

Unit 3: Atheism

Lesson 4: Secular Humanism

How does Secularism answer the 4 Big questions?

- **Creation:** We evolved by random chance: molecules to man evolution
- **Fall:** religion and belief in sinful man have kept society from progressing
- **Redemption:** No god will save us; we must save ourselves. Focus on the “here and now”
- **Eternity:** annihilation: there is nothing after physical death


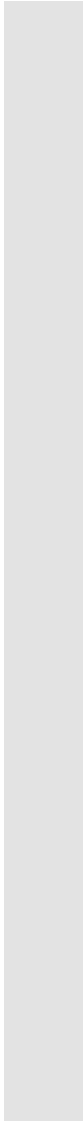
Key definitions of the secular worldview

- **Secularism:** an atheistic and materialistic worldview that advocates for a society free from religion
- **Science:** knowledge of facts and principles gained by systematic study

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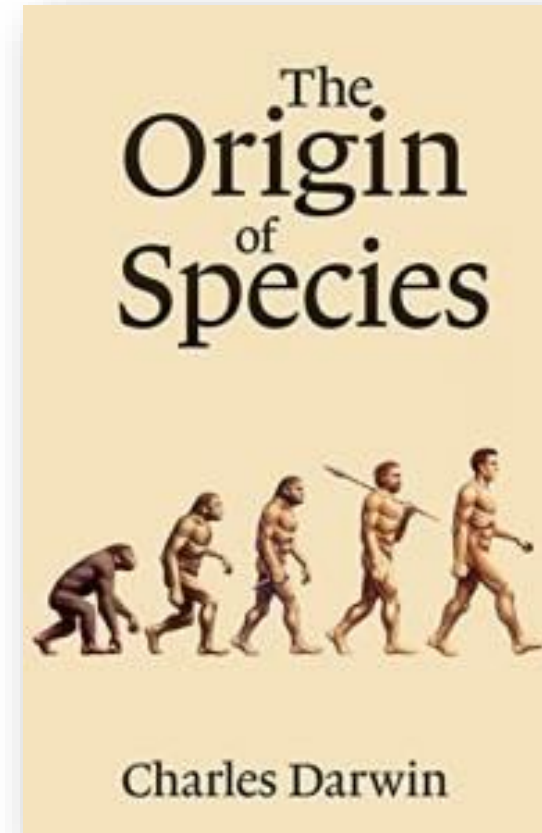
- **Science according to a secularist:** excludes supernatural events and is the only reliable way of knowing
- **Naturalism:** the belief that all things can be explained in terms of natural causes

- Secularism concerns itself with the current age (as opposed to eternity) and human beings (as opposed to God)
- Secularism is based on materialism; the idea that only the physical world exists

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- Secularism is an atheistic worldview that advocates for a society free from religion
 - It often lays the worst of western culture at the feet of Christianity

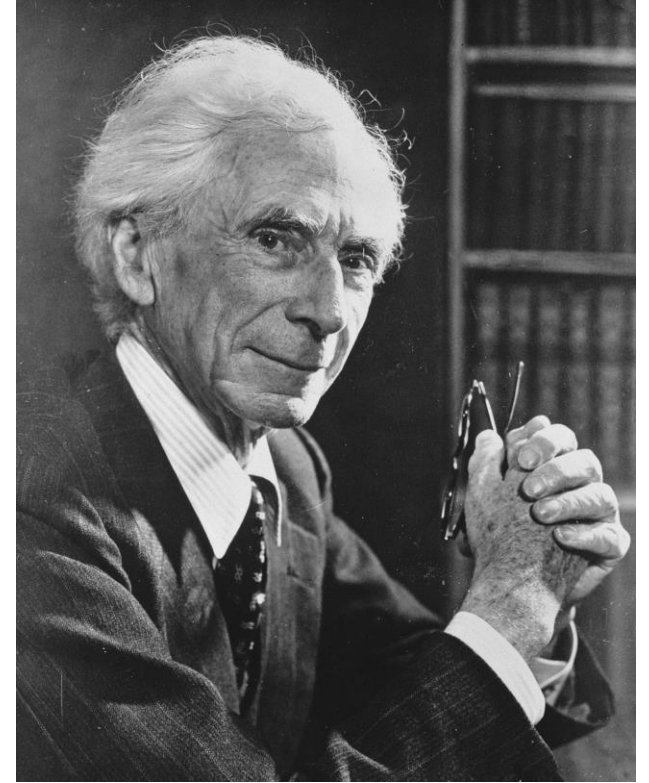
Some sources
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- **The Origin of Species** by Charles Darwin



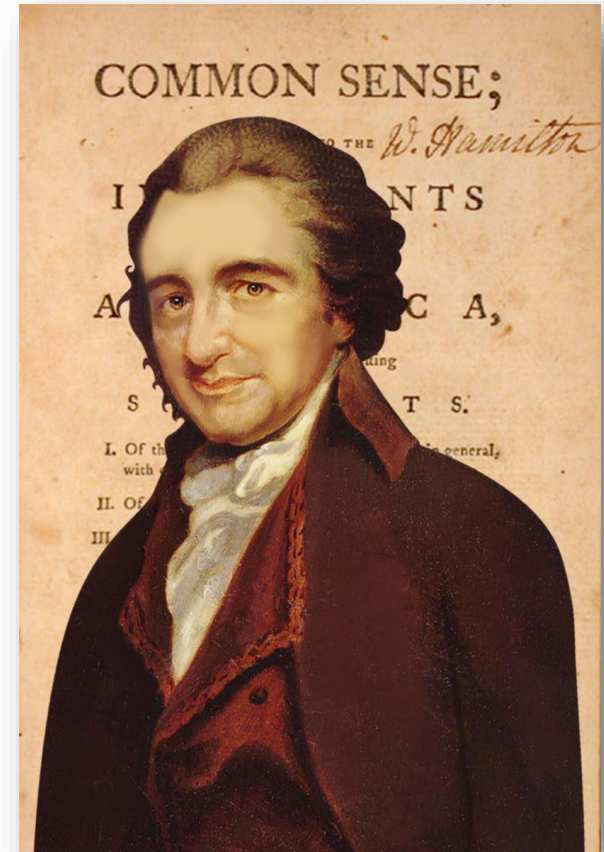
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- **Why I am not a
Christian** by Bertrand
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- **The Age of Reason**
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You need to calm down

