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Why do atheists hate God?

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*Recently, I have had a lot of conversations with atheists. Many express a strong hatred of God. I have been at a loss to explain this.*

Me too Don, I'm at a loss to understand how someone could hate something that they don't believe exists. Perhaps you misunderstood them. Perhaps what they hate is the horror that belief in God has brought to our planet. That would certainly make a lot more sense than hating someone's imaginary friend.

*How can you hate someone you don’t believe in?*

Don, great question. I believe it's the same one I just asked ...

and answered.

*Why the hostility? If God does not exist, shouldn’t atheists just relax and seek a good time before they become plant food?*

Well Don, let's analyze that one. Since they don't believe that your invisible friends are real then why aren't they relaxing? Perhaps it's because they have learned from 2,000 years of Christian history, never to relax within weapon range of Christians.

And Don, you can believe that when you die you are going to float off to fairyland to live with your invisible friend forever, but as far as science can tell, you too will be fertilizing dandelions.

*Why should it matter if people believe in God?*

Don, the answer to your question lies in 2,000 years of brutal, bloody Christian history. For example, American Indians were doing just fine until Christian invaders killed millions of them and stole their lands.

*Nothing matters if atheism is true.*

Don, you have it completely backwards. Since Atheists do not believe in an afterlife, this life becomes extremely precious. On the other hand, if your fairy tales are true then you are the one for whom nothing matters. If you are going to live forever in Heaven then your brief life here becomes utterly meaningless.

*Aldous Huxley (1894–1963), the brother of the atheistic evolutionist Sir Julian Huxley, advocated a drug-fuelled utopia. He gave the reason for his anti-Christian stance: “I had motive for not wanting the world to have a meaning … the philosophy of meaninglessness was essentially an instrument of liberation, sexual and political.”*

Don, by meaning, Huxley meant divine purpose. He didn't mean meaninglessness as you are using the word. Billions have found deep meaning in everyday life without the assistance of invisible friends.

*Like Huxley, some people don’t like God because they don’t like moral constraints—you can make up your own rules, or have none at all, if God does not exist.*

Don, you deceitful little Ghost Worshiper. You completely ignored laws. I know you aren't that stupid - you are just hoping that your audience is.

Society has, in fact, made up its own rules. No society has chosen to have none at all. So your spook is irrelevant to man's laws.

*They hate God and Christians because they are actually not confident that God does not exist and seeing Christians may remind them that they are ‘suppressing the truth’.*

Don, seeing Christians only reminds me that the world has a long, long way to go before it can be considered modern. Religion is doing its best to keep everyone locked in the Middle Ages. Fortunately, religious belief is declining worldwide, and the world is finally awakening from its long period of mental illness, and beginning to grow up.

*What about atheists who had a church/religious upbringing?*

Don, that would apply to nearly all Atheists.

*Some of them hate God because of evil things done to them by teachers in religious schools or by church leaders—people who on the face of it represented God.*

Don, "on the face of it?" You're getting ready to try the "No true Christian" logical fallacy aren't you?

Those people do represent your God, and they are just the tip of the iceberg when it comes to exposing religious evil.

*Antipathy towards God is an understandable reaction, sadly (although illogical).*

Don, you believe in Noah's Ark. What could you possibly know of logic?

*Many complain about hell; they are angry at God because of hell.*

Don, Hell is God's greatest embarrassment. Our worst serial killers aren't capable of such evil.

*I understand that teachers in certain church-based schools, and parents in some ‘religious’ homes, commonly used the ‘fear of God’ to make children behave. “You are bad; you will burn in hell if you don’t behave.” But such a simplistic works-oriented approach not only trivializes this most serious of subjects, it negates the Gospel of God’s grace. (We are all ‘bad’ in God’s eyes, and ‘behaving properly’ will not save us—only Jesus can.)*

Don, Jesus saves less than one out of every three humans. That's not very impressive for someone who is supposed to be all-powerful, and has being working at it for thousands of years.

*A child who is having difficulties may well conclude that there is no way out for them, leading to years of nightmares about suffering in hell.*

Don, now you're getting down to the horror that is Christianity. The damage you people have done over the centuries is incalculable. But help is on the way. The internet is allowing Atheists to reach more people than ever before. The trend is only heading in one direction, Don ... and it isn't yours.

*Such a troubled teenager hearing an atheist say that evolution explains how we got here and that God is a myth could find this to be a liberating message, a release from their fears.*

Don, the truth will tend to do that. The age of threats, fear, and Christian-inspired intimidation and hate is slowly coming to an end. That doesn't mean evil is ending. It only means we'll have one less source of evil to contend with. But Don ... that is one *really* big source.

