

“Isaac Asimov Analyzes the Bible”
By Paul R. Blake

I saw a book some time ago with the above title. My first thought was: “Now, there's an unlikely match-up.” I can think of a couple of other books that could be written and make just as much sense. How about “An Analysis of Mother Teresa's Humanitarian Work” by Adolph Hitler. Or maybe “How To Be As Mannerly As Shirley Temple” by Mike Tyson. What Isaac Asimov knew about the Bible could fit in a twelve ounce drinking glass with room left over for a can of Pepsi. He was a staunch secular humanist, an avowed atheist, and a rabid evolutionist. What could this man possibly write about the Bible that could be considered remotely objective, let alone beneficial to the reader?

Brethren, we do not wage the war with evil on a level battlefield. The unbelieving world rejects the word and work of the devout as unqualified and unlearned, yet at the same time purports to be expert in debunking a book they do not understand, and, in all likelihood, have not read. They mock the Christian who questions the specifics of the General Theory of Evolution, while they go about parroting the same tired old clichés and ignorant platitudes ridiculing religion.

One of my biology professors in Arkansas began the semester by telling the class that we were to keep our religious mouths shut when he speaks of evolution. He said, “I do not go into your churches telling your ministers what to preach; you will not come into my class and tell me how to teach biology.” Unfortunately, he had a problem with consistency. He taught religion in class, the religion of atheism. He spent thirteen weeks firing a barrage against believers in God, making fun of religion at every opportunity. Obviously, educated unbelievers can be hypocrites, too!

Do not fear the arrogant unbeliever. His unbelief is a desperate choice. Unwilling to face the evidence of his own eyes, and fearful of answering for the consequences of his weakness and sin, he finds hiding his head in the sand of denial to be his only protection. If he looked around himself in honesty, he would see God. “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: Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened. Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools” (Rom. 1:20-22). To look around and see God's hand in all things would be too terrifying for them, so they curl up tight in their mental beds and pull the covers of intellectualism up over their heads like frightened children.

Do not be intimidated by educated unbelievers; they are quite limited. Like the Jewish Sanhedrin, they have broken their own rules of objectivity. The atheist refuses to consider any answer that involves God or His word. How's that for open-mindedness? In their diseased frenzy to impose their religion of evolution on society, they have violated their own scientific method by calling a theory fact, without experimentation or observation. Sounds more like zealotry than reason, does it not? Pity them, for their pride and worldly knowledge will make it difficult for them to see the wisdom of God and be saved. See the irony and grieve for them; they have become what they abhor... fools. “The fool hath said in his heart, There is no God. They are corrupt, they have

done abominable works... The LORD looked down from heaven upon the children of men, to see if there were any that did understand, and seek God. Have all the workers of iniquity no knowledge? Who eat up my people as they eat bread, and call not upon the LORD" (Psalm 14:1-2, 4). How sad... to think oneself to be so wise, and to actually be a self-made fool.

Do not be bullied by the cultural and political power of unbelievers. While preaching freedom from the "shackles of religion," they tyrannically force their own philosophy and dogma on the world around them. The intellectuals of Old and New Testament times killed the prophets and the Son of God, but that did not prevent God from completing His work of salvation. They killed the apostles and early Christians, but that did not stop the Gospel from being preached in all the world. They took prayer and discipline out of schools and put evolution and condoms in the classrooms, but that hasn't come between the faithful and God. Satan's army of unbelievers will always be at the dishonest, domineering cutting edge of cultural decay. It has always been, it presently is, and it will always be... UNTIL. One day, the Lord will return. The persevering righteous believers will go to heaven, and the man who refused to believe in God will spend eternity in perdition.

"Seeing it is a righteous thing with God to recompense tribulation to them that trouble you; And to you who are troubled rest with us, when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels, In flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ" (2Thes. 1:6-8). Incidentally, Isaac Asimov is dead. Do you suppose he is a believer, now that he is in Hades awaiting the Judgment?

A Moments Wisdom

Drinking prevents thinking, and thinking should prevent drinking.
The idle Christian is the raw material of which backsliders are made.
Although sin is sugar-coated, it is always bitter.
The strong should bear—not bare—the infirmities of the weak.
Don't stay so busy laying up for a rainy day that you can't enjoy the sunshine.
The egotist is an I specialist.
The grass may be greener on the other side, but it still has to be mowed.

Ten Little Christians By Bruce Neal

Ten little members standing in a line,
 One disliked the preacher and then there were nine.
Nine ambitious workers offered to work late,
 One forgot his promise and then there were eight.
Eight creative members with ideas good as heaven,
 One lost enthusiasm, then there were seven.
Seven loyal members got into a fix,
 They quarreled over programs and then there were six.
Six members remained with spirit and drive,

One moved away and then there were five.
Five steadfast members wished there were more,
One became indifferent and then there were four.
Four cheerful members never disagreed,
One complained of meetings and then there were three.
Three eager members, what do they do?
One got discouraged and then there were two.
Two hard working members, our rhyme is nearly done
One joined a health club and then there was one.

One faithful member was feeling mighty blue,
Met with a colleague and then there were two.
Two earnest members, each found one more,
Doubling their number and then there were four.
Four determined members, just couldn't wait,
Until each had won another and then there were eight.
Eight excited members found sixteen more,
In another six verses, there will be a thousand twenty four!