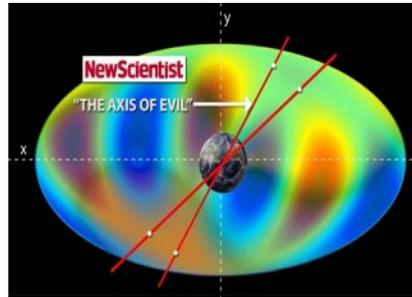


They were wrong and we are wrong because the church is also sitting in exile in this land without an effective voice in law and society.

God said in Ezekiel 8v17 that they were filling the land with violence because they were putting the branch to the nose to God. He was an idiot out of date creator who couldn't describe accurately how the heavens go! So his commands for living in the rest of his Word were rubbish or at least negotiable. God is furious with his people for this because he knows the outcome of such an attitude.



Cosmic Microwave Background Analysis showing Earth at the Centre of Universe

This was the fulfilment of Satan's lie in the garden; 'you shall become as gods declaring what is good and what is evil.'

The material evidence in the rest of these leaflets concerning 'Breaking the Power of Secularism' show that it is entirely reasonable that we can trust in the words of the Bible to give us limited but accurate understanding of how the earth and life and the universe has been set up. God is no fool!

But if you have ever tried or try to communicate the information contained in these leaflets to those around and particularly in the church you will find out just how deeply rooted pagan ideas are. You are likely to be pitied and dismissed as some inadequate person, immature in real spirituality and not because you have broken any biblical laws but because you have chosen to listen only to God's word on physical matters.

Jeremiah found out the same in his day..31v37 *"This is what the LORD says: "If the heavens could be measured above, or the foundations of the earth be searched out below, then I also would reject all the descendants of Israel because of everything they have done," declares the LORD."* For his faithfulness Jeremiah was rejected and thrown down a pit to die.

Children in school are taught from a very young age of the nature of the Universe, how big and how old it is, how it was formed and the insignificance of the earth in its position of orbiting a minor sun in a remote galaxy. As the church of Christ allows this teaching to stand unchallenged so we continue to hold the branch to the nose in dishonour to Christ our Creator and Saviour.

**See to it that no one enslaves you through philosophy and empty deceit according to human tradition, according to the basic principles of the world, and not according to the Messiah**

**Colossians 2v8**

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# BREAKING THE POWER OF SECULARISM



Secularism draws its power from the acceptance of its Creation story which is portrayed as fact in Academia, Media and most Churches.

## The Spirit Lifted Ezekiel By The Hair

"It stretched out the shape of a hand and caught me by the hair on my head. The Spirit lifted me up between the earth and the sky. He took me in visions of God to Jerusalem, to the entrance to the north gate of the inner courtyard of the Temple. In the courtyard was the idol that caused God to be jealous." Ezekiel 8:3b NCV

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This is one of the most significant events in the history of the people of Judah. The nations of Israel and Judah had been plagued with the ideas and beliefs of the people they had been sent in to conquer. This had corrupted them. As a consequence God judged them and Israel had previously been taken into captivity. This now happened to Judah.

Previously the leaders of Judah had not listened to the prophet Jeremiah but **Psa 137:1** relates their situation and state of mind in exile; *"by the rivers of Babylon, there we sat down, yea, we wept, when we remembered Zion."* They were in a state of repentance. Now Judah's leaders were willing to sit down with the prophet Ezekiel who had gone into exile with them. Sitting in Ezekiel's house the prophet was given a vision for these leaders. Ezekiel 8.

You might think that the idol which provoked God to jealousy was the most awful thing that could be shown to the prophet. But it was not! There were three things (Ezekiel 8v6- 18) which were much worse and needing repenting of if they were ever to return from exile and experience the reality of the Valley of Dry Bones in Ezekiel 37.

**There were appalling things happening in the temple, the equivalent of the church. But it was the things which were happening behind the scenes which were causing the problems. Three practices which on the face of it would not seem too bad. They were in reality the real drivers behind the downfall of God's people.**

**1.** Ezekiel was commanded in the vision to go around the back of the temple and to tear down a partially broken wall to find a hidden door. He went in as commanded and found leaders of the nation worshipping creeping crawling things and foul things. At first encounter with this we find it difficult to understand the significance of this portrayal. It seems a long way from anything in our experience. But not so!

A visit to Charles Darwin's study will find the same type of creatures including the worms he studies in his garden. In laboratories, which we value greatly, we dissect creatures like this aiming to learn from them and their behaviours how life has come about and what we can learn about divergent human behaviours.

Charles Darwin's aim was to produce evidence for an alternative understanding of how creation came about in line with ancient ideas of evolution called Epicureanism which his grandfather Erasmus Darwin promoted. He rejected the revelation in the Scriptures of God speaking things into being and developed an alternative which was a process which necessitated **death** in its creative method.

Two things are important to remember here. The first is that worship means to let something change the way you think and act. Romans 12v1,2 indicates this... *"but be transformed by the renewing of your mind."* Secondly this was what Moses warned the people of God about before going into the promised land. Deuteronomy 4 describes this as, *"do not worship humans or animals... you will end up in idolatry."* Examining these

things and putting what we learn from them over and above what

God has already revealed about them is the problem. We make God a liar!

We may find it hard to equate this 'scientific experimentation and process' with this portrayal of what Ezekiel uncovered but Charles Darwin confesses in his secret diaries that he hated God and felt that God had deserted him in the death of his most loved daughter. The same desertion that these leaders of Judah felt. This was a powerful motive in his quest of learning from things that die in order to overthrow the Word of God.

The apostle Paul writing in Romans 1v23 in the context of how we think about God says.... **They exchanged the beauty of the immortal God (in the way in which he acts in creation etc) and instead shaped their idea of God on things which are mortal...ie die.** The text goes on to indicate that this is so offensive to God that he gives those people over to all kinds of aberrant sexual behaviour.

**rejected the revelation of scripture**

**2.** The second part of the vision appears really odd. A number of women weeping for Tammuz. This is the second most awful idolatry which was going on. What is behind this? Perhaps not strangely it is all to do with control of the environment or climate as we call it today.

Tammuz was a fertility god meant to control the weather and the fruitfulness of the earth suitable for life. The women were in the forefront of this false worship perhaps as they are today in the matter of climate change and the response to it.

But the Lord has already warned his people not to go down this line. Again and again God had shown that he was in control of the weather. His people are stewards of Creation but Jeremiah 31v35 affirms that God is in control of the sun, moon and stars and the roaring of the waves. He additionally warns in the next verse if his people ever reject his control over these things then he would reject his people. That is what has appeared to happen to Judah as they sit in exile in Babylon.

The church in the Western world seems to have forgotten this also. We worship a God who as a Creator is powerless compared to our wisdom. We are following the world in this matter and think we are in control. We dismiss God.

**3.** The **most serious idolatry** and one which is again something which we might think is unspiritual and unnecessary to think about. Worshipping the sun!

Who does that?

We do, when we examine the sun, moon and stars and conclude that what we have learned from our observations is more accurate and worthy of belief than what God has revealed about the Sun and His Creative Power in Scripture. Again the Israelites were warned of this very thing in Deuteronomy 4. Don't do as the people you are going in to conquer do. *"Don't try to work out my Creative method from your observations and deductions. Listen only to my word."* But the people did not do that. They preferred the words of the scientists and the philosophers. They thought it didn't matter too much.

Representation of Human Control



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