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ATHEISTS DON’T EXIST - GOD SAID SO

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*I’ve met some agnostics before, but I’ve only met one or two people who actually claimed to be an atheist.*

Ralph, Agnostics don't believe in your God either. So according to your beliefs they are going to the same place as Atheists ... The Big Barbecue.

An Agnostic is simply an Atheist who is smart enough to know better than to admit publicly to not believing in your God; because the price that one pays doesn't start after death - Christians start making you pay ... right away.

*Most people who struggle with the existence of God will simply opt to the agnostic position. The agnostic says that they just don’t know for sure whether or not God exists.*

Ralph, you don't seem to even know what an Atheist is. An Atheist is one who withholds belief based on the fact that Ghost Worshippers have been unable to produce even one shred of evidence that their spook actually exists. That is why Agnostics *are* Atheists: they too withhold belief.

*When an atheist claims that God does not exist, then he or she directly denies the clear truth of Scripture.*

Ralph, Atheists do not claim that God does not exist. That would be a claim that would require evidence. It is impossible to prove the nonexistence of anything. You should know that since you cannot prove that Allah doesn't exist.

Ralph, if your scripture were as clear as you claim, there wouldn't be hundreds of different denominations. Apparently, it isn't as clear as you seem to think it is.

*So who will we believe, God or atheists?*

Ralph, your question doesn't make any sense. Atheists aren't making a claim so there is nothing to believe or not believe. You can either agree or disagree with their rejection. So to turn your nonsense question into one that makes sense you should say, "So who will we agree with, Atheists ... or Nut jobs?"

*Romans 1:18-20 states in no uncertain terms that, in fact, it is atheists that don’t exist:*

*"For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men who suppress the truth in unrighteousness, because that which is known about God is evident within them; for God made it evident to them. For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes, His eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly seen, being understood through what has been made, so that they are without excuse."*

Ralph, I hate to be the bearer of bad news but after 2,000 years of intense missionary effort, two-thirds of planet Earth are still atheistic towards your God. So when it comes to clear communication, I would say that your God gets around an F.

*Based on this same Scripture we can clearly see that atheists are denying the truth in unrighteousness.*

Well Ralph, you've got a point, if, you can prove that your Bible is anything other than a collection of gruesome, ancient fairy tales. So far, the only 'evidence' you've offered is a threat of eternal torture ... if we don't believe.

*God’s existence is a threat to what they believe and to how they want to live their lives.*

Ralph, if your invisible ghost is real, then He isn't a threat to Atheist's beliefs ... He disproves Atheist's disbelief. And if He *is* real, then we could not live our lives free of the terror from the threat of eternal torture, but we would be forced to live like frightened little hamsters ... pretty much the way you do. Daring not to allow even a doubt to enter our minds, least we invite the wrath of a murderous, torturing ghost.

*Denying the reality of God allows them to remain in their sin.*

Ralph, refusing to accept the existence of your invisible friends does not imply that we desire to live sinful lives. In fact, reality demonstrates that in every place on Earth, Ghost Worshippers are far more likely to engage in harmful, destructive activities towards their fellow humans than are rational people.

*I guess they will explain this to God on judgment day.*

Ralph, that's always the last thing Christians say after all of their arguments have failed. The one thing they always reserve for last is, "Oh yeah, well our invisible ghost will make you very sorry ... after you're dead."

Ralph, a hint: that only works on other Ghost Worshippers. It has no effect on rational people. So you are just making yourself look even more ridiculous than before.

*How can anyone look at creation, see through a microscope or telescope and rationally conclude this all just happened and that it’s all just an incredibly large cosmic accident.*

Ralph, if you spent more time in science books instead of ancient fairy tale books, you might realize how stupid that misrepresentation was. Science doesn't claim that everything "just happened." Everything that has happened has occurred because of the chemical and physical laws of nature that govern the way matter and energy act.

Also, no one knows if the Big Bang was a cosmic accident or an inevitable result of quantum fluctuations. And we sure as hell won't find out by burying our heads in ancient fairy tales.

*To do so is just not rational.*

Ralph, people who talk to invisible ghosts are not in a position to be lecturing anyone on being "rational."

*When man denies God he becomes irrational.*

Ralph, you seriously need to spend a quiet weekend with Mr. Webster. Your understanding of the English language leaves much to be desired.

