

## **Just Thinking Apologetics**

Last week we considered scientific naturalism and asked, “What are the implications of a culture buying into this worldview?” If life has no purpose or meaning then as a society we answer to no one. We essentially assume the position of God. We individually or collectively decide what is best. I don’t want to imply that atheism leads to chaos or that atheist can’t live a respectable life, but what I am saying is, if God does not exist then we have absolutely no reason to act in a morally good way. According to scientific naturalism, we have no right to condemn the Holocaust, because the Nazi’s decided as a culture what path to follow. On this view, morals are irreverent and those in power get to decide right from wrong. There can be no objective moral values on this worldview, because objective morals simply do not exist.

Even the great atheist thinker, Friedrich Nietzsche realized the out workings of a meaningless universe in his story titled “The Parable of the Madman.” In this parable, the madman states the condition of reality in knowing that God is dead, “Who gave us the sponge to wipe away the entire horizon? What were we doing when we unchained this earth from its sun? Whither is it moving now? Whither are we moving? Away from all suns? Are we not plunging continually? Backward, sideward, forward, in all directions? Is there still any up or down? Are we not straying, as through an infinite nothing?”

The portrait Nietzsche paints, as an atheist thinker is correct if God does not exist. There is gloom in knowing that we are a cosmic accident on an insignificant speck of rock in the vast emptiness of space. This is the philosophical implication of scientific naturalism.