

The existence of God and images of atheism

Author: Reverend Father Angelos Gerges

Translated by



True coptic orthodoxy

"the faith which was once for all delivered to the saints"

Jude 1:3

Translation review by

Reverend Father Angelos Gerges

Book Name: The Existence of God and the Images of Atheism Review and presentation: HG Bishop Musa, General Bishop

Author: Reverend Father Angelos Gerges

Interior graphics: Dr. Sameh El-Gamal

Cover design: Engineer Medhat Magdy

Deposit No.: 10652/2001

International Numbering: 977-5305-52-7

Edition: Second fitted and revised - August 2001

The printing house: Nubar Printing House

459,643 Fax, 4599608 - 4598316. Tel

Distribution Center: Margirgis Bookstore

7 1 Hospital Street (Chico Elni) Shubra, Egypt

Introduction By the reviewer

This is an interesting and informative study on the belief in our great God, and the questions and attitudes surrounding this eternal creed, whether ancient atheism that tries to deny the existence of God, or contemporary atheism that strives to reject the existence of God. And both are irrational attitudes, for the evil is more visible than the sun, and he loves man more than he loves himself. What about old pictures of atheism? And the philosophical development of the idea of God's existence? God's own revelation? What about the universe, nature, mind and conscience? What about agnostics and naturalists? Is matter the origin of the universe? Or is it a coincidence? Or evolution? What about atheistic and Marxist existentialism? Atheism as a defilement, self-slavery and sin? What is the position of Christians in the world? And the evidence of proper Christian faith? Many questions-answered by this happy and interesting study. The Lord blesses this effort, made by the beloved Father, Reverend Angelos Gerges, and makes these pages a blessing to its readers, through the intercession of our Virgin Mother, and the prayers of our beloved pastor, His Holiness Pope Shenouda III, and our blessed Bishop, His Grace Bishop Arsany. And the grace of the Lord includes us all,

HG Bishop Musa, General Bishop

Introduction

The existence of God has been the preoccupation of all mankind to be known after they have left life in Paradise. The human being has always needed the meaning of his existence. Human existence is the constant motive for knowing God. Without God, man has no real meaning. And the more the person became lost and lost and feeling unbelief, the more this question rose within him: Where is the God of the universe? Why did he leave us?! If he goes to him in real need, he sees and knows him, while he who goes to him with pride and defiance does not see him, but increases in the destruction of himself and his spirit, thus say the Psalm: "The fool said in his heart there is no God" (Psalm 14:1). That is why we find that all atheistic trends are negative, while all faith trends are positive and raise the value of life and existence. That is why we wanted here to talk about the existence of God and the various forms of atheism, but I hope you do not feel, my dear, that we are trying to prove the existence of God, because God cannot need humans like us to prove his existence. Only we tell others about him to glorify him with us; if we are deficient in that, we go out to nature to share in our glorification of God. So, the birds come out with their praise, the sun with their magic, the mountains with their power, the rivers with their depth, the seas with their flow, and the bodies in their flow. We will talk, my love, about

First: On the development of man in his knowledge of God

Second: The negative attitude of some scholars towards God.

Third, the extreme position of Marxist philosophy and atheist existentialism.

Fourth: The present atheism and the image of knowing God.

"The heavens declare the glory of God, and the skies proclaim the work of his hands" (Psalm 19:1).

chapter one

The development of the idea of connecting with God

The knowledge of man and his relationship with God was the light. The first was the enlightenment of mankind, and man lived for a while enjoying this very special relationship until he fell and the dark corruption of sin entered his nature, so the enlightenment of the soul was extinguished and man was lost. And time after time, he lost his knowledge of God, and even lost his knowledge of himself, and he kept asking about the reality of divine power and the origin of existence and life. Due to the darkness of his intellect and the weakness of his spirituality, he lost all enlightenment to the truth, so he sought strength from nature and creatures as a craftsman. Including the power to control him according to his perception. He arranged his worship of these gods according to his understanding and vision of them, and because he worshiped a supernatural power greater than him, some worshiped the power of evil and Satan, and his worship of them consisted of adultery, immorality, and immorality. God says about this in the book of Hosea the prophet:

"My people ask for their wood, and their staff tells them, because the spirit of fornication has led them astray, so they commit adultery from under their god. They sacrifice on the tops of the mountains and burn incense on the hills under oaks and lindens and oaks because their shade is good. Therefore, your daughters commit adultery, and your daughters-in-law commit adultery. with harlots, and they slay with fornicators, and an unreasonable people shall be slain." (Ho 4:12-14)

This distance from God helped stir the power of Satan and enslave him to minds far from God, because through them he makes his kingdom on earth and in the world. That is why we find the appearance of witches and their minions in the way of the ancient worship of these deities. The development of the idea of divinity was thus:

1- the first knowledge of God:

After God created Adam and Eve, they lived in their relationship with God, enjoying His presence. After the fall, they did not leave God completely... Although there were barriers created by sin and man's entry into the cycle of corruption and death, they nevertheless felt God's presence and his leadership for them. Then they begot Cain and Abel, and humanity (the earth) witnessed the first crime that followed. Humanity was divided into the children of God, and they are the offspring of Enos, whom God gave to Adam and Eve instead of Abel, and these are the ones for whom the knowledge of God was a livelihood through their relationship with God. As for the children of Cain, they became far from God and inherited from their father the image of evil, so God called them children of people.

After some time, the holy offspring, that is, the sons of God, mixed with the daughters of men, and man desired to live only in his lusts, refusing to obey God. The line between the children of God, that is, those who know Him, and the sons of men, that is, those who do not know Him, was lost, and the inevitable end was death and the flood. After coming out of the ark, a new generation of humanity emerged, and these came into contact with God's power and love for them. However, after a while, a strong desire moved in their grandchildren to separate from God, whom they knew well, so they rejected him, building a tower to protect them from God's hand, because they were afraid that He would punish them for their evil that they wanted... ted... So, they built a tower in Babylon, and God scattered them after destroying it. For them, the tower was a sign of their gathering to reject God's life. Humanity was scattered, and it became torn in the form of peoples and tribes. Each people one tongue and language, but all peoples have one heritage with God. The fathers of these peoples taught their children about God and His work with them, and over time an idea remained with them and the existence of God and His works among the peoples, but they did not know Him personally, as they did not worship Him, nor did they have a relationship with Him. Each people their own formulation, told by their stories about God, and their relationship with Him, and these are called myths. It tells about his hidden strength, and their mental perceptions of him. That is why we see in peoples' literature and legends, that there are almost similar ideas in all peoples and

civilizations, which are of the same age, but each of them formulated them in his literary way.

2- The stage of man-made deities:

As a result of the loss of the connection between God and humanity, every society has formulated images of God for itself that are consistent with the myths and ideas inherited from their fathers. Man's thoughts passed through three stages:

A- The stage of polytheism

And in it, the tribe or people worships multiple images of God, so each tribe makes an image of a material deity of its own, and they present this image. Offerings and worship, and they are depicted in pictures and statues provided by everyone.

B- Henotheism

In this advanced role, the people had many gods. But there are great gods they worship, and they are stronger than all the other lords and gods. They believe that these gods answer their life demands. For example, if they live in the desert, they worship the Lord of rain, with the presence of other gods, who are less important to the tribe. The people may worship two contradictory gods, one for good and the other for evil. The first draw close to him, and the other fears him. For example, the Persians worshiped a god for good (Aromad), and another named for evil (Pyramids).

c- Monotheism

In this development, the entire nation gathers to worship one God, in whom all the attributes of divinity and power are combined. These deities took many forms,

including things from nature, human heroes, kings, ancestors or ideal meanings, such as the god of love or the god of justice and peace.

“All the gods of the peoples are idols” (Psalm 96:5).

3- The philosophical development of the idea of God's existence:

With this societal development in the idea of divinity, we find a mental development and an elevation of wisdom in seeing God. That is, whenever a person thinks, he arrives at a glimpse of the features of God's existence. Those who thought about God and meditated on the universe and existence are the category of philosophers. Philosophy is a Greek word meaning "love of wisdom". Every sage and philosopher used to honestly strain his mind, touching an aspect of the existence of God, but he was not able to know him well, and this is because humanity has lost the enlightenment of life by the Holy Spirit, and sin has entered all of humanity in a state of ignorance. However, they have glimpsed a spectrum of rational knowledge of God. And quickly they painted a picture of him with their philosophies, which may approach or move away from the truth. However, they are like the saying of one of the fathers of the Alexandrian Theological School: “Philosophers are the prophets of nations.” We cannot deny that God has given wisdom and enlightenment to these philosophers, to prepare the mind of the world and other peoples, to which it was not revealed in general, so that when he comes incarnate, we see in him all the philosophers' need for the God they worshiped and waited for, without knowing Him, so that they would believe in Him and be saved as well... We see in Pharaonic, Stoic, Hindu, Magian, and Greek philosophies, And Platonic waiting for the Savior, and wonderful ideas about him, and they depicted features of God our true God.

