

The 4 Biggest Fools in Port Orchard

1 Samuel 26:17-21

King Saul is not the only man to play the fool. There are fools all around us. I want to introduce to you to the four biggest fools in Port Orchard. Perhaps there are some sitting in these pews today.

Someone may be thinking, “Preacher, you better be careful about calling anyone a ‘fool.’ Jesus warned in Matthew 5:22—‘...*whosoever shall say, Thou fool, shall be in danger of hell fire.*’” But God calls certain people fools in the Bible. If God calls a certain man a fool, I would be wrong to say he is not a fool. If God says a man is a fool, I’m going to agree!

➡ Webster’s 1828 Dictionary defines a fool as “one who acts contrary to sound wisdom in his moral deportment; one who follows his own inclinations... one void of understanding.” The word fool means stupid and silly.

So the fools I’m referring to in this message are people whom God has already called a fool and fit the definition of a fool. Therefore, I’m perfecting right to say they are a fool.

I. **The MORAL fool** (Psalm 14:1-3).

➡ There are **four categories** of this kind of fool:

1. The **skeptic** says, “I doubt if God exists.”
2. The **agnostic** says, “God may exist, but I don’t know for sure.”
3. The **indifferent** says, “I don’t really care if there is a God or not.”
4. The **atheist** who dogmatically says, “I *know* God does not exist!”

There is a new breed of atheist today. They are confrontational atheists who refer to themselves as “the marines of atheism.” Last Saturday (4/24/12) British atheist Richard Dawkins spoke at an atheist rally in Washington D.C. and called on fellow atheists to not only challenge religious people but to “ridicule and show contempt” for their beliefs and doctrines.

Why does God call him a fool?

A. He is a fool because **he refuses to face the FACTS.**

➡ There are only **four possibilities** of how everything got here:

1. **Everything came from nothing naturally.** But this is impossible because of the first law of thermodynamics (law of energy conservation—the amount of energy remains constant). Neither matter nor energy can be created or destroyed—It can only be transferred or altered. Nothing cannot cause something (law of cause and effect).
2. **Everything has always been here** (the eternity of matter). This is unscientific because of the second law of thermodynamics—the law of increasing entropy—energy dissipation. In a closed system things tend to run down and become more random. For example: a pendulum will cease to swing if left to itself. Since the universe is not self-sustaining, it must have had a beginning.
3. **Everything is an imaginary existentialism** (it is an illusion. It only exists in your mind.). If everything is just an illusion, then why not just put a gun to your head and blow your brains out. After all, the gun is just an illusion; your head is just an illusion, and your brains are definitely not there either if you take this option seriously!
4. **Everything came into being supernaturally.** This is the only sensible alternative: Everything was created out of nothing supernaturally. For this to happen necessitates an infinite omniscient being of with omnipotent power. This is the exact, existential, pragmatic, objective, empirical statement of the Word of God (Gen. 1:1; John 1:1-4; Col. 1:16-17).
 - a) **The law of intelligent design.** Design requires a designer. A watch indicates a watch-maker... This building presupposes a “builder.” Hebrews 3:4— *“Every house is builded by some man; but he that built all things is God.”* A world requires a world maker.

If I explained the existence of the automobile as the result of a tornado blowing through a junk yard, you would say, “Preacher, if you believe that, you’re a fool!” Yet, that is

how the atheist explains the existence of the universe—
Once there was nothing, then BANG— Everything came
into existence!

b) Consider the nature of the DNA “code.” The minimal cellular and biochemical requirements for life display an “irreducible complexity” that cannot be random but must have been designed. As Nancy Pearcey, author of *Total Truth*, explains: “At the heart of life, at the center of each cell in every living thing, is a *language*, a *code*, or what we would call information. There is no known natural process capable of producing this information. A message or information is diagnostic of an INTELLIGENT SOURCE.” Intelligence indicates a being—Either an alien or God.

B. He is a fool because **he is living in self-DENIAL**. No one is born in an atheist. Everybody is born into this world with a conscience that believes there is a God. However, an atheist defiles his conscience by denying what it says. Something happened and caused him to disbelieve that there is a God.

