

# The Darkness of Unbelief

Heb. 11:1

## Introduction:

- A. The present so called enlightened age frowns on unreserved faith in the Bible.
  - 1. Complete infidels – to them the Bible is a collection of myths and fantasies.
  - 2. Partial infidels – to them the Bible must be explained to fit “rationalism.”
  - 3. Practical infidels – to them the Bible is true, but is not to be obeyed explicitly.
- B. The present so called enlightened age has no real alternative to faith in the Bible.
  - 1. It leaves us with a ton of questions and mere ounce of answers.
  - 2. It leaves us in dark concerning “things not seen.”
- C. Without faith in the Bible, *mysteries* of “things not seen” are still mysteries.

## Discussion:

### I. The Origin of Existence (Heb. 11:3).

- A. Each new generation of philosophers and scientists has new theories and revise old ones.
  - 1. Evolution is revised constantly – science is still looking for clues.
  - 2. The Space program, among other things, seeks for clues to the origin of things.
- B. Each new generation of Christians has no need to revise the Creation account.
  - 1. No new discovered fact contradicts the Genesis account.
  - 2. No new discovered fact has explained the origin of the concept of morality (right and wrong)

### II. The Power of Existence (cf. Acts 17:28).

- A. The order and balance of the universe maintained by divine power (2 Pet. 3:7)
  - 1. Scientists can give his explanation, but faith gives the power behind the “explanation.”
  - 2. Scientists can define the laws of nature, but faith tells of the lawgiver.
- B. The order and balance of the universe must remain a mystery to the unbeliever.
  - 1. Knows how things work, but nothing of “why?”
  - 2. Ill. What makes a ball bounce?
- C. The order and nature of the Bible must remain a mystery to the unbeliever.

### III. The Purpose of Existence (Heb. 11:6, 13-16; 13:14)

- A. “Why are we here?” must remain in doubt without faith (11:6)
  - 1. A man may assign himself a purpose, but still does not answer reason for existence.
  - 2. A man may feel a reason to live, but still does not know why he lives apart from faith.
- B. “What is my chief aim in life?” must remain unsure without faith in a better place.
  - 1. Unbeliever cannot look beyond crumbled dreams of this world.
  - 2. Unbeliever can only speculate about life here and hereafter.

### IV. The Destiny of Existence (Heb. 11:16, 40).

- A. Only faith removes the questions marks from the minds of the dying.
- B. Only faith makes sense of the brevity of life.

## Conclusion:

- A. Before one abandons faith in the Bible, he needs to consider the alternatives.
- B. Before one can have real faith in the Bible, he must know it and desire to obey it.