



Wisdom - Not

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A survey was taken last year of 1,300 members of the Freedom From Religion Foundation. It discovered that the average freethinker is considerably more educated and intellectual than the typical American.

While less than 25% of the general population had a college degree, 73% of these atheists had at least one. Nine times as many of the Foundation members who responded to the survey had a doctorate, which is 10 times that of the general population.

"The educational pursuits of our members bear witness to the fact that most people who reject religion do so mainly on intellectual grounds," said Anne Nicol Gaylor, president of the foundation which is based in Madison, Wisconsin.

Seniors are also much more heavily represented in this group than might be expected. Twenty-two percent of the respondents were in their 70s while only 3.5% were in their 20s. "Free thought is very strongly correlated with the wisdom of age," Gaylor said.

A religious upbringing was no guarantee that a person would not stray from the faith. Almost 75% of the foundation members who responded came from religious backgrounds. Twenty-nine percent had rejected Roman Catholicism, 19% had been Methodists, 14.5% baptists, 12% Lutherans, and 9% Presbyterians.

When students of the Bible hear statistics like these, they will probably recall such scriptural passages as the following from 2 Timothy 3: *But mark this: There will be terrible times in the last days. People will be lovers of themselves....always learning but never able to acknowledge the truth.* (NIV)

Creationists, in particular, are not likely to be surprised at the results of this survey. Despite all their advanced degrees, their fame, and the stranglehold that evolutionists have on the scientific establishment, a careful examination of the evolution theory, which is at heart atheistic, finds it to have a foundation of straw.

Wisdom certainly can't be found in those university classrooms where professors propagate their atheistic views to naive college students.

Rather, for wisdom we turn to God. *Oh, the depths of the riches of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable his judgments and his paths beyond tracing out!* (NIV) Romans 11:33 LSI

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