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**God wants you to believe in him without rational proof.**

Why would God give me the ability to reason but not want me to use it? And if more than one religion wants me to follow it unquestioningly, how do I choose between them without using reason?

**You say you don't believe that God exists, but the word "God" is meaningless if there is no such thing, so you are admitting that God exists even as you deny his existence.**

We often talk about things that don't exist. Unicorns, for example.

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Actually, he spoke about God quite often.

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A Question of Moral Atheism

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If you believe in God and are wrong, then it's no big deal, but if you don't believe and are wrong, you'll be punished eternally, so it's risky to be an atheist. I can't choose to believe or not believe. I have to be convinced.

People who follow Jesus are good, so you should follow Jesus.

That a certain belief leads to good behavior doesn't prove that the belief is true.

There were eye witnesses that Jesus worked miracles. Second-hand reports from long after an event are not sufficient evidence for a miracle.

Most people who know about Jesus believe in Him. Even if that's true, the popularity of a belief isn't evidence that the belief is true.

Jesus was either a liar, crazy, or God. He spoke against liars, and didn't act crazy, so the only remaining possibility is that he is God.

There are other possibilities. For example, Jesus could have been misunderstood, misremembered, or misrepresented.

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If you don't believe in God, you'll go to Hell! I doubt that.

You're only saying you're an atheist to rebel against authority. No, I'm not.

You're angry at God. I don't even believe God exists.

Deep down you really believe in God. No, I don't.

Atheists are Satanic. I don't believe that Satan exists, either.

There are no atheists in foxholes. Even if that were true, I don't base my world view on how people think in times of incredible stress.

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