For example, Egyptologists have discovered, that in the era of "Akhenaten" there was a belief that the first human being had entered the poison of the snake and spoiled it. They also discovered the existence of a story whose content is that the first two brothers in humanity killed the eldest and the younger. And they are waiting for a savior for humanity. But this does not preclude that there are philosophers who have completely lost their way, but their philosophies and tendencies were the sources of their distance from God. Atheism has been since ancient times, and these philosophies are like materialistic and natural

philosophies. Those doctrines were renewed in the seventeenth century, and were the greatest support for atheistic thought in the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries. It also had a presence in the sixth century AD and the centuries before it. The essence of their thinking is that the universe is the only truth. And that the existence of matter is eternal, eternal, and indefinite, and from it come out inanimate objects, plants, animals, and humans... This is what Marxist and Communist thought later relied on when they rejected the existence of God. However, they made a mistake when they took the attribute of divinity over nature and the universe, because by this they worshiped a blind, deaf god who flounders without reason, and misses the path to goodness. It erupts with its volcanoes, floods, or hurricanes. They worshiped a God who needs man to protect him, and God forbid that he should be like this. with its volcanoes, floods, or hurricanes. They worshiped a God who needs man to protect him, and God forbid that he should be like this.

4- God's self-revelation:

Amid this mental poverty and inner darkness, which made man get lost and confused, God needed to announce himself, to know himself well to some people, and to test his existence practically, so they resort to him, and their eyes are attached to him.

That is why God revealed himself to Abraham, and gave him a covenant of promise, and after him Isaac and Jacob. Then he appeared to Moses, who, when he asked about his name, said to him: "I am the one I am" (Exodus 3:14), which is interpreted: I am the Being, that is, the Existent in His Essence... The revelations and visions followed... The human insight was opened, for God revealed Himself to these people a lot. He said to him: "I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt. You shall have no other gods but Me" (Exodus 20:2) and he also said: "I am the first and the last, and there is no god besides Me" (Isaiah 44:6) and also: "I am he who was not a god." before me, and there will be no god after me" (Isaiah 43:10) And knowledge was not just the words of God alone, but He was making for them amazing victories with His power, And He sends them food from the sky, and He opens for them roads in the midst of the waters, He leads them with a pillar of fire, He shades them with clouds, He blows for them

fountains of sweet waters, He speaks to them and they listen to Him, so that they know that His power over things is infinite, even over the magicians and gods of Pharaoh, the most powerful god in the world in that time, which made the glory of the pharaohs according to their beliefs. God defeated them (Exodus 7-9) ... And indeed, the whole world knew the God of Israel, that he is the most powerful of the gods, so they feared him. And God kept revealing to the world through Israel through prophecies and events, until the Lord Jesus Christ came incarnate, and saved the whole world, and all peoples believed in Him. Through Christ, mankind entered into the depths of the knowledge of God... The Lord Christ, glory be to Him, has opened up to us the horizons of theological knowledge for the whole world. Thus, He Himself tells us: "No one knows the Son but the Father... and the Father is known only by the Son, and whoever the Son wants to reveal to him" (Matthew 11:27) He also says: "And I made your name known to them, and I will make them known, so that the love with which you loved me may be in them, and I in them (John 17:26). Now I know some knowledge..." (Colossians 13:12) ...

Yes, whoever wants to know God must submit his mind to the Lord Christ, to know himself and his divinity. Thus says the philosopher Pascal: "There is no way to search for God outside of Christ. Through Christ and in him we transmit the existence of God, has achieved for us in his person the union of God with man."

5- Atheism that follows revelations:

And after mankind was enlightened by God's declarations to it, and his blessed incarnation, and we came to know Himself and His divinity, mankind fell once again under the darkness of reason, rejecting its existence with flimsy scientific theories. It did not reach all the scientific truth, but rather with weak theories and flimsy ideas. But the darker picture is a new form of atheism that emerged in the eighteenth, nineteenth and twentieth centuries... It is not a lack of belief in the existence of God but a rejection of the relationship with him... This was the atheism of Marx, Sartre and Nietzsche. As we shall see, all of them were unrealistically affected by God. Their psychological formation helped them in this, and it also prepared them for the presence of some physical and scientific theories. They did not see the image of the true God, were affected by their psychological chastity, and did not listen to the voice of the majority of scholars and convincing

scientific theories of the reality of God's existence. They plunged into atheism, and their souls suffocated in the darkness of atheism. This is even though with a simple whiff of the light of the mind, man sees the existence of God, and a simple vision of the eyes does not miss him, as he is in all and appears before all.

General Reasoning for Believing in God:

1- The universe, nature and mind:

If we want to introduce people to an artist, we know him through his works, we prepare paintings and explain his works. Thus, God knows Him through His actions... All nature, the entire universe, the vast space with its stars and planets, tells us... The precision of man's body and its secrets, and the diversity of plants and animals, all of this tell us the existence of the Creator who created them. And as David the Prophet says in the thirteenth Psalm: "The heavens declare the glory of God, and the heavens declare the work of His hands" (Psalm 19:1). It is the greatest logic that we can talk about God. This is how Saint John Chrysostom says: "If God had made himself known to us through books and only letters, only the educated would have known him, but he made himself known to us through nature as well, so that everyone might know him."

2- Innate inclination, general belief and conscience:

Within every human being is an inner feeling of God, even if he rejects Him. All mankind feels it inwardly. The issue of the difference in defining his image is only a challenge to the image that satisfies man on a personal level in his knowledge of God. When our teacher St. Paul the Apostle went to the philosophers of Athens, he said to them: "He whom you fear and you are ignorant of, this I am proclaiming to you" (Acts 17:23), and the philosopher Descartes says: "The idea of God springs from a natural source in the soul, as if it is a sign of the Creator upon his making." Therefore, looking and contemplating the infinite, whose perfection has no limit, fills the soul with contentment and tranquility. Every human being has a soul that feels a real need for God. Without Him, the mind becomes lost, the soul restless,

and the soul darkened. This is how Saint Augustine says: “God set up a court within man, making reason a judge, conscience a claimant, and thought a witness, and he wrote with his finger the signs of his existence, his oneness, his eternity, and his care for the world.”

3- The truthfulness of annunciations, revelation and spiritual life:

The history of God’s announcements, the prophecies of the prophets, and the fulfillment of these prophecies bear witness to God’s existence and His plan for the salvation of mankind. And God intervened with miracles at every time and in every place, which cannot be denied, proving his power, work and authority. It finds the ideal that is missing in humanity, and desired by all the wise, to be realized in those who have strong faith and a permanent relationship with God. This, in turn, confirms the veracity of its existence. The change of the soul, and its elevation above the ground, is the greatest evidence of the existence of God. The existence of God is supported by personal experience. In addition to the general vision, its image throughout sacred history, and the prophecies about it; Only a person's knowledge of God can guide the mind to goodness and give it the illumination of belief in Him. The truth of faith in God arises by instinct, is based on revelation and revelations, and is completed by experience and life.and life.

Prayer:

Since my birth...

I am looking for my existence!!

Since I knew life...

I am looking for life!!

I look to nature...

For clouds, land and water...

But I only found the yard!!

After life comes stagnation...

I looked up to the sky...

I tried to hack into space...

But I'm back in the stray!!

Checked out books and ideas...

I turned the pages...

I read the papers and stones...

Pictures of atheism and the existence of God

But life remained a secret of secrets!!

And the day my heart beats...

I searched inside...

I found you, my father, father!!

The world could not...

To hide or hide your face!!

And when I knew you, I knew existence

And when you called me... your son...

I broke all my promises!!

I loved you so I knew why you were born

How do I live my life!!

I found you...or rather you found me

I loved you because you loved me before

please...

Don't leave my heart... Don't leave my soul

Fill me up and embrace me...

Amen.

Chapter II

The negative attitude of some scholars towards God

We saw in the previous chapter, that many people try to find roundabout ways to keep them away from the relationship. So that they live in a way that satisfies their selves or their desires. How easy it is to escape with reasons and arguments that calm the mind and conscience. There are two permanent trends of atheism on which all atheism focuses, since man knew the way of rejecting God. If the image evolves or takes other forms, the content is the same. These two directions are:

❖ **The first is What they are called agnostics: I do not know**

Their thinking summarizes that we do not know anything about God, and we do not care about knowing Him. This is the approach of the majority of existential thinkers who denied God, and some of the Marxist and Communist thinkers. This stems from their unwillingness to live with God.

