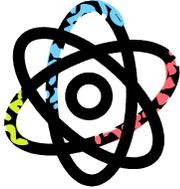




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Dear friends and partners,



“...guard what has been entrusted to you, avoiding worldly and empty chatter and the opposing arguments of what is falsely called ‘knowledge’ which some have professed and thus gone astray from the faith.” 1 Timothy 6:20-21

Over the last few weeks, I have been meeting with two young men who are Georgia Tech students with interesting backgrounds concerning faith. Christian, a Senior, and Harrison a Freshman, have rejected “the faith” that they were exposed to and instructed in by their parents. Both are now committed skeptics leaning toward atheism in the “name” of science. Sadly, many other young people are walking away from the faith (and Church). According to a study by Ranier Research, 70% of youth leave church by the time they are 22 years old.

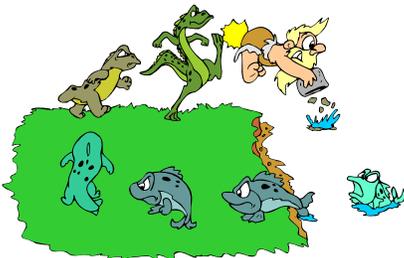
How can this happen?...Did these young adults simply have “mental assent” to a set of “teachings” while growing up? ...Are faith in God and Science in conflict?...Has Science disproved the “need” for a Great Engineer, God? These are just some of the questions that arise when analyzing why students leave their “faith roots.” Without question, however, the modern university environment is not conducive to nurturing a young person in their faith. Experiential challenges to faith are real including **academic** (bias against Biblical Christianity or the idea of God in the classroom) and **social** (“party spirit” with great temptations toward alcohol and sex). These “stumbling blocks” often work in tandem to lead a young person astray.

“...In the world, but not of it...” Into this environment, Jesus is calling His people, students, faculty & staff and campus ministers to “let their light shine” and their “voice of truth” be heard. God desires to transform the modern campus from spiritual darkness to the light of truth, one heart (and mind) at a time! Please pray for us and other student ministries as we work with the Lord in the campus mission of reaching and teaching students for Christ!

Thank you for your partnership through prayer and financial support which enables us to befriend students. Like Christian and Harrison, many are questioning the “faith” yet searching for truth and meaning in life. Have a great Fall season and please let us know if we can be of service.

Your campus missionaries,
Bart, Michelle & the Jones kids

Bias in Academia?



“There are only two possibilities as to how life arose. One is spontaneous generation arising to evolution; the other is a supernatural creative act of God. There is no third possibility. Spontaneous generation, that life arose from non-living matter, was scientifically disproved 120 years ago by Louis Pasteur and others. That leaves us with the only possible conclusion that life arose as a supernatural creative act of God. I will not accept that philosophically because I do not want to believe in God. Therefore, I choose to believe in that which I know is scientifically impossible: spontaneous generation arising to evolution.”

Dr. George Wald, former Harvard University Biology Professor,
“Innovation and Biology,” Scientific American 199 (Sept. 1958) p. 100

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"Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in Thy sight, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer." Psalm 19:14

