



# THE GOD DELUSION DEBATE

Remaining true to our goal of engaging secular culture on critical issues in a thoughtful, respectful manner, Fixed Point Foundation sponsored a debate on what is arguably the most critical question of our time: the existence of God.

The debate featured Professor Richard Dawkins, Fellow of the Royal Society and Charles Simonyi Chair for the Public Understanding of Science at Oxford University and Professor John Lennox (MA, MA, Ph.D., D.Phil., D.Sc.), Professor of Mathematics and Philosophy of Science, Green College, University of Oxford.

Dawkins, voted by Europe's Prospect Magazine as one of the world's most important intellectuals, is regarded by many as the spokesman for the "New Atheism." BBC has labeled him "Darwin's Rottweiler." He has written numerous best-sellers, most notable among them, his recent book, *The God Delusion*. TGD has been on The New York Times List of Best-Sellers for over thirty weeks. It is a no-holds-barred assault on religious faith generally, and Christianity specifically. According to Dawkins, one can deduce atheism from scientific study; indeed, he argues that it is the only viable choice.

Lennox, a popular Christian apologist and scientist, travels widely speaking on the interface between science and religion. Like Dawkins, he has dedicated his career to science, but he has arrived at very different conclusions. "It is the very nature of science that leads me to belief in God," he says. Lennox possesses doctorates from Oxford, Cambridge, and the University of Wales. He has written a response to the notion that Science has exposed the Bible as obscurantist in a book titled *God's Undertaker: Has Science Buried God?* The book was published this fall.

The debate centered on Dawkins' views as expressed in his best-seller, *The God Delusion* and their validity over and against the Christian faith. This was the first significant discussion on this issue in the "Bible Belt."

The event was recorded by the BBC, NPR and Fox News Channel. It was broadcast live by SRN Radio.

In its aftermath, this event has received coverage from:

- the Wall Street Journal, "A Revelation: In Alabama, a Civil Debate over God's Existence."
- the Times, "Dawkins here to announce his conversion to Christianity"
- the Birmingham News. "Two scholars debate at UAB on existence of God."

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