knowledge.” The distressing things we see in the world are not the result of an unloving God, but the result of a people who do not love God. Life with God is never lonely, it is moral, it has the answers we need and long for and is filled with hope. I pray all mankind will see the need to live there and go to God that they may.