

“The Need For Evidence”

Lesson Text: **Hebrews 11:1-3.**

I. Why Need To Study Evidences For Faith In God.

A. Flavil Yeakly— *“Why They Left.”* (2012).

- 40% of our young people leave the church after going to college.
 - 20% Left to go to a denomination.
 - 20% Left their faith entirely.
- Several Reasons were given:
 1. Evolution was Taught as Scientific Fact.
 2. Naturalism- They began to disbelieve miracles.
 3. A Belief that Christianity goes against Logic and Reason.
 4. A Supposed Lack of Evidence for Faith in God.

II. Examining The Challenges To Our Faith.

A. Evolution- A Major Challenge.

- It Has Begun to be a Type of Religion Itself.
- It is Aggressively Taught to Students in College.
- Strong Pressure To Conform to this Theory.
- Can be Atmospheres of Intolerance, No Open Mindedness...
- **1 Timothy 6:20-21.**

B. Naturalism— Another Major Challenge.

- Defined: “The philosophical belief that everything arises from natural properties and causes, and the supernatural or spiritual explanations are excluded or discounted.”
- A Direct Conflict with Biblical Teaching! (No miracles, no supernatural events or God).
- 2012 Gallup poll: From 1992 to 2012— Only 9%- 15% Naturalists in US
- Updated Poll in 12017— 19% of Americans.

C. Christianity Goes Against Logic And Reason.

- Law of Rationality- “One should only draw conclusions that are warranted by evidence.”
- But the Scriptures demand our investigation and coming to the right conclusions based on what is right, proper, and rational to believe.
- **Romans 1:20; 1 Thessalonians 5:21; 1 Peter 3:15.**
- **Acts 18:4; 26:24-26.**

D. The Supposed Lack of Evidence.

- Herbert Spencer quote- “Those who cavalierly reject the theory of evolution as not adequately supported by facts, seem quite to forget that their own theory is supported by no facts at all.”
- Our faith is NOT a “Blind faith” without any proof whatsoever! (Fideism).
- **Hebrews 11:1-6; John 20:26-29.**
- Two Types of Evidence: 1. Direct Evidence. 2. Indirect Evidence.
- What About Evidence For Gravity? The Wind? **John 3:7-9.**
- Scientists, Biologists, & Paleontologists all use Indirect Evidence...
- Forensic Science in Court Cases?
- We have the Testimony of Many Witnesses- **1 Cor. 15:3-8; John 20:30-31.**
- You are in Good Company to Be! **2 Peter 1:16.**