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"Holding forth the Word of Life" (Phil. 2:16)

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## **Atheism**

"A good reply to an atheist is to give him an excellent dinner and then ask if he believes there is a cook." – Anonymous

"I can see how it might be possible for a man to look down upon the earth and be an atheist, but I cannot conceive how he could look up into the heavens and say there is no God." – Abraham Lincoln

"The atheist's most embarrassing moment is when he feels profoundly thankful for something but can't think of anybody to thank for it." – Mary Ann Vincent

"No one is so much alone in the universe as a denier of God." – Jean Pal Richter

At the end of last month, the American Atheists held their 50<sup>th</sup> National Convention in Austin, Texas. They marked their beginning some 50 years earlier in the same city started by the infamous Madalyn Murray O'Hair. Their national logo says, "Fifty Years Of Reason." Perhaps it should read, "Fifty Years Of Insanity."

It is hard to fathom that people not only don't believe in God, but that they would have the audacity to celebrate it. And they are already promoting that the next convention, Easter weekend of 2014, will be held, of all places, in Salt Lake City. One can be sure that the Mormons won't be delighted.

In sheer arrogance copies of all the taped speeches of their anniversary celebration are available to purchase at the cost of \$20. This move at the promotion of man without God is nothing short of nauseating.

The Bible emphatically states, "The fool has said in his heart, 'There is no God'" (Psa. 14:1). Those who would harbor such sentiments indeed are fools. They may celebrate their foolishness in this life, but will lament it in eternity.

It is too bad that their founder isn't around to give a speech with the knowledge she now possesses. But like the rich man who wanted to go back and tell his brothers (Luke 16:27-31), the people of today have the Word of God to tell them the truth. Preachers give the warnings from Scripture, and they choose to make fun of them. How sad.

What is ironic is that the proof for the existence of God is all around us. Even for the Gentiles, was it not Paul who said that with the creation and its abundant evidence, "they are without excuse" (Rom. 1:20).

Even faith itself is based upon evidence and reason (Heb. 11:1). Tragically people choose to be blind to that which so plainly stares them in the face.