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In Olympia, the state capital of Washington, there are two contradictory "Christmas" displays. There is the nativity scene beside the bust of George Washington and on the other side is an atheist message that says there is no God.

The atheist message is self-contradictory, "At this season of THE WINTER SOLSTICE may reason prevail. There are no gods, no devils, no angels, no heaven or hell. There is only our natural world. Religion is but a myth and superstition that hardens hearts and enslaves minds."

However, the atheist message itself is really contradictory. If reason is to really prevail, than how can one reasonably say, "there are no gods?" That statement is unreasonable. How do you prove that statement? Isn't that statement, in and of itself, a statement of faith, since it cannot be proven, and therefore is really not of reason alone? In fact, is it not harder to prove that there is no God than that there is a God? To prove there is no God, one would have to search the whole universe and beyond in every dimension.

For example, if you said there is no gold in Wisconsin because you had not previously found gold, you would spend the rest of your life trying to prove it. You would have to search every home and dig up every inch of ground to prove your statement. However to prove the contrary all you have to do is find one piece of gold and your statement is proven true.

So as a Christian, all I need to do is to demonstrate evidence of a living God to support my faith while the atheist has to continue to live by "blind" faith that there is no God.

The evidences for God are many, from the creation of the universe to the personal witness of Jesus Christ, God's son, and the multitude of witnesses that support his claim, from angels to disciples, from God himself to kings of this earth.

So let's be reasonable. Let us boldly and enthusiastically celebrate Christmas. Let us celebrate the birth of the Christ Child. Let us celebrate the hope we have as a result of God's provision for eternal life. Let us celebrate this demonstration of God's love for us. Let us celebrate Christmas.