❖ **The second is what the naturalists call them:**

They rejected everything intangible and untouchable, and made nature the origin of all existence, and took science as a tool to prove their atheism, so they attributed divinity to matter. This is what some modern Marxists and materialists have also based on. Let's go back to these ideas in detail:

- **First the agnostics:**

The focus of their thinking is "I do not know if there is a God, because I am not certain". One of the philosophers of this thought, David Hume, says: "Religion in all its doors is a mystery and an unsolvable secret." For this reason, they rejected every non-material reality, and were satisfied with the reality of the existence of man, and the material world that surrounds him. That is why they refused to believe in God, because His nature is an unknowable reality. These ideas went hand in hand with the ideas of the extremes of atheistic existentialism, such as the philosophy of Sartre and Heidegger, who rejected God, not only because they did not realize it, but because they wanted God to be non-existent in their lives, and this is what we will discuss in a single chapter... We recall the existence of believing existentialism, the first existentialist philosopher is the Mawlid philosopher (Soren Har Kjargaard), who was a devoted Christian, and he has aphorisms about the connection of man's existence to the existence of God, but the existential ideas distorted the individuality of existence for man according to Heidegger and Sartre, that both the objection of agnostics to God is that We can't perceive him, and not being able to know him, so existence is that what is witnessed, i.e., what a person sees. Rather, existence is man, and they forgot that there are facts that the mind cannot comprehend because they are beyond his comprehension. They ask: Where is God? And when they do not see it, they reject it, and we say to them: Do you believe in the existence of magnetic and electric forces? Yes, sure, but where is it in the visible reality, we do not see it, but we believe in the existence of this force, and its events in nature through its accidental force and its remarkable work, not its witnessed nature. Thus says our teacher, St. Paul the Apostle: "For his affairs are captivated by sight, seen from the creation of the world, comprehended by artifacts, his eternal power and divinity, even to God without excuse" (Romans: 20).

It is reported that an atheist lecturer was trying to convince a group of simple people with atheistic thoughts in Russia. He was saying:

God does not exist because we do not see Him.

So, one of the peasants got up and said to him: Did you go to Japan?

He replied, "No..."

He replied: But do you believe in the existence of the Japanese?

He said to him: Yes...

He said to him: How is this when you do not see them? Is it not because you are confident of their existence and work? This is how we believe in the existence of God despite the lack of vision, for him because we believe in his existence and his work.

The Indian philosopher Manu says: "God is the Being because every day the material senses cannot contain it, and the mind is not able to perceive it as it is. This is because the partial being cannot contain the whole being." We ask them: Have you realized the secrets of the universe and the matter in which you believe in? Of course, not... Science is discovering something new in the universe. Accordingly, their knowledge of what they see is incomplete, so what about the Creator of what they see? Do you reject it because it is unaware of our minds, although we do not reject matter, and we do not realize many of its secrets? Thus says the philosopher St. Thomas Aquinas: "God is not as we perceive him or understand him by our impotent perceptions.

Yes, my dear...

We do not know his essence, nor do we know his nature, but we can know him through his actions and his revelations to us about himself, in a way that our minds can bear and understand. Just as we cannot see a person's inner thoughts or feelings, we know them through his actions. Thus, we cannot see God but know Him through His works. And just as there are many things that we feel, but they are difficult to express they are difficult to express, so theology cannot express them with letters and words, but God announces them to us through revelation with words or symbols, which makes the image close to our minds, so our relationship with Him is through His revelations to us. Although we cannot accurately know his glorified nature, yet we can negate some of his attributes and say about him:

“Unbeginning, eternal... unlimited, eternal... immaterial... unchanging.... unchanging... the gendarme... Unexamined... Uncreated... That's what he is called with altruistic theology.”

Second, the naturalists:

And they are the ones who rejected God, because they found some Scientific theories claim that matter is eternal, and its existence is subjective ((i.e., without having an existence), that it was chance that made the universe with this order, and that it was an evolution that made the difference of species among creatures. No higher entity calls God the Creator of the universe and the Creator of the species. But the matter has evolved and made itself by itself, as the matter is the supreme entity of everything.

They call themselves (atheists) because of their belief in atheistic scientific theories. The scholars thought that they had attained all knowledge and were able to explain all the facts, including the reality of divinity. Through these theories, the thinkers who wanted to reject God for personal reasons found convincing reasons from their point of view for declaring their rejection of God, but this is all ignorance! Whoever says that he knew all science and discovered all the facts that make him decide the fate of the universe, and the truth of God and man... He is ignorant he who knows nothing. Because they couldn't answer a huge amount of Logical and scientific questions about physical, visible and tangible phenomena, as well as the invisible spiritual and psychological aspects. For example, when the soul leaves the body, the person dies, even if he is at the peak of his physical health, and this is without a physical explanation.

Dear Reader...

These atheists highlighted some facts and concealed a lot. They showed that all science is in these flimsy theories. And they ignored other scientific theories against their own. The truth of the matter is that these atheist scientists are a minority in number and value, if compared to you scientists who surpass them in reason and knowledge, and believe in the existence of God, and they have very

strong words about the existence of God, because with their knowledge they prove the existence of God... These are like Copernican, Kleber, Newton, Puffin, Lavoisier, Louverbet, Herschel, Lomens, Volta, Ampere, Cooney, Fabre, Linick, Cudbarnar, Pasteur, Becquerel, de Brody, Einstein, Faraday, Marie Curie... Many of these scientists confronted the minority scientists who proclaimed their atheism, and showed their ignorance.

Here, my dear, is this statistic: In the past three centuries, there were 300 of the most important scientists who enriched science and presented scientific theories... 20 of them were scholars who were indifferent to God or believed in Him. And 38 scholars whose opinions are unclear, meaning they are vacillating, and 242 scholars have firm faith, strong life in the church, and even wonderful sayings from their experiences with God, the Bible and the Church. These few scholars with atheistic ideas, basically wanted to reject God under the influence of psychological, social or personal factors, so they volunteered science for this purpose to confirm their thought, and their impact was clear on everyone who shares the same psychological state. We will present to you, dear reader, the scientific and logical evidence that confirms the belief in the existence of God In four points:

- mental reasoning
- Scientific facts and theories that contradict the thought of atheists
- The idea of being by chance
- The idea of evolution, not creation

❖ mental reasoning

The rationale necessitates the existence of God. For everything that exists has a finder, for the tree must be planted by a farmer. A son must have a father and a mother. We continue to go beyond the origins of things and man, until we see that there is a seed or a tree, and that there is only one human being in the beginning. So, we come back and ask who found this and you?! Scientists and atheists say that the material that made all this, because it is eternal, that is, its existence is not beginning. This is logically and philosophically impossible because:

A- Matter is changing, so how can a variable be eternal? The variable is not stable. How can the unstable be the origin of things?!

b- How can the variable (matter) keep things unchanged? That is, how can matter preserve the elements of life like water, air and soil without changing, while it changes?? And if the matter is changeable, if transient, how can it be eternal? The Creator must be able to memorize the variables, or else the universe will perish at some time

c- If the matter is eternal, then we say: Who made it? Here the mind will stop thinking. Because there must also be someone who created it, otherwise how can a non-existent make existence?

D- Who made the laws of nature? And who rules it? Is the material the same? If it bears the authority of itself, we will see one day that the sun does not revolve... because it is in its power to transgress the laws. But for thousands of years, we see the entire universe running according to laws without stopping, or colliding with other galaxies, which also have natural laws governing them.

E- How the different elements coalesced and formed themselves, despite their different natures. So, dust is against the air, and water is against the fire, so how can one not exclude the other? And what are the mighty forces that preserved each nature without destroying the other. For example, there is the nature of harmful insects, along with beneficial plants, predatory monsters, and pets. Do you know the ratio of the birth of a lamb to the birth of a wolf? It is 1:10, and yet the lambs did not perish, despite the increase in the numbers of the lamb-eating wolves. And do not say that it is a man who protects it, because humans are more deadly with it,

and with this, lambs did not disappear from existence. What mind protects it. And with this and that, other than God is the Controller of all??!

F - How can the deaf give hearing? Or a dumb person to learn to speak? Or the unreasonable to create the mind? And rigid that gives life? It is necessary for the one who gives something to have it in abundance, so that the part is not greater than the whole, because the one who lacks something does not give it. If we do not find all of this in the material, then it must not be that entity that creates the affairs of life, such as the mind, spirit and life.

g - And if this is concerning the creation of physical images in man, what about the soul? Does anyone know what the nature of the soul is? How do you create in a person? How and when do you get out of it? So, what is the nature that makes man live? Can sea, rain, fire, air and stone create the soul?! Of course, not... So, it is God's imprint, and His throne is inside the soul. As Solomon the Wise says in Ecclesiastes:

“And he set eternity in their hearts, without which man does not comprehend the work that God does from beginning to end” (Ecclesiastes 3:10).

H- What is the materialists' and naturalists' interpretation of the supernatural phenomena, which have now gathered and become a stand-alone science called “Para-Psychology”, which is the science of studying the supernatural, which is beyond human comprehension! If you are convinced of the existence of this science, which is above matter, then you must believe in the existence of a being higher than matter, which cannot be comprehended either. Because there are things beyond our comprehension. Not to mention the historically confirmed miracles and prophecies, which have been achieved for thousands of years, and which necessitate the submission of the matter to the supreme being, which is God.