*If we believe Scripture then God did create the heavens and the earth, man, animals, and plants, in seven days. Why would this be too hard for God?*

Ralph, when you can answer every question with "Magic!" you have answered nothing. Magic is not an answer - it is an admission that you don't have an answer.

*It is very interesting that atheists, who deny God’s existence, spend so much time, energy, and even money fighting those who do believe.*

Ralph, I don't think "fighting" is the proper word. I would say "defending against" would be a much more accurate phrase.

*I don’t believe in ghosts or goblins, but I don’t spend any time trying to persecute those who do. Why would I?*

Ralph, you don't believe in ghosts? So now you've become an Atheist? Congratulations! There may be hope for you after all.

Actually, you do persecute those who believe in ghosts. You persecute Muslims, Hindus, and anyone who doesn't submit to your Ghost by threatening them with eternal torture.

*I conclude the matter this way. God said there are no atheists. I believe Him. There are no atheists.*

Ralph, denial is simply another admission of defeat ... whether you admit it or not.

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THE SCIENCE SEGMENT

WE CAN DO MATH PROBLEMS AND READ PHRASES UNCONSCIOUSLY

Can we actually read words and phrases and solve multi-step mathematical problems without our having consciously been aware of them? A team of researchers has conducted a series of experiments that give a positive answer: people can read and do math non-consciously.

The results constitute a challenge to existing theories of unconscious processes, that maintain that reading and solving math problems -- two prime examples of complex, rule-based operations – require consciousness.

To present sentences and equations unconsciously, the researchers used a cutting-edge technique called Continuous Flash Suppression, in which one eye is exposed to a series of rapidly changing images, while the other is simultaneously exposed to a constant image. The rapid changes in the one eye dominate consciousness, so that the image presented to the other eye is not experienced consciously.

In one set of experiments using this technique, participants were asked to pronounce numbers that appeared on a computer’s screen. These numbers were preceded with unconscious arithmetic equations. The results of the experiments showed that participants could more quickly pronounce the conscious number if it had been the result of the unconscious equation. For example, when 9-5-1 was shown non-consciously, the participants were faster in pronouncing 3 than 4, even though they did not consciously see the equation.

In another set of experiments, participants were non-consciously exposed to a number of short verbal expressions that remained on screen until participants could say that they saw them (in the meantime, the other eye was exposed to the rapidly flashing images). The results showed that negative verbal expressions (e.g., human trafficking) or unusual phrases (e.g., the bench ate a zebra) became conscious to the viewers before more positive expressions (e.g., ironed shirt) and more usual phrases (e.g., the lion ate a zebra), indicating a definite "pickup" by the unconscious of something negative and out of the ordinary.

These results show that the humans can perform complex, rule-based operations unconsciously, contrary to existing models of consciousness and the unconscious. Therefore, current theories of the unconscious processes and human consciousness need to be revised. These revisions would bring us closer to solving one of the biggest scientific mysteries of the 21st century: "What are the functions of human consciousness?”

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FAMOUS QUOTES

Michel de Montaigne (1533 –1592) 59 years.

He was one of the most influential writers of the French Renaissance, known for popularizing the essay as a literary genre, and commonly thought of as the father of modern skepticism. He became famous for his effortless ability to merge serious intellectual exercises with casual anecdotes and autobiography—and his massive volume Essais (translated literally as "Attempts" or "Trials") contains, to this day, some of the most widely influential essays ever written. Montaigne had a direct influence on writers the world over, including René Descartes, Blaise Pascal, Jean-Jacques Rousseau, William Hazlitt, Ralph Waldo Emerson, Friedrich Nietzsche, Stefan Zweig, Eric Hoffer, Isaac Asimov, and possibly on the later works of William Shakespeare.

He is most famously known for his skeptical remark, 'What do I know?' Remarkably modern even to readers today, Montaigne's attempt to examine the world through the lens of the only thing he can depend on implicitly—his own judgment—makes him more accessible to modern readers than any other author of the Renaissance. Much of modern literary non-fiction has found inspiration in Montaigne and writers of all kinds continue to read him for his masterful balance of intellectual knowledge and personal story-telling.

“Men of simple understanding,

little inquisitive and little instructed,

make good Christians.”

