

tian. These journals speak of it as a movement within the compass of Christianity and *Time* goes so far as actually to use without quotation marks, the terminology, "Christian atheists," as though somehow or other Christianity and atheism could be combined. This will now become a new term in our vocabulary. Beloved, if anything is Christian, it cannot be atheist, and if it is atheist, it cannot be Christian.

We have become so confused and so propagandized in behalf of the coexistence of truth and error and freedom and slavery that now we are putting these contradictions together and speaking of "Christian atheism" and accepting the teaching within the fellowship of the Christian church. A Methodist University in our country has an infidel professor on its faculty, and the president of the University has informed everyone that they will not remove him, that their concepts of academic freedom are such that they will continue to pay the salary of this Christian atheist. This is what we have come to on Easter of 1966.

Look presents an article in which it is reported that a leading theologian is proceeding now to answer those who are telling us that God is dead, but this gentleman, Dr. John C. Bennett of Union Theological Seminary, New York City, gives no answer at all. He completely puts aside the historic proofs of God that the Christian religion has offered and which we believe and turns and deals with what he calls intimations. What he does is to look at the general conditions in which we find ourselves and then says there are certain intimations that there is a God. The last of his intimations is that God is in the social revolution of our day, and that is an evidence that there is a God.

Now, I want to point out two sentences in Dr. Bennett's article: "We must begin by accepting the view that there are no proofs of God and that there is no metaphysical system that can, on its own, provide the basis for belief. We must also recognize the precariousness of the absolutely independent and unsupported revelation of God that comes only through the person of Jesus Christ." There are no proofs to begin with, he says, and as for God's speaking through Jesus Christ, he tells us that that is an unsupported

revelation and it is absolutely independent and therefore we cannot use it and he does not employ it.

I propose to present to you the four major proofs that Christianity has offered in support of a belief that there is a true and living God. God is not dead!

1. God's Creation

The first of these proofs, which have been used constantly through the years, and we delight in them, is that God has created all things. "In him we live, and move, and have our being." The evidence that God exists is all about us, and no one can deny it. Not only does our own experience and logic bear testimony in these areas, but the Bible especially uses this field in support of belief in God. Notice Hebrews 3:4, "For every house is builded by some man; but he that built all things is God." Every house in this town of Collingswood — and there are a great many of them, including some apartment houses — has been built by someone. It has not been built by monkeys! Every house has been built by some man. And He who builds all things, the largest house of all — the globe on which we dwell, which is part of a universe — is God.

In Romans, chapter 1, the Apostle is using the same argument, but he is using it now to convince the consciences of men. Notice verse 20, "For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse." How dare they deny there is a God? He has made the world, and His eternal power and Godhead are evident in the creation of which you and I are a part. Take the simplest catechism that we teach to the youngest children. We ask them the question, "Who made you?" And the little lad replies, "God made me." "What else did God make?" "God made all things." "Why did God create all things?" "For His own glory He created all things."

In this area of what God has done to reveal His person, remember Psalm 19, "The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handywork. Day unto day uttereth