

### **Introduction**

1. Bruce M. Jorosky ("Big Argument", p.123)
2. Textbook: "...a cloud..." (p.123)
3. Aristotle / Harvey / van Helmont (p.125)  
 "Abiogenesis"! Amazing! (p.126)

### **1. A PICTURE OF MAN'S UNBELIEF**

- 1) "professing themselves to be wise...":
  - (i) Unbelief seems to be clever: "Life is all a result of a Big Bang" – "over millions of years".
  - (ii) Amazing the confidence people have in Professor So-and-So, while they ignore God's Word!  
OBSERVE: This "wisdom" puffs man up – "Ye shall be as gods"!
- 2) God here shows us the folly of man's professed wisdom:
  - (i) v.18: "holding down the truth"
  - (ii) v.19: man's intuitive knowledge of God
  - (iii) v.20: the visible points to the invisible  
OBSERVE: No one is naturally an atheist.
- 3) Man knows about God even apart from the Bible: v.20
  - (i) God's eternal power – such a world!
  - (ii) God's eternal godhead – need of a Maker  
OBSERVE: Sometimes called "Natural Religion" or "Natural Revelation"  
ILLUSTRATION: finding a watch  
APPLICATION: God's comment: "Became fools".

### **2. THE PRICE MAN PAYS FOR UNBELIEF**

- 1) Unbelief is another word for hatred of God:
  - v.20 ("without excuse");
  - v.21 ("they glorified him not...thankful");
  - v.23 ("changed the glory...");
  - v.25 ("changed the truth...worshipped...")  
OBSERVE: See what unbelief is and does!
- 2) There is a terrific price to pay:
  - (i) "God also gave them up" v.24
  - (ii) "God gave them up..." v.26
  - (iii) "God gave them over" v.28  
OBSERVE: We call this reprobation
- 3) The price is in v.29-32:
  - (i) conscience ceases to work
  - (ii) good and evil are revered
  - (iii) v.32: men love what God hates
- 4) All this is absolutely just in God.
  - (i) v.18: "the wrath of God"
  - (ii) the crime is suppression of the truth we know by instinct:
    - God's glorious being
    - our duty to love this God

### **CONCLUSION**

How can this fearful evil be healed?  
 Only by the gospel of Christ – by  
 which we can be brought to love and worship God.

#### **PSALM**

**104: 31 – 35**

**65: 4 – 7**

**68: 32 – 35**