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THEOLOGY

LESSON 3: ATHEISTIC WORLDVIEWS

SECULARISM

- TO BE SECULAR IS TO ADMIT THERE IS NOTHING HIGHER THAN HUMAN LIFE
- THE DENIAL OF GOD'S EXISTENCE IS SECULARISM'S DOMINANT WORLDVIEW

SECULARISM

- IF ONE BELIEVES HUMANS TO BE THE ANSWER TO OUR PROBLEMS, ONE CANNOT ALLOW FOR A GOD WHO WILL SAVE THEM

SECULARISM

- JOHN DEWEY WAS ONE OF THE MOST INFLUENTIAL ATHEISTS OF THE 20TH CENTURY

JOHN DEWEY

HE BELIEVED SCIENCE
AND THE SCIENTIFIC
METHOD “SWEPT
GOD INTO THE
DUSTBIN OF HISTORY”



SECULARISM

- ATHEIST ERNEST NAGEL ADMITTED ATHEISM CAN OFFER NO HOPE OF PERSONAL IMMORTALITY, NO HOPE OF DIVINE CHASTISEMENT, NO WAY TO HUMAN SALVATION, AND OFFERS A TRAGIC VIEW OF LIFE

MARXISM

- LIKE SECULARISTS, MARXISTS ARE ALSO ATHEISTS
- THEY BELIEVE GOD IS AN ENEMY TO A SCIENTIFIC, MATERIALISTIC, AND SOCIALIST OUTLOOK ON LIFE

MARXISM

- MARX BELIEVED THE WORKING CLASS
WOULD FAIL TO RISE UP IF THEY HAD
HOPE IN ETERNAL LIFE

MARXISM

- LIBERATION THEOLOGY IS A POLITICAL MOVEMENT THAT INTERPRETS THE TEACHINGS OF JESUS AS A CALL TO LIBERATE THE POOR FROM SOCIAL, ECONOMIC, AND POLITICAL OPPRESSION

POSTMODERNISM

- POSTMODERNISTS ARE ATHEISTS BY CONSEQUENCE
- THEY BELIEVE GOD IS A SOCIALLY CONSTRUCTED META-NARRATIVE; THEREFORE THEY CANNOT TRUST HE IS REAL

POSTMODERNISM

- POSTMODERNISTS CAN BEST BE CHARACTERIZED AS HAVING THEOLOGICAL SUSPICION

RELIGIOUS PLURALISM

DESCRIPTIVE PLURALISM

- WE MUST LEARN TO
TOLERATE EACH OTHER
IN OUR RELIGIOUS
BELIEFS

PRESCRIPTIVE PLURALISM

- THERE ARE MANY
DIFFERENT RELIGIONS
AND NONE OF THEM
ARE TRUE

coexist



God is too big to fit in one place