

## **Just Thinking Apologetics**

What are the philosophic implications of scientific naturalism? Scientific naturalism espouses that everything is a result of naturalistic evolution and there is no such thing as a supernatural realm. Miracles are out of the question according to this view. Scientific naturalism promotes a specific worldview. According to Michael Palmer a worldview can be defined as “a set of beliefs and practices that shape a persons approach to the most important issues in life.” So, what worldview is exactly promoted by scientific naturalism?

Richard Dawkins, an evolutionary biologist of Oxford, is a proponent of scientific naturalism. He is a very outspoken critic of Christianity and all religious beliefs. He penned a book titled “The God Delusion” in order to set the record straight that God does not exist and those who believe in the supernatural are deluded and intellectually inferior to the person of science. In fact, Dawkins’ has stated that Darwin “made it possible to be an intellectually fulfilled atheist.”

So, what are the implications? If we are just a cosmic accident, then we are no more important than a common mouse or collection of maggots. On this view, humans are just another animal with no special purpose. If God does not exist, we have absolutely no purpose, meaning, or hope. According to scientific naturalism, science becomes god and states that life has no reason for its existence. What are the out workings of this view if it is followed through with? In other words, what would our society be like if our culture bought into this worldview? This is what we will consider next week.