These atheists wanted to prove that matter is the origin of creation, in order to escape from the reality of the Creator of the universe and matter. Their enmity was with the person of God, so they took all his attributes and gave them to the created inanimate nature. Halbach, one of the philosophers of atheism, said: “Nature has laws, systems, and a soul, and it is infinite, eternal, and it is in constant and

continuous motion, and it is the origin of life.” Re-read these qualities again, they are the qualities that we see in God. Marxist thought needed to take this approach, to justify his rejection of the Creator. They advocated the idea of "the deification of matter", that is, they gave it the attributes of God Himself. The old materialist theories used to say that matter is a blind, brute force mechanical force. However, Marx made it a substance capable of action. This is what he called "dialectical" matter... Thus, matter in their thought is the force that created us as well. This idea is very weak and illogical. Since we can tamper with and distort matter and the universe, are we thus defaming this God?! Who is this weak God, who can be destroyed by anyone of his creation?? And because this philosophy is tenuous, many of its thinkers and philosophers have renounced it, after learning about it, and are enthusiastic about it under the falsehood of intellectual freedom and freedom from the ideas of the past. They came back again, and became Christian thinkers. Like Berdyaev, who said after his return to God: “The phrase that dialectical matter (a capable force) constitutes a verbal contradiction for it, as he also said: “The Marxists have never tried to explain how material existence can turn into thinking and conscience.” Christ is glory, and even became a priest and said about the material: "The material on which the Marxists are based is no longer true in the proper sense."

❖ Some scientific facts that contradict the idea that matter is the origin of the universe and existence:

A- There is a scientific fact to the effect that hydrogen is constantly transformed into helium over time... If the substance is eternal, then this means that all the hydrogen in the universe has turned into helium! But this did not happen! This is evidence that matter and the universe are eternal.

b- There is another scientific fact called “decreasing power,” which is that the natural and universal forces in motion and rotation are decreasing. This is because force is composed of two factors: motion and heat. The relationship between them is inverse; When the temperature increases, the movement decreases, and with each movement, heat is generated that works to reduce the movement. Thus, if matter and the motion of the universe existed from a very long time ago... This means that the movement must be very less and the temperature will rise very

much, so what about if it is eternal. This does not mean that the universe must have stopped? But we still see the movement and images of atheism of God and the existence of the universe. Therefore, the universe and its motion cannot be eternal. There is a well-known fact, which is: "Energy is neither destroyed nor created from nothing." Since we have proven from scientific facts that matter and energy are not eternal, then there must be a source from which this energy came out. It is not created from nothing, and this source is "God".

C- And material theorists say that the first cell was present in the eternal matter. Although there is a geological fact that says that the earth was in its first form in a fiery melting state. The hardest rocks that exist now were molten, as the temperature of the earth ranged between (1500-3000 degrees). Those who claim that the first cell contained matter, we ask them with a scientific mind: How can there be a living cell that exists at a temperature of (1500-3000)??!! This means that the living cell is created, and not the product of natural matter, because the substance in its initial state is not able to retain the living cell.

From the foregoing, we saw the non-eternality of matter, and the inability of a living cell to exist in matter, that cell that scientists with all their advanced devices have failed to produce the smallest and simplest picture of an organic cell. This was proved by the research of the scientist Pasteur, who showed the impossibility of generating life spontaneously, any of itself. And the scientist Pothro says: "The attempt to understand life, even in its simplest manifestations, by using natural forces, is contrary to science." And the scientist Chris Morrison, President of the Academy of Sciences in New York, put out a scientific report confirming the existence of God, in which he said: "God exists for seven points"... We will recite to you, dear reader These seven points:

**** First Mathematically:**

Geometric symmetry of the universe. If you put in your pocket silver coins marked from one to ten, and you take them out one by one, then you are mathematically in front of a 1/10 probability of getting a number one coin for the first time... and in front of a 1/100 chance of getting numbers 1, 2 in sequence... and 100/1 to get 2, 3 in a row... And 1/1000 to get the order of d to ten in order, let alone the complex system of the universe with many laws. The earth rotates on its axis at a speed of a

thousand miles per hour. If it rotates at a speed of one hundred miles per hour, The day and the night would have become tenfold, the plants would have burned from constant exposure to the sun, and the ice would have killed the creatures during the length of the night. The sun's temperature is 12,000 degrees Fahrenheit, which is forbidden on its surface. If it came close to the ground, it would burn, and if it moved away from it, it would freeze, so its position is very suitable. And the Earth is not completely spherical, and this is 23 degrees... This is not arbitrary, but this is what makes the changes of the seasons, because of its benefits in agriculture and on human life. And if the moon were 50,000 miles away from us instead of its current distance, the earth would have been sunk twice a day by the force of the tides. And if the earth's crust were ten feet thicker than it is now, there would be no oxygen. If the oceans were deeper than they are now, they would absorb carbon dioxide and oxygen. All of this proves the existence of the architect of the universe, who is "God" as the creator, the ruler of life and the universe, and the preserver of the life of the world.

**** Second life image:**

Who is the artist who colors every leaf in every tree, and every flower? Who is the musician who teaches every bird to sing? And insects can call each other with a wonderful rhythm?! Who is the chemist who gives the taste of fruits and the smell of roses?! Who came to life? Who created the living creature?! The inanimate nature of rocks, volcanoes and lava is incapable of creating this creation, or giving life to inanimate objects.

**** Third, who put in the animal the instincts that make him live?**

Whoever knows these animals the places they go to when the weather changes or the conditions suitable for their living, who leads the bird to places of warmth when the snow falls, and begins a successful flight without straying.

*** * Fourth, who gave the mind the thinking ability?**

Who gives love to a person? Who made man to be a leader and the ability to think, was it a coincidence?

**** Fifthly, do you know genetics?**

He is looking at the genes... They are infinitesimally small, but they carry the characteristics of a human being. Can we describe this as a coincidence?!

****Sixth the natural equalization:**

In Australia, they wanted to grow the prickly pear, and since there were no insects that feed on it, it grew and multiplied, until it covered an area equivalent to the size of England. Scientists did not find a way to stop this advance, except by importing insects, which live on these trees. Even what we see as harmful and corrupt has a function in the universe and a purpose for its creation.

**** Seventh imagination:**

Imagination is a powerful force within us, so how can chance create this image in us? All of this confirms the existence of God, not matter, or chance. And as long as this scientist talks about chance, let's discuss this idea in detail now...

❖ Logic eliminates the idea of coincidence:

A Christian with an atheist friend passed by rivers, seas, and trees. The Christian asked his atheist friend: Do you think who did all this?! The atheist said to him: Do not bother me with your ridiculous talk about God... It is the result of chance. A few days later, the atheist visited his Christian friend, and in one of the rooms there was a wonderful painting of three roses hanging on the walls. The atheist contemplated it, and asked his friend: Who painted this wonderful painting? He replied: Do you want to enter me into a ridiculous religious talk, no one drew it,

but this is the result of chance, it was drawn by chance, and its substance gathered from the universe, and engraved with its frames, and it jumped alone, and hung itself on the wall precisely in its place.” So, his friend looked at him as if he was delirious. Do you believe that this whole universe is a result of chance? He is the one who moves, and we smell the scent of roses in him and enjoy the different aspects of life.

Yes, my dear... The integrity and creativity of the universe make us irrigate the God of the universe and understand its purpose. How can there be an intention to create everything without thinking behind this intention and a great mind that manages, plans and creates? Without a mind, chance cannot create life and purpose from matter. And if the mind exists only in man, and through it he perceives these artifacts, then there must be an intellect greater than his, which is the one who set the goal of the universe... With the idea of chance, we ask atheists: Why was the universe created and what is its purpose? Can chance make finely crafted and purposeful things? If, for example, we put iron, aluminum, plastic and wood, will after some time we will find a plane that flies, and it has the configuration and operation of the plane?

The existence of memory and arithmetic power, and various operations? Can you believe this?!... Impossible. If you know that our bodies are made up of 80 trillion cells, and that the brain contains only 10 billion cells that generate, receive, record, and control human work and energy. Is this by chance? And if you knew that human cells are of diverse composition according to their functions, The brain cells are different from the eye, and they are very subtle. Each difference has a benefit, purpose and action. This makes us say that blind chance can't make this. And believe me, sometimes the words of these atheists are like a comic joke.

Julian Huxley, one of the atheist thinkers, says: "If we sat apes with blue years on a typewriter, the Encyclopedia Britannica would bring us out. This is the work of chance over millions of years, by remaking millions of times in making the universe in this way." We tell him: This is not possible for the following:

A- Where did the labor force come from?

b- Where did the relationship between the letters come from? The brute characters could not perceive relationships? How do you make letters without a mind?! This is impossible!

C - Where is the mind that, when he saw the splendor of the work, said... Suffice it and did not tamper with it again. If chance has tampered with matter millions of times, and it was made in this universe, then why did you not send it again to destroy the universe? There must be a mind that judges the validity of the image, so who is it? How does chance create our consciences? The German philosopher Kant says: "Two things fill the soul with wonder and admiration, and are constantly renewed: the starry sky above our heads, and the moral law within us."

❖ **The theory of evolution to explain the emergence of life:**

The owners of this theory say that life evolved from the first germ of life, which is the first cell, and it was in the substance, and then evolved over millions of years into fish, birds, animals and humans. All this theory was based on fossils, and some ideas that support the idea of atheism. However, logic and science contradict this, because:

A - Scientists have discovered more advanced and older fossils, so how does this happen with sequential evolution?

