

Why don't you believe in God??

Why don't you believe in Zeus, Thor or Green People on Venus? Same reason. There's no evidence. Evidence is everything.

And before you say "What do you mean? You're evidence of God".. I'll have to point out the logical fallacy that you would be using: Presupposition

You pre-suppose the existence of a God, and assign Him the power to create me, then say "How can you say there is no God, you're standing right there!"... Then I would say "See that car there? I made that car from toothpicks.. How can you doubt it.. There it is!" I have presupposed my ability to make cars out of toothpicks before I made the argument.

Also, there is actually reason to believe that a Christian God of your description (All Loving, All Knowing, All powerful) doesn't exist in this universe. If He did, why would He allow innocent children to get cancer? Why would He send hurricanes and earthquakes kill so many people? Why would He allow people to fly planes into our skyscrapers and kill thousands of His "children"? And on and on and on.

When looking at the world through the eyes of a rationalist/atheist, the world makes perfect sense. Some people, good and bad, will die in natural disasters. Little children will get cancer as a certain percentage of the population. There's no malice, and no "mysterious plan".

You will then say "Oh, that's why you have to have faith". All the earth's religions require faith.. are they all correct?

If there is only one God, why are there over 10,000 religions in the world. Does He want all the believers of other religions to go to Hell?

Why do you believe that the Bible is the actual word of God? I mean, at least think of the question. If you say "cause it says so in the Bible", then that's circular logic, and that EVERY book would be considered true on those grounds.

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What exactly IS an atheist?

A. An atheist is a person who is without a belief in a god or gods.

However, if you look up "Atheist" in certain dictionaries, you might encounter phrases like "one who denies the existence of God" (implying that we are in denial of reality), "infidel", "non-believer", "immoral", "evil". Good examples of this can be found in the older versions of Webster's Dictionary. Webster was a Christian and obviously had an axe to grind against atheists.

Also, be aware that Atheism, and Gnosticism address different things. Atheism speaks to belief (Theism=with belief in a god, Atheism=without belief in a god), and Gnosticism speaks to knowledge (Gnostic=Knowledge of god vs Agnostic=without Knowledge of a god). So you can be both. Personally, I'm an Agnostic Atheist. I don't KNOW that there's no god, but I don't BELIEVE in any.

So, there are:

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- * Soft (Agnostic) Atheists - Claim that they don't know (and indeed CAN'T know), and can't prove it, but don't believe in God just the same.

Just as there are:

- * Hard (Gnostic) Theists - Claim that they know that God does exist, and can prove it through logical argument.
- * Soft (Agnostic) Theists - Claim that they don't know (and indeed CAN'T know), and can't prove it, but DO believe in God just the same.

Atheists often identify themselves as Freethinkers, secularists, realists, rationalists, and/or Secular Humanists.

They're found the world over and Globally make up about 45% of all Mankind. (And growing. :)

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Atheism

What's it all about?

Frequently asked questions about Atheists and Atheism.

What have you got against religion?

Well, to begin with, it's divisive. It splits all of humanity in to warring factions.

Religious beliefs were the cause of and/or the justification for:

- The Spanish Inquisition
- The Crusades
- The Divine Rights of Kings
- Witch Trials in Europe and America
- The perpetuation of Slavery
- The Dehumanization of other religion's believers (and non-believers)
- The Subjugation of Women
- Parents pray to heal their children, instead of modern medicine
- The decades of violence between Jews and Moslems in the Middle East
- The decades of violence between Catholics and Protestants in Northern Ireland
- Capital Crimes against Women's Health Centers
- The 9-11 tragedy (a true faith-based act) and the subsequent War on Terror
- The Suppression of Science, and indeed the suppression of reason itself. *

* ("Thinking" is frowned upon even from the beginning.. The "Original sin" itself comes from Man eating from the "Tree of Knowledge".)

The list goes on and on.. for more information, visit The Root Causes of Religious Atrocities.

Religion teaches us that the earth is put here for our disposal. We can use it up, or trash it, and it's Ok. Besides, Jesus is coming back shortly to put an end to it anyway, right?

Religion teaches us that we are all born tainted with sin; impure and dirty. We must spend our entire lives trying to "make up for" the sins of the first humans.

When religious leaders answer all of our questions for us, we lose our own natural curiosity. It atrophies, and we are left acting as automatons, going through our routine activities like robots.

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Religion stymies the wonder of Nature. It's not nature that is wonderful when we give the Great Father all the credit for creating it in all it's wonder.

Further, religion teaches us that certain areas of Nature are off-limits. For example: Stem-cell research, which has great potential for reducing human suffering and disease, has been defunded by the Federal Government.

The Creation of the Universe. No less a personage than the Pope has told us that we should not study the Big Bang, because it should be left in the domain of God

Evolution: The study of the descent of man, would be outlawed if we gave the religious-right half a chance. Every year sees new law suits being introduced in an attempt to get the teaching of evolution banned from our schools.

Also, it redirects hundreds of billions dollars and man-hours away from more productive pursuits.

Religion is directly responsible for the bilking of billions of dollars from the old and infirm.

Religion teaches that morality is rigid and unchanging, rather than subject to changing circumstances.

It's "supernatural" foundation keeps millions, if not billions, of people in educational and cultural stagnation. If societies believe that they can find the answers to all of life's questions in their holy books, why study anything else?

People pray rather than seek legitimate medical attention for illnesses for themselves and their children. Christian Science "Practitioners", are actually paid by insurance companies to pray for the recovery of the sick and infirm under their care, as opposed to actually giving them even minimal medical treatment.

Most religions tell you that your life on earth is infinitesimally small compared to that which awaits you in heaven. So why even bother trying to do anything but praise God while here on earth?

It's can't be conducive to good mental health to have an All-Powerful "Judge of Right and Wrong" watching your every move and reading your every thought, ready to cast you into Hell forever for the slightest infraction. You could easily see where this could lead directly to paranoia. Indeed, does this not define paranoia?

In War, religion teaches us that there is no reason to try to quickly end it. After all, God is on our side, and all the fallen soldiers are going to heaven anyway since they are fighting in a Holy cause.

And finally, if we accept Religion's version of human history, we are denying our own true history, the actual human story. Homo Sapiens have endured for a 150,000 years, not 6,000. We have survived global catastrophes (ex: The Toba Caldera Eruption, the Yellowstone Eruption, and an Ice Age), and have battled the Neanderthal for human supremacy of the planet. We have fought the mighty Mammoth, the Mastodon, and the Saber-Tooth tiger. And, in spite of this, and in spite of being constantly plagued by superstition and religion, we have managed to develop Reason and the Scientific Method to a finely honed tool for examining, and explaining, the universe around us.



RELIGION:
HUMANITY'S REAL
"MATRIX"

FAITH: What your preacher says you must have so that you'll believe all the whatever else he wants to tell you.

Personally, I've never seen faith move a mountain, but I HAVE see what it can do to sky-scrappers.