

So true

In Stephen Charnock's classic work, *The Existence and Attributes of God* (published 1682), he includes a section entitled "Practical Atheism."

One sentence is very striking. Charnock writes:

*"Those, therefore, are more deservedly termed atheists,
who acknowledge a God,
and walk as if there were none,
than those (if there can be any such)
that deny a God,
and walk as if there were one."*

(Complete Works of Stephen Charnock, Vol. 1, p.186)