B - Scientists have discovered that the cell membrane is not only a substance, but some forces that the scientists did not know about... and these are what protect the cell, and it has an electrical and osmotic effect. When the cell divides, it emits blue cosmic rays. Yes, it is the secrets of the universe and creation. So how can we simply talk about the evolution from animal to human, and we did not realize many things in the simplest unit, which is the cell.

C- With the idea of evolution... How does the sane arise from the unreasonable with the events of time?... How did the development of minute things in man, such as the eye or speech? How are the reproductive organs developed? Is it possible for there to be in an aging half a human and half an animal? This is practically not

possible...!! Because the structure of human cells differs from that of animals, therefore, what happened according to the thought of evolution is mutation. This contradicts reality, because why did this sudden development not occur in the life of humanity again in its age (7000 years), and why did we not see a sudden development like animals? The theory is based on a great temporal development, and this great temporal development means that there was a time when organisms were developing. This means that we will see a creature half of which is human cells, and the other half are animal cells, and this is impossible!!...With the idea of evolution, there will be another image of man in the future, other than this current image!!

E - If we accept for the sake of argument that a living cell can develop, then from where did the development of the human soul come? And the soul where its origin is not found in man? It is another nature and an image other than the body, so how was the development of the soul and the human soul?! We believe in the sequence of creation and the degrees of creation, but we do not believe in their evolution from one another.

Yes, my friend... All these scientific, logical and rational facts make us realize the existence of God, and we trust in Him as a higher entity.

“The Lord is so majestic and mighty, and his might is astonishing” (Sirach 43:29).

Prayer:

Forgive us, God...

On every wound on your right...

Forgive us for every thorn

We planted it in your forehead

Forgive us our transgressions and our weaknesses

We ignorantly raised our heads...

Without seeing, we talked about you.

We got it wrong...

forgive us...

We are your servants...

Because we stole your glory, O king!

And with our arrogance we boast...

With our souls that perish.

forgive us...

Atheism is a stab in your side

And every word of a fool

Lashes on your back...

forgive us...

Because they are people of your own making

Even though their teeth gnaw at your flesh and body...

But this is ignorant and talking!!

This fool knows!!

And you are suffering from this and that...

But you did not perish or complain!!

So let us, your children...

To wipe with our little hands your tears and your blood...

Let us change the face of the godless world...

And we rejoice with your sunrise and your return...

Daddy.

If they knew you as we knew you!!

If they touched your love when your boy was crucified!!

And pictures of atheism and the presence of God stab you...

when they could

Or they dare you and insult you...

Rather, they are sick and their graves are in their chests!!

They are thorns and nothingness are their destiny...

But we are the work of your hands

Even if our sins hurt you.

Now let us...

To bind your wound with our love...

And that your praise be the anthem of our love...

And our good days are spilled, oh our lives...

Shroud your crucified body for us...

Amen...

Chapter III

The Extreme Position of Marxist Philosophy and Atheist Existentialism

After we have analyzed the scientific facts and theories on which atheism is based, someone may ask an important question... If the truth is so clear, why did they remain in their position? Why did they take this hostility and not believe in God??!! In this chapter, we address this idea through two important elements:

First: the mental image of their adherence to the rejection of God.

Second: The psychological image that accompanied their rejection of faith and life with God.

First: The mental picture of their adherence to the rejection of God:

Atheists proclaimed two ideas with which they misled minds deprived of enlightenment:

*** The first: They say that belief in God and beliefs is an idea made by man and is not really real:**

Nuberbach, the atheist philosopher, and the author of the most formulation of atheism, says: "The miserable person seeks the desired happiness, and if he does not find it in himself or on earth, he deludes himself that he created it in a person who is alien to the world, his imagination created him and called him God." What atheism proclaimed is completely contrary to the truth. To say that God is that idea on which man is comfortable by attaching his hope, his help and his life; A weak idea and words without proof. And because if God were just unseen, faith would be confined only within the human mind and his feelings, and man would scream and no help, speaking to the sky and not seeing anything from it, as if he is wrestling with the air. But what if this belief was supported by God's work clearly and tangibly? When a person speaks on the phone, he does not see the other party, but when he asks for the phone number you hope to hear the voice of its owner, and he tries over and over, and if he does not hear his voice, we tell him that there is no person with that name, and you are wrong in your request for this number. But if this person had asked for this number before and they talked a lot? We cannot doubt his existence, and what if this person had met the owner of the number? After this, can anyone convince him that this person is a myth, and that there is no one with this name?? of course not... This is what happened with human beings. The person who asks for the number is the whole of humanity, the one that often heard the voice of God, which represents this party in the conversation, but humanity saw it when God incarnated to Him be the glory. There is a story we tell children about faith in God, which is: The school went out with her children to the garden, and then said to one of them: Do you see the sun? She said: Yes... Then I also asked her: Do you see the tree? She said: Yes... I also asked her: Do you see this tall tower? She said: Yes... Then finally I asked her: Do you see God?! She said: No... The school said: So... God does not exist. A Christian girl came to the classroom, and asked the teacher's permission to ask her several questions...

- Do you see the sun?

- yes...

- Do you see the tree?

With great distress: Yes!

- Do you see our beloved teacher?

- yes...

- Do you see her mind?

- No... then she has no brain.

The children laughed, and the teacher was ashamed of herself. -

And let me speak to you, dear reader, about the proofs of God's work, and his interference with his sayings and deeds in the Old Testament, and then with his incarnation in the New Testament. The book of Exodus speaks of the most powerful work of God in the history of the people of Israel. He took them out of the hand of Pharaoh, who was the greatest military power in the world at the time: "And on that day the Lord saved Israel from the hand of the Egyptians. And Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. And Israel saw the great deed that the Lord had done against the Egyptians. So, the people feared the Lord and believed in the Lord and His servant Moses (Exodus 14:30,31). Return, my friend, to the history books, which atheists believe in, to find these books that chronicle the period of the existence of the people of Israel in Egypt, and say that they did a strange work. Yes... This work is about crossing the Red Sea, and the drowning of Pharaoh, whose body they found drowned in the sea. You see with me that these powers are supernatural. This is a faith tested on a general level of a people, and on a personal level... And what else?

Want to know more?! Look at those works that God did with the people of Israel, and the prophecies that were sent before the times, through his prophets and his believers, and were achieved with the same accuracy, for example he says: "In sixty-five years Ephraim will be broken so that it will no longer be a people... If you do not believe, do not believe" (Isaiah 7:8, 9). In fact, it actually happened.

The people were taken into captivity exactly after this period, and history books testify to this, and manuscripts confirm the sincerity of the prophecy about this event. I see this is something stupid!! And we come to the greatest event from heaven and on earth, which is the incarnation of our God and Lord Jesus Christ. This is what they said about him that he is a legendary person from whom humanity collected all its dreams. That is, he is like the Superman that mankind has dreamed of. No hey my lord!! These thoughts are like a blind man describing the rising sun. Hear the testimony of history and contemporary historians, who were not believers in it. Josephus, the Jewish historian and a contemporary of Christ, writes in the Book of People's Chronicles (p. 7037) in a copy preserved in the Vatican. He says: "At that time Jesus lived, and he was a wise man - if he may be called a human being - and after many miracles came, and many of the Jews followed him. And he was the Messiah, and when Pilate condemned him to the crucifixion... he was still loved by those who loved him from the beginning, because he appeared to them alive again on the third day. In the city of Aquila, near Naples, they discovered in the year 1280 AD a copper plate, dating back to the days of Christ the Glory, with the inscription that in the seventeenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, and on the twenty-fifth of the month of Azar, in the holy city of Jerusalem, and the era of the two pontiffs. Hanan and Caiaphas, Pilate, governor of Galilee, who sits on the judiciary, in the conference hall of the Proturbin Council, sentenced Jesus of Nazareth to death by crucifixion..."

And here, dear reader, is something else that is contemporary to you... Have you not heard about miracles that happen, and witnesses to them are still alive, from my illness that medical and scientific analyzes proved, the old case of the disease, and the new state of recovery, after the miracle. These cases number in the millions over the years. What about the martyrs, who gave their lives for their faith? Do you think that someone could give his life for the sake of a metaphysical feeling? And what about the fathers who were contemporaries with Christ... And the first church, possessing the power of the Holy Spirit, who changed the whole world, do you think they are myths? They have discovered a book dating back to (100-165 AD) written by a Greek named "Lucian" under the title The Death of a Pregerniot. This is the name of a person who was imprisoned because he believed in the Lord Christ... He wrote: "Christians still worship that man who was crucified in Palestine, because he introduced a new religion into the world.... And those who were fascinated by him, convinced their souls that they would not die." Rather, they are immortalized forever, and that he taught them that they are all brothers of

one to the other.” This is what happened, for the apparitions of saints after their death is a sign of the sincerity of belief in immortality, including whether it was individual or collective, as happened in Al-Zaytoun. For three years, millions watched the Virgin Mary in 1968, and it was a continuous apparition during this period, she also appeared in Shubra for five continuous months as well, and this is just to name a few.

