

Hi. I'm an atheist. I am one of many that you surely see every day. We simply don't believe in deities, the same way you don't believe in thousands of historical gods. When we had applied the laughable flaws of those other gods to our own god, we discovered no difference. Yes, we broke the rules by questioning and thinking for ourselves, but it's hard to ignore that there was no god where he clearly had promised to be.



We aren't evil and immoral, or out to eat babies. That's all made up lies to scare believers into compliance. Actually, we tend towards being reasonable, kind folks, because **this** life is our only chance to get it right! We don't see how it's wise or sane to believe in a vengeful, genocidal god, just for his *unverifiable* threats and promises. Believing in magic, just in case it's real, is only succumbing to unfounded, irrational fear and reasonable people are beyond it.

Atheists gravitate toward Secular Humanism, which applies a naturally altruistic and reasoned morality and equality to all people. However, believers often claim that atheists have no moral basis, while they themselves (magically perhaps) have an objective, divine morality. Unless there's an excuse for the

Bible's condoning of slavery, the stoning of children and repeated genocide, God clearly isn't a desirable source of morality. **At this point** most believers struggle to reconcile such obvious contradictions. Ever wonder why you do that? It has to do with being taught to protect your beliefs from scrutiny, despite an utter lack of evidence. (*& no, your holy book is not evidence; it's merely a claim of divinity*)

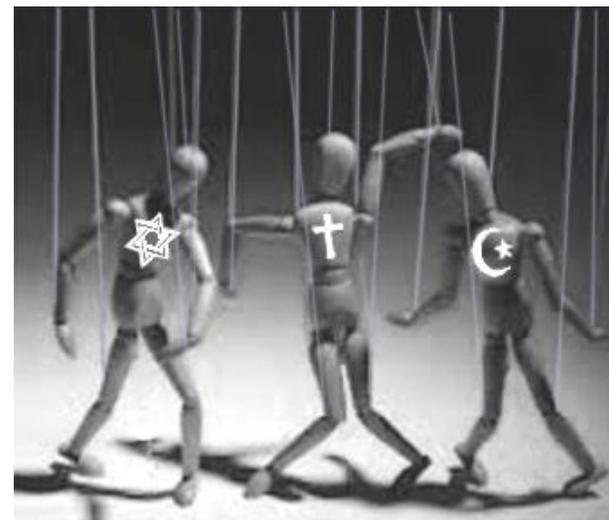
A long history of religion has resulted in your divine, magical beliefs somehow **not** sounding absurd and childish. Think about it. Unicorns, faeries and gods are **equally indemonstrable**, but our culture has shaped god myths into being common, acceptable and even sensible beliefs. No, longevity doesn't justify your God belief; it just compels fewer people to laugh at your silly myths claims. Granted, God beliefs wouldn't be so unnatural if *somebody* could demonstrate God's existence, apart from citing hearsay, coincidence, mysteries or works of fiction.

Still, most of us fully support your right to believe any nonsense you like, as long as no one is made a dogmatic doormat for your religious beliefs. Your freedom to follow dogma absolutely ends where my freedom **to be free of it** begins. Further, please stop pretending that faith in God is a divine proxy to validate your actions. It's dishonest and ultimately harmful.

Despite what you think, we know all about your god and his supposed history. Typically, atheists used to be believers, who bothered to discover the horrors and atrocities within their holy books. So yes, I'm not asking you to ignore your horrible book, but to actually read it, cover to cover.

Nothing makes reasonable people into atheists like honestly reading the Bible and Quran or (*insert your god's book here*).

The real question to ask yourself is **"Have I been manipulated into believing that God is real?"**



Have you been made to believe out of fear or guilt? Have you been told it's simply true and not to question it? Have you always been told that your natural feelings of joy and awe are God touching you? Why are you afraid to doubt it all?

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