BARKER REPLIES TO SOME OF THE COMMENTS

(He received dozens. Oddly enough, despite writing many articles after this one, he didn't receive another comment until the end of the year)

*Hello Mr. Anderson, Being a fellow member of Mensa (although I don't pay my dues) I, too, know you exist.*

Ralph, you just wrote an entire article arguing that Atheists don't exist ... and now you contradict yourself. That's not too impressive for a Mensa member. Don't be surprised if they ask you to return your "Mensa Members Only" jacket.

*I think you may be equivocating on the meaning of the word "exist."*

Ralph, after that embarrassing contradiction you just wrote, I would say that you might be the one doing the equivocating.

*I used to teach a course on fallacious logic.*

Ralph, a Ghost Worshipper teaching a course on fallacious logic? You're going to have to give me a few minutes to let that one sink in.

*Actually, you and I and your fellow commentors are all in the same position.*

Ralph, except that you have a much higher I.Q.

Despite the fact that you don't know how to spell "commenters."

*We all make our cases based on faith.*

Ralph, why don't you and your I.Q. mosey on over to a dictionary and look up the definition of an Atheist. You'll find that faith isn't a requirement.

*You have faith that God doesn't exist and I have faith that He does.*

Ralph, no Mensa boy, the Atheist doesn't have faith. That's why he's an Atheist.

*I'll admit you hve much more faith than I do because it takes much more faith to see creation and conclude that no intelligent being created it.*

Ralph, even if that were true it wouldn't prove that it was your invisible ghost who created it. Allah, Brahman, and countless other ghosts have all made the same claim.

*Since my article was short and meant to be more of a exegesis of a passage, I didn't have the time or room to present all the extra biblical evidence of the Bible's reliability and accuracy regarding history, ethics, and science.*

Ralph, actually you did. By presenting nothing, you did present all the extra biblical evidence for the Bible's reliability and accuracy in history, ethics, and science.

Now for Ralph's response to the next commenter:

*Hi Mikko, With all due respect I think that you and the majority of my atheist responders have totally missed the point.*

Ralph, are those the Atheist responders that you said didn't exist?

*Of course, there are human beings who claim the title atheist. They exist. I have met them. My point is, according to Scripture, that every human being KNOWS that there is a God.*

Ralph, then reality has proven your Bible wrong again. In this case, it was only off by about one billion people.

*Ergo, in that respect, there is no such thing as a true atheist because at the deepest level every one does believe in God.*

Ralph, so on judgment day, is God going to judge us by this deeper level and let us all in to Fairyland? Or will He use a different level to judge us?

*Yes, I know, the Bible says so and you may not believe it, but there goes that faith thing again. We are each placing our own faith in something or maybe nothing in your case.*

Ralph, you are desperately trying to classify their rejection of your ancient fairy tales as faith so that you can claim equality. But rejection of claims for which there is no evidence is the exact opposite of faith. As a former logic teacher, that is something you *should* know. And even if your logic has failed you (as it obviously has) you still have access to a dictionary. So to quote a little scripture Ralph ... "You are without excuse."

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THE SCIENCE SEGMENT

Early Human Ancestor Discovered

Scientists have just announced the discovery of a large rock containing significant parts of a skeleton of an early human ancestor. The skeleton is believed to be the remains of 'Karabo', the type skeleton of Australopithecus sediba, discovered at the Malapa Site in the Cradle of Humankind in 2009.

Researchers have discovered parts of a jaw and critical aspects of the body including what appear to be a complete femur, ribs, vertebrae and other important limb elements, some never before seen in such completeness in the human fossil record. This discovery will almost certainly make Karabo the most complete early human ancestor skeleton ever discovered.

The remains are invisible to the casual observer and are entrenched in a large rock about one metre in diameter. It was discovered almost three years ago, but lay unnoticed in the laboratory until recently.

Negotiations have begun with the Shanghai Science and Technology Museum, the Natural History Museum in the United Kingdom, and the Smithsonian in Washington.

(I think other researchers may have something to say about this result. But we'll just have to wait and see).

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FAMOUS QUOTES

VOLTAIRE (BIOGRAPHLY PREVIOUSLY GIVEN)

"All murderers are punished

unless they kill in large numbers

and to the sound of trumpets"