Yes, my dear ones... The philosopher Bakunin says: "Little information leads people away from religion, and deep research brings them back to it." These ideas are superficial and unconvincing, and they do not have a comprehensive picture and meaning. All of the above confirms that God is not a metaphysical idea... but a real existence inside and outside the soul...

❖ **The second idea that they mastered to attract minds is the idea of the ideal man:**

They wanted to describe to the world the image of an atheist man, free from the chains of God and the Church, as working for man, offering good for all. But they were just words devoid of practical truth. The real situation shown by their history confirms the falsity of these concepts. All those who called for this have appeared to be the most bloodshed and theft of people, to the extent that the communist countries now can no longer bear to hear the biography of one of those who deceived them in the name of humanity and idealism. And come, my friend... We think by logic, without knowing God, how can we know what is good? And what is the ideal?... Without God, what is the criterion and yardstick by which we measure these matters? We know from God what justice is, in Him we know mercy, and through Him we see love. Without it, how do we define values? All values are subjective and variable. Atheism began to exaggerate and magnify the ideal man, for nothing but to take the place of God. It is the ancient issue that was the cause of man's fall from Paradise life, and was followed by remorse and weeping. That they wanted to "become like God." This is also what the philosophers of atheism sought... Sartre says: "There is nothing in the beginning... Man is only. Man is nothing but what he has made." The atheist thinker Eitan Bourne also says: "It must not be God, until it is man." Feuerbach says: "A person who believes in God does not believe in himself. God is humanity, no more and no less. Religion must die, so that it rises on its ruins, knowing the limits of man, who must be God himself." Atheism has made man everything, and outside of it there is

nothing, and with atheism, when a person dies, he ends up with nothing. As for faith, God is everything, and man is in God, even after death forever.

These atheists sang about humanity, even though they were the first to destroy man in man. Their whole goal was to strip man of his true peace and hope in eternity, to confine him to life on earth, so that they could use him as they wished. Marx says: "Atheism is the manifestation of man by the abolition of religion," but in reality, they destroyed man, and humiliated him, in their practical life, as leaders of their people. Albert Camus, an atheist thinker, says: "A plant like this (humanity) could not have emerged except on a thick layer of accumulated grievances." He also says: "Communism, in its deepest principles, aims to liberate all mankind, by enslaving them all temporarily... Every freedom must be killed in order to possess domination, and this domination will one day become freedom." What a strange thought for people who call the ideal human being!! This is like a man flogging his brother to death, while smiling, and telling him that this is my brother, so that I may teach you the possibility. It is a new form of authoritarianism and violence, in the name of humanity and freedom... They killed man in the name of humanity. While the Russian philosopher who referred to Christ Berdyaev said: "Human dignity presupposes the existence of God...and denying God brings with it the denial of man..."

The contemporary of those who rejected God in the name of human freedom, and who spoke of the ideal man, could not live as they spoke, because what gives these qualities in the soul is its spirituality with God. These are the hallmarks of God's presence in man. Whoever abandons God and goes to worship himself and his desires, and continues to work for its enjoyment, his soul falls into the image of animals with its ferocity, as God says in the Book of Hosea: "Fornication, wine, and slavery seduce the heart" (4:11). So said Simone de Beauvoir, Sartre's friend, in a letter she wrote to him: "We were more despicable than they thought." Thus, after the spirituality of man is destroyed and he loses God, he sees himself as having no existence, no hope, no hope, and the universe narrow him down and he lives in constant sadness and longs for nothingness and annihilation. That is why Dantic, the atheist thinker, says: "The first result of atheism - if it prevails - is that suicide increases, until it becomes like an epidemic." They only wanted to reject God, and when they found the innate human need for Him, they cried out to the sick souls, O human: (The God that you must worship is you... Yourself is the God of the universe). Feuerbach says: "The turning point in history will be when man realizes that he is a god himself." But what human beings are they talking about?!

Ali is a person who suffers, is affected, and makes mistakes!! A person dies and becomes nothing without God!! Atheism in this way made human life is only the period of his existence on earth. These atheists confined the existence of man on earth only, and rejected eternal life. Do you agree to be a god for dozens of years and then die without existence?! Then let us see this ideal human being as they claim to exist without God. Let's see this person live without God and walk happily. Show me that man who errs and remains happy, as Chateaubriand says: "The tiger rips its prey and sleeps, and the man kills his brother and flashes..." It is God who gives the peace that fallen and far-off mankind has lacked; without God we cannot see the ideal. Rather, life is a series of sins. As Dostoevsky says: "If God does not exist, then everything is permissible." These people painted a picture of a person who lives for himself but has good values, and although all his interests are only for the earth, but he loves all. How can values be with a person who worships himself, and how can he help the needy and love the other, when he is confined only to himself? If a person is confined to himself only, and to his life on earth only, then what does sacrifice mean? And why be? Does the existence of man on earth mean that he only enjoys his own desires? This leads man to try to enjoy the earth, as the Epicureans say: "Let us eat and drink, for tomorrow we shall die" ... which makes him destroy everything against himself or his material existence. Is this the ideal person? Stalin says: "The world is the only outlet for humanity", so how about if you leave it after a short time, my dear... Then we ask this ideal human made by atheistic thinkers, can you answer the questions about the crucial human issues, such as why are we born? Why do we die? What after death? Then there will be the silence that protects everyone, for we have moved their thinking to things that they cannot know, except through the true God, and not through the false God of the soul. In this, a faithful Russian poet called Gabbay wrote an anti-communist poem: "I am God myself!... What a weak sinful god, a reckless, mad god. Oh God, would man love that god or imitate him in life. I am God... Perhaps! But a miserable, hopeless God, but where have I been? It is better to be an atheist than to trust a God like me...I am God?!...But how weak is it in front of the noise of the world with its faltering inverted logic... Museums are full of gods like me, and dozens of them live amid the crowd. Forgive me, my friend, the voice of greatness, but a god like me does not possess the majesty of God. I am God? I punish myself. I do not accept my fate for you, my dear, and I do not want you to fall and become this servile God, to punish yourself and say... I am God... (Only He is God). What a pity... I wish that God would protect you from trusting your feelings."

And in the face of death, my dear...the heart of these atheists possesses great dread and a state of dread, who sees himself as a god who is very afraid of death. When Yaroslavsky, head of the Atheism Committee of the Soviet Union under Stalin, died, he cried, "Burn all my books. Look, he's waiting for me here. Burn all my books." He was terrified of meeting God. Yes, it is the death that he mentioned that only terrifies these atheists, because it will destroy their only chance in life, and the only life they have. Heidegger, a teacher of Marx, says: "The existence of man is existence for the sake of death." What remains for a person after a life in which he rejected God is eternal death. Thus says the philosopher Malraux: "For the sake of God's annihilation, modern European atheistic thought has destroyed everything that would oppose man, but in their efforts, they found nothing but death." In the face of death, the atheist did not feel the loss of hope and life. Thus, Robert Emersall, the atheist, weeping for his brother, says: Our life traverses a dark, dreadful cold valley, between two terrible eternities. And when we raise our voices toward the sky, we find only the echo of these voices resonating with us." The atheist stands helpless and poor of every thought, empty of all meaning. This is how we see Marx, when his son died, saying: "It seems that death has won a cruel victory for the species (man)." Thus, we see that the myth of man being deified before death becomes non-existent. That is why the atheist Albert Camus says at the end of his life: "It seems that man can only choose between the secret or the meaningless."

❖ **Second: The psychological picture that accompanies their rejection of faith and life with God:**

Come, my friend, let us enter into the souls of those who rejected God with all their might, to see what is the secret behind this...? If we review the lives of these atheists, we will see that every philosopher or atheist thinker was under the influence of a psychological one, his aphorisms, lost with him... He made him flee through atheism from his own disease. We will, for example, but not be limited to, two of the largest and most important founders of atheistic thought, namely Marx and Sartre

• **Marx:**

Karl Marx grew up poor. His father was destitute, so Marx was brought up in the scorn of the feudal lords and capitalists. The Church of Russia had a negative role

in this regard. The Church also had the same image of oppression and forced labor. However, he was a believer in Christ at the beginning of his life, revolting only against the general social conditions. At the beginning of his youth, he wrote a book called "The Union of the Believer with Christ".

