

“Only fools say in their hearts, “There is no God.” They are corrupt, and their actions are evil; not one of them does good!
Psalms 53:1 NLT

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Yeah, no one likes to be called names like “fool.” And it’s a strong word for those who decide to be this way. Good news, they’ll never read this Psalm. Bad news, they’ll never get the point of this passage. The person who says, “There is no God,” has set themselves up to be their own God. Admit it. People believe they have total autonomy, knows everything and have figured out against all outward signs of a creator and inward conflict of evil and good, yet still declare - nah, I don’t believe it. It’s stunningly arrogant. Our knowledge, even our understanding is sooo very limited to our experiences and or stupidity to believe someone else’s limited experience. Even scientists, the new gods in modern time, won’t abide by their own constructs and rules. For something to be true it has to be observable and repeatable. That CANNOT be done on things that happened before they were even alive, let alone believe the writing of those before who were not alive either. It’s all theory taught as fact. You cannot DISPROVE there is a God! No matter, folks will determine their own facts and twist them to fit their desires. The psalmist got it right - our desires are corrupt and our actions are evil. None of that changes God, none of that can make him disappear or dissuade him from his will. Today’s fools can throw scientific, philosophical tantrums all they want, it will not change the facts.

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Dad,
My life is very ironic. I couldn’t figure out how to live as a man, husband or certainly a father. I basically had ZERO life skills. And yet, you have made all the difference in my life and set me on a steep learning curve to grasp social skills, financial decisions, leadership capabilities and some really good logic-path nerd skills. I don’t know where I would be or what I would have become, not only without you, but denying that you even exist. It would have been very dark and very lonely for sure. I am so thankful you made yourself known to me! I am eternally grateful.

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rest in the presence of God, allowing the words revealed to take root