➡ It is not that an atheist cannot believe in God—There is plenty of evidence in the universe that God exists (Ps. 19). The atheist does not want to believe in God.

1. The atheist’s problem is not intellectual. **His problem is a moral one**. It is an **issue of the heart**, not the head (Ps. 14:1).
2. The atheist does not want there to be a God because he doesn’t want God interfering in his life.

“Light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. For every one that doeth evil hateth the light, neither cometh to the light, lest his deeds should be reprov’d.” (John 3:19-20).

➡ That is why I say the atheist is a MORAL fool.

II. The MODERNIST fool (Luke 24:25-27).

- A. The modernist believes there is a God but **does not believe the Bible in its entirety**.
 - 1. They accept the moral teachings of the Bible, but reject its miracles—They couldn't believe in the resurrection. Teach the garden of Eden was an allegory. Reject the account of Jonah and the whale. They deny the virgin birth.
 - 2. They accept its precepts, but deny the scientific and historical accuracy of the Scriptures.
- B. Again, it is a heart problem—*“O fools, and SLOW OF HEART to believe...”*
 - ➡ Why are people so slow to believe ALL that the Bible has to say? It is because they are listening to the wrong voices—Hearing the wrong things. They are more in tune with the world than with the Word. “Garbage in—Garbage out.”

III. The **MOCKING** fool (Proverbs 14:9).

- ➡ Mock: An act of ridicule; a sneer; a jibe; a jeer.
- A. This fool thinks sin is a joke and jests about it and makes a mockery of it. Sin is not funny. It is the great tragedy of the universe. The Bible makes it clear that sin is a serious matter, not a laughing matter.
- B. Hollywood make a mockery of sin and holiness. TV / movies are filled with raw, perverse humor that makes unblushing mockery of sex, whoremongering, sodomy, dishonesty, and drunkenness.
 - 1. They don't show the fruits of sin—Broken families... broken lives... ruined health... overrun jails... depression and suicides...
 - 2. Hebrews 11:25— Pleasures of sin last only a short season.
 - 3. Sin will take you farther than you want to go... Keep you longer than you want to stay... and cost you more than you want to pay! *“Be sure your sin will find you out.”*
- C. Why do people make a mock of sin? Because there is no fear of God before their eyes.

- D. Why do people make a mock of sin? **BECAUSE THEY ARE FOOLS.** Only a fool would mock sin when it cost the shed blood of Christ to remove sin from our hearts.
1. To mock sin is to treat lightly and trivialize the cross of Christ where He died for your sin!
 2. If you want to see how God views sin, survey the wondrous cross and see Christ suffering for our sin. You won't be laughing!

IV. The *MATERIALISTIC* fool (Luke 12:15-20).

- A. He was **successful**. Physically, materially, financially. He thought life was all about material things and give no thought to spiritual things (v. 15).
- B. He was **sincere**. He obviously was not lazy.
- C. He was **self-centered**. He only thought of himself. Note the emphasis on the personal pronouns "I."
- D. He was **short-sighted**. He thought he had plenty of years. He gave no thought of eternity. How much time do you have? Time is running out.
- E. He was **spiritually bankrupt**—He lost it all including his soul (Mk. 8:36). We have all have done things that were stupid, silly, or downright foolish. But the most foolish thing anyone can do is leave this world without being born again.

SUMMATION: There is another kind of fool in the Bible that we should all desire to become. 1 Corinthians 4:10—"*We are fools for Christ's sake.*" Someone says, "I'm nobody's fool." Everybody is a fool for someone or something. So if I am going to be a fool, I'll be Christ's fool.

There was a man walking down busy street one day. He had a sandwich board sign on him. As people approached him he had these words written on his board. "I am a fool for Christ." People looked at the sign and they laughed, "Yeah, he is one of those Christians. A fanatic." As they walked by they looked back and the other side of the sign read "Whose fool are you?" Don't be the devil's fool.