He said in it: "Union with Christ gives us sublime inwardness, comfort in sorrows, quiet confidence, and opens the heart towards our brothers, and everything that is high and noble for the sake of our ambitions and glories, but for the sake of Christ." They are good words that indicate faith and love... But after a while, he met the violent atheist Jewish philosopher Moses Hess, and this made him drink anti-Christ. Rather, he convinced him that all the injustice that humans see, and all the conditions that he endured as a child, are nothing but the brutal will of God, for God is the enemy of humanity. Moses Hess kept watering Marx with these ideas, and pushed him to a very bad image of atheism. He even wrote his famous poems against God, in which he solemnly said: "I only want to avenge with all my soul that one who dwells in heaven, ruling over men... He has snatched everything from me... All worlds have evaporated in my hands, and there is nothing left of me." Except for bitter revenge... I will raise my throne above heads." Didn't these words remind you, my dear, of the words of Satan mentioned in (Isaiah 14:13) "I ascend to the heavens... I raise a chair above the planets of God." In the oboe-blower poem: "The fumes of hell rise and damage my head until I go mad and harden my heart... Behold this sword... It is the chief of the Sultan of Darkness and he has sold it to me!! finished. My hour has come to an end... and my dwelling has quickly fallen to wreckage... I will embrace eternity to my chest... and roar with terrible curses: Eternity, you are the source of our eternal terror, you are the indescribable death... the immeasurable destruction and we are only hours A blind mechanism... Our goal is nothing but belonging to events and then destruction." This is how we see Marxism (which is a revolutionary political thought and not a deep philosophical thought) trying to influence the revolution on the downtrodden. But it draws them into a void that plunges them, by rejecting God, into Hell. Marx was confusing the social imbalance arising from political problems, the leadership of the country's presidents, and their greed on the one hand, and their religion on the other. Because they are Christians, would Christianity be these behaviors? He linked people's actions with their Christianity. Criticism of confusion between the Messiah of the Church and the Church of Christians. Accordingly, Marx said: "Christian principles preach the necessity of the existence of a dominant class, and an oppressed class. It suffices to be distinguished for piety, that the first be

benevolent to the second. Christian social principles make in heaven compensation for all the shame, and thus justify their retention on earth..." What thought is this? But, as we have seen, he fell under social and psychological influences, and surrendered to the demonic force, so he formulated his human tragedy in his poems... And here Marxism has fallen into the abyss of nothingness and the dustbin of history!

- Sartre:

Sartre lived a bad childhood that affected his formation, and as a result he chose to reject God so that he could live. His father died when he was two years old, and his mother married another, and left him with his grandfather to raise him. In his grandfather's house he felt that he was not loved. It was necessary to show him that he was a polite and obedient boy. But deep down he hated his grandfather. He felt that there was no justification for his existence except to carry out the will of his authoritarian grandfather. He says, "I loved nothing and nobody," and he says again that he should have done the same role as the dog his grandfather keeps.

Come, dear reader, we turn over Sartre's papers to see a strange picture and a dangerous situation in his life. I think that after that he turned to his atheistic tendencies, saying: "One time I felt that God exists, when I was playing matches with matches, and I burned a small carpet, and while I was hiding my crime, God suddenly saw me. horribly visible, and I felt like a target, but the indignation saved me. I was enraged by his vulgar curiosity. So, I rejected him and blasphemed him, and he never looked at me alive anymore.

After this situation... Sartre was accustomed to killing every sense of God. His feelings for God were linked to the feeling of the examiner and the avenger of his mistake, so he ran away from him and hid inside himself, covered by the denial of his existence. Sartre was like a wandering wanderer without vision. A person is afraid of something stronger than him. In order to overcome his fear, he raised his voice loudly and denied him, until he appeared to be indifferent to him and rejecting him. This influenced him and pushed him to take this position. He said of himself: "I am nobody's son... I became My self-criticism: "This is the goal of

pride and the goal of healing as well.” He also said of himself: "I became a single adult, with no father, no mother, no residence, and I was almost without a name." Based on this, Sartre was living with a severe wound in himself, which is the loss of his father and mother, and paternity was represented in the rejected image of his grandfather... for his cruelty and psychological extremism, so God rejected therefore, because he rejected paternity in all its forms. That is why he says: “Every person is born without justification, persists with weakness, and dies without a goal.”

We find the contradiction in Sartre's thoughts clear... While he elevates man to the rank of a god, he says: "If freedom explodes once from the human soul, the gods will not have any authority over this person." However, he brings man down to the level of nothingness, and disbelieves in the freedom of man, so he says: “Man is lust that has no use.” He also says: "Man is condemned to freedom."

In Sartre there was a boiling volcano, suffering and groaning from the effects of his illness. And as Marx was, so also Sartre became... These two directed all their energies against God because they found that God would take away their selves... Sartre said: "If God exists, then man is non-existence." He also said: "I will not accept that I have a God, because the existence of this God cancels my existence.” And he also said: “A creature can only assert itself against a Creator.” And this, my beloved, is the affair of every atheist and rejecter of God.” Nietzsche said: “I will open my heart completely to you, my friends. If there are gods, how can I apply That I am not a god”

That is why Nietzsche preached saying: “Let us declare that God is dead.” After sometime, Nietzsche lived, he lost his mind. At the end of his life, he roamed the streets singing with a sad tune while crying: “God is dead.”

Oh, the misery of those who rejected God for themselves, they are really sick and without real existence, as they wrote their names on the air, after a while the wind came and they became extinct. The position of these atheists towards God is that they thought that God would take away their freedom and selves. As the philosopher Bakunin said: "If God exists, I am not a sea. I am free, then God does not exist." What mind was this in them, and what spirit was this that was giving them life?! They did not know the true God! The God within them is another God

than our beloved God, who says to us: "Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and dine with him and he with me." (Rev 3:20)

Is this being a god that robs us of our freedom?? No... they didn't know him... and he who, when he wanted to make himself known to us, humbled himself and became incarnate, came to our land to be slaughtered, not to be an earthly king. He rose on the cross and not on the throne. This is the God whom everyone who truly knew him loved, and everyone who left him strayed from him, and painted a wrong picture because he did not know him, like those atheists who did not hear him when he said: "Come to me, all you who are weary and heavy laden, and I will give you rest." (Matthew 11:28) They did not know that it was love (John 4:8). They saw him as a king depriving them of their freedom, but he owned with love the cap on his sons: "I loved them as you loved me" (John 17:23). Indeed, they did not know Him nor heard Him when He spoke of the whole world and said: "God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life" (John 3:16).

Do you think this God who sacrifices himself for humans can enjoy human servitude, crush their ego, and insult their freedom?? He says: "I no longer call you servants... but I call you beloved" (John 1:15). Rather, the Lord Christ, to Him be the glory, gave humanity an image of glorified humanity, better than the greatest of what these thinkers can imagine. He gave them the most freedom they dream of, as we have become, as Marpeterus says in his epistle: "partakers of the divine nature" (Peter 1:4). The fact that they did not know Him, because they were without spiritual enlightenment, preferred the way to God. All that they proclaimed and did not comprehend, we realized in Christ. They proclaimed the free man and king and bears supernatural qualities, and they did not know that the Lord Christ, glory be to Him, had come to make man possess these qualities.

Thus says St. Clement of Alexandria: "Accept Christ, accept patience, accept your light, that you may know God and man." He also says: "Where can the truth be written except in a wise soul?" But they did not want freedom and the elevation of humanity, but they only wanted the pleasure found in sin, the deterioration of values, and their ownership over people. And the Christian philosopher Paskal says: "The unbeliever says: If I believed in God, I would immediately give up

pleasure-craving, and I say to him: 'Leave pleasure-seeking, you will immediately find belief in God.'

Yes, God is that restriction that they imagine and that he deprives them of their pleasure. As for those, because of pride, they lost their insight, and they could not know God in truth. That is why Pascal says: "Be humble, O helpless man, and know your true status, which you are ignorant of, by listening to God."

Prayer: O truth and life...

How can anyone live without life!!

Without you, life is lost...

The body has a static image...

Self without identity...

And the soul keeps suffocating...

Oh right...

Your presence in us is right!!

If our lives are not in which your face is bright...

Our days will be dark...

And if it wasn't your hand that made us!!!

We have become neglected entities...

You are the one who makes life meaningful...

Existence has power... and light has joy...

For the heart of happiness and joy...

Amen...

the fourth chapter

Current Atheism in the World and the Image of Knowing God

❖ Current Atheism:

Despite the seriousness of the images of atheism that we mentioned, there is a type of atheism that is harsher and worse than what was previously presented because it is the sharpness of the children and their ingratitude, which is the rejection of the existence of God in life. Apparent atheism is clear, but he who believes in the existence of God outwardly, but is far from him in behavior, does not know him either. The one who rejects God's commandments in his life is also an atheist. He claims to be a Christian in his official papers only, but he is alienated from our Lord Jesus Christ, to whom be glory in his attributes. This views religiosity as backwardness, backwardness, and not keeping pace with the times. It is very cruel atheism, because God the Father gets hurt by his children, who bear his name, and the world should have seen him in them.

There is another atheism, and idolatry of another kind, which is that a person does not worship the true God, but rather worships another image in his mind, and it is often a sick image of religiosity, and he also lives with wrong ideas about God, so God is not perfect for him. For example, he is just as mighty as the executioner, or

very affectionate without justice, or confined to just certain things and clings to them. This is what we call obsession. That is why we will first discuss the concept of religion among thinkers and the church. So that we can know who is the true religious who knows God. We bring to you, dear reader, the views of philosophers and thinkers on the subject of religion, and then introduce the concept of the Gospel. They say....

+ **Plato:** Religion is the right behavior towards God.

