

A DIFFERENCE BETWEEN FOOLS

I selected the following item from a collection of illustrations that was first published in 1979. I chose to pass it along to you (my list) because it gives such an excellent response to the claim of atheists that there is no God. The item does not explain why this pastor went into a tavern, but it reads as follows:

A pastor entered a tavern where a man, wishing to embarrass him, rose and suddenly called out quite loudly, "Es gibt keinen Gott" (There is no God). The pastor went to him, calmly laid his hand on his shoulder, and said, "Friend, what you have said is not new. The Bible included that statement some 3,000 years ago."

The man replied, "I never knew that the Bible made such a statement."

The pastor informed him that Psalm 14:1 and 53:1 tell us, "The fool hath said in his heart, There is no God." But there is a difference between that fool and you. He was quite modest and said it only in his heart; he didn't go about yelling it out in taverns."

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