+ **Plutarch:** Religion is the intermediate place between adherence to atheism and obsessions.

+ **Immanuel Kant:** Religion is morality in its connection with God. It is the knowledge of our duties as divine commands.

+ **EMERSON:** Religion is communion with the law of the soul. And in it meets the divinity in our depths with the divinity that transcends us.

+ **Jacob Barakat:** Religion is the expression of man's longing for metaphysics (supernatural)... and its greatness is that it represents the aspect that man can do by himself.

+ **As for Marx,** he says: Religious misery is the sigh of a stagnant creature... It is the heart of a heartless world. He thought of him without a thought. It is the opium of the people... Whoever tells me about God wants to take away my money and my life.

Thus, we find the concept of religiosity closely related to the person, who sees it according to what God sees. But come let us hear what our teacher, Mary the Apostle, says in his epistle about religion in the Christian concept: "the pure religion before God. This is to visit orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself without spot in the world." (Jacob 1:27)

You see, my dear, what St Jacob said, “Religion before God” about life and love towards God and others. Yes, my friend, this is the idea of religion in Christianity... But some people distorted this image. They were Christians by name, but they had nothing to do with Christianity as a religion, at the level of the thought of the Gospel and the spirit of Christ. These are the ones who gave Marx, Sartre and Nietzsche a bad image of the Church and the religious, and they still give the same image, they close the doors of the church with their distorted image before the world. Before these atheists thought about their atheism, some presented them with a bad image of life with God. These are also atheists, and we can enumerate the types of this atheism as follows:

❖ **Atheism of life without God:**

And these are those who live for the sake of the earth only, and their preoccupation is matter and pleasure. But with time and when worries crush them, and time robs them of their lives, the owners of this land find nothing but a handful of dirt left over from long life and hard effort. Life is lost from them despite their nominal knowledge of God.

❖ **Atheism for the sake of interest:**

These people see that God is broken, and a waste of time and money, so they mock religious matters until they comfort their consciences with this attitude. God is the limitation of their desires. For with him they must be sanctified, and this is heavy for them and unpopular for them. That is why they do not want to live with him. And we see some of those who completely renounce the Lord Christ, to whom be the glory. If the Lord Christ will stand in the way of their interests, then there is no objection to waiving it, or at least hiding it from others. As our teacher St. Paul the Apostle says: “If our Gospel is concealed, it is concealed among those who perish, in whom the mind of the God of this age has blinded (2 Corinthians 4:3,4).

❖ **Worshiping God as an idol:**

These are the ones who do not really worship God, but rather worship people who are in the church, and raise them to the status of transcendence from error or weakness, and preparing to die behind them, not God, or this person may worship himself and himself and raise it to the image of God. Or he may worship a certain way, and not be satisfied with God, except through psychological methods. He does not know God, but he is confined to the worship of himself, whether it is for a person, for himself, or for a specific image. It is an idol that obscures the image of God from the souls who claim His name. These were the reasons for Nietzsche's rejection of Christianity. He describes Christians as follows: "The Christian is an isolated, submissive being. He is alien to the activity of the earth... Therefore, life ends where the kingdom of God begins." No... This is not the image of the Kingdom, my beloved... We have distorted the image of Christ when we are confined to ourselves and made others see Christ in the image of our sick, distorted humanity. Even the very painful saying of Mahatma Gandhi: "If it were not for Christians, I would have become a Christian."

❖ **The position of Christians in the world:**

That is why the Christian and the religious who have life, our Lord Jesus Christ, to whom be glory, must:

- He believes that God created him free, and because of his love for Christ, he chooses the things that open up the horizons of eternal life for him, and no one forces him to live this life. Rather, it is about a spiritual experience and freedom that lives in jihad and perpetual spiritual work without apathy or boredom. And the Christian philosopher Olivier Clement says: "God advances and declares his love, and hopes that man will live on him... If he refuses, he waits at the door, and in return for all the good he has done for us, he only asks for our love, and in return for this love frees us from every religion."
- The Christian is confident that he has a very great affair with God, and he cannot reach this degree without God. His being without him will end, and his joy will pass away, but with God he is eternal, and his joy is permanent. St. Gregory of Nyssa says: "O man, reflect on your royal dignity. The heavens did not make the image of God like you, nor the moon, nor the sun,

nor anything that is seen in creation. See... Nothing in existence can accommodate your greatness."

- The Christian has enlightenment towards seeing God as he is, when he denies himself. When the false lights are extinguished, the true divine light appears. The philosopher Domery says: "A person may think that he worships God, but he worships himself." Gabriel Marcel the philosopher also says: "I am in the same way that we believe and do not believe. We love and do not love. We exist and do not exist."
- Faith in Christ must be apparent to the world, and not hidden from the eyes, or distorted by personal purposes. The Christian must see the world in him, Christ, who enlightens and cheers up weary souls. Thus, the Lord Christ asks Him glory: I do not ask that you take them out of the world, but that you keep them from evil" (John 17:15) and Berdyaev says: "Christianity likes to become more social, that is, to proclaim the truth that it has for human society."

Yes, my dear... the world is the center of the gospel. And the place of God's revelation through you.

Pascal says, "The world is the risk into which the righteous must enter."

Philosopher Baji says, "Christians have to commit themselves to the problems of the earth with an impulse from above."

- A Christian should love the whole world without distinguishing between enemies and loved ones, as the Lord Jesus Christ taught us, glory is to Him... especially the needy. Thus says **St. Basil the Great: "The bread that you bake is the king of the hungry, the king of the naked, that coat that hangs in your closet, and for the barefoot belongs the shoes that wear out in your house, and to the needy the money that is saved."** And **St. John Chrysostom says: "Do not adorn the church if, however, your brother's neglect is in distress. This temple is more majestic than that. What does it profit him? He dies decorating Christ's table with golden vessels if he is: of hunger. First satisfy him when he is hungry, and then look at something later. beautify his table."** He also says: "You respect this altar when the body of the Lord Christ descends to it, but you neglect and remain indifferent when that which is the body of Christ perishes."

Yes, my friend... A Christian must be the closest person to the needy, since in him is the Christian Spirit of God. Thus, Berdyaev says: "The idea of brotherhood of mankind and peoples is an idea inherent in Christianity in its pure form. With Christianity we can instill the kingdom in the souls, so that they know God." Thus, Baji also says: "He who is in an excessive need of the daily bread, lacks every taste of the eternal bread."

- The Christian bears the image of the Lord Christ, to Him be glory, wherever he is... Yes, my friend, after the incarnation, God no longer speaks to us only, but becomes united with us, and draws His image in our features and souls. Thus, our relationship with God became that we bear the attributes of Christ. This is the image of a Christian the world should see.
- Finally, my friend, you must realize that: without God we cannot be, and we do not know who we are. For as our teacher St. Paul the Apostle said: "In Him we live, move, and have our being" (Acts 17:28). He is deep in the soul he made, contains the universe he created, and lives with the man he loved.

As St. Augustine addresses him: "Lord... where were you when I was looking for you? You were in front of me and I was far from you and myself. I have fallen too late in your love... O beauty beyond ancient I was in..."

How did I go out looking for you outside of me? You were with me, but I was not with you. My God...I see you always looking at me, even as if there is no creature in heaven or on earth but me."

Here is the vision of a person who sees God new in his life. So now search for it within you. And if you find him, do not leave him, but carry him within you to carry you forever...

Prayer: I now flash in my mind...

Shine your light in my mind...

Penetrate my soul.

My life will be born again!!

Thoughts without you are dark...

And if the roads don't follow me...

All paths become painful!!

And my existence without you

A dot on the river's page is floating!!

And our souls without you...

A breath of life but a wanderer!!

You are the presence, and all of you exist...

O our distant self and the desired example!!

You have all life and all existence!!

Amen...

index

*** Introduction**

*** Chapter One:**

The development of the idea of connecting with God

*** Chapter II:**

The negative attitude of some scholars towards God

*** Chapter III:**

The Extreme Position of Marxist Philosophy and Atheist Existentialism

*** The fourth chapter:**

Current Atheism in the World and the Image of Knowing God

*** Index**

The writings of Reverend Father Angelos Gerges

Daily Readings in Genesis

Daily readings in the Book of Exodus

Daily Readings in the Book of Ezra

Daily Readings in the Book of Hosea

The thought and spirituality of the Agpeya

second coming

Salvation measure

When the king got married

Whoever stabs the light

You have my heart dedicated

We live by his death

Be serious with God

I am the way

tradition

Diary with the Word of Life - Gospel of Luke

God cannot be in need of human beings like us to prove it

His presence. And because she does not tell others about him to glorify him with us, even if we are deficient in that, we go out to nature to ask her to help us in talking about him. The birds came out with their praise, the sun

**enchanted them, the mountains with their power, the rivers with their depth,
the sea and the bodies with their breadth... Everyone sings the symphony of
existence, pointing to the greatest artist, who created the painting of the
universe.**

**It is the most eloquent poem that introduces us to the greatest poet who
formulated the poem of existence.**

by Father Angelos Gerges