*The Bible tells us that God is in the business of salvation.*

Don, God is in business all right. Salvation is the bait and terrified humans are the suckers.

*Though His wrath regarding sin is all too real, we need not suffer it. Those who come to Him in repentance and faith will not be turned away.*

That's right Don, their money is just as good as anyone else's.

*“For God so loved the world that He gave His only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.” (John 3:16). It is strange that people hate God, who loves so much.*

Don, that is, provided you join His team. Remember our earlier discussion, about where those who refuse to join, wind up?

*Some atheists complain of Christian ‘intolerance’ in speaking about hell.*

Don, are you claiming that Hell does *not* demonstrate intolerance? Can you name one thing more intolerant than torturing someone for eternity?

No. You cannot.

*But if those who spurn God’s forgiveness*

Don, God's what? Forgiveness? Does God indicate anywhere in the Bible that He will forgive those in Hell after a week? a month? a year? a thousand years? a million years?

Don, you couldn't worship anyone less tolerant than your ghost.

*will suffer God’s wrath, as the Bible teaches, shouldn’t we Christians be warning everyone about the danger and how they can be saved?*

Don, you people have been warning everyone for 2,000 years. You've been scaring the living hell out of little children for centuries. You people are wicked. The only good news is the ray of hope shown by polls that prove that your death cult is crashing worldwide. America is the last great bastion of Christianity; and polls show that here too, Christianity is beginning its death throes.

*How is that ‘intolerant’? It would be extremely unloving not to tell others of this. A gift of Creation magazine might be a good place to start.*

Don, Creation magazine is worth less than the toilet paper you use to wipe your ass.

Listeners, if you want a treat you should visit the web site where this essay is posted, and read the comments from fantasy-prone Ghost Worshipers - some are hilarious.

http://creation.com/atheist-god-hate

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THE SCIENCE SEGMENT

Promising brain tumor treatment

highjacks "monorail" that lets cancer spread

Tough-to-treat glioblastoma brain tumors may have met their match in a promising new treatment that “highjacks” what makes the deadly cancers spread so easily, turning that mechanism against the cancer itself.

The new treatment approach keeps cancer drugs out of the brain by directing tumor cells along an artificial track that leads them to tumor drugs, sparing healthy brain tissue that’s often damaged by treatment.

One attraction about the approach is that it is purely a device. Treating these cancers with minimally-invasive films could be a lot less dangerous than deploying pharmaceutical chemicals.

Glioblastoma is one of the most common forms of brain cancer, affecting about 10,000 patients each year -- about half of whom will die within 15 months of diagnosis.

Tumors that arise in the brain without a known origin are called gliomas, and the most malignant forms are glioblastomas. They are aggressive, infiltrative and cannot be cured by surgery. The tumor spreads throughout the brain on nerve fibers and blood vessels, allowing it to invade new areas that surgeons are typically reluctant to operate on. Even if the main tumor can be removed, it’s often spread throughout the brain by the time a person is diagnosed.

That’s where the new technique comes in. The team designed an alternative fiber out of a polymer called polycaprolactone surrounded by flexible polyurethane that mimics the surfaces of nerves and blood vessels that glioblastoma cells would typically follow.

The fibers are about half the diameter of human hair. Instead of guiding the cancers to different areas of the brain, the track takes the cells to a "tumor collector" gel located outside of the brain containing a drug called cyclopamine, which is toxic to cancer.

The scientists tested this novel approach in rats, comparing the effects with implanted fibers made of a different polymer, or a polycaprolactone fiber without the contours mimicking nerves and blood vessels.

After 18 days, they found rats treated with the new technique had tumor sizes reduced by up to 90 percent compared to the other rats, with cancer cells seen moving the entire length of the fibers into the tumor collector gel.

Cancer cells normally latch onto these natural structures and ride them like a monorail to other parts of the brain. By providing an attractive alternative fiber, scientists can efficiently move the tumors along a different path to a destination that they choose.

The treatment is far from ready for human use. The Food and Drug Administration requires extensive testing that can take up to a decade, with rat research among the earliest steps. The scientists are hopeful that if successful, the approach may one day be used to treat other diseases as well.

If they can provide cancer an escape valve of these fibers, that may provide a way of maintaining slow-growing tumors, such that, while they may be inoperable, people could live with the cancers because they are not growing. With ideas like this, people may be able to live with cancer just as they live with diabetes or high blood pressure.

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FAMOUS QUOTES

Timothy Dwight IV (1752 – 1817) 64 years

He was an American academic and educator, a Congregationalist minister, theologian, and author. He was the eighth president of Yale College for 22 years from 1795 until his death.

"We formed our Constitution without any acknowledgment of God; without any recognition of his mercies to us,

as a people, of his government, or even of his existence.

The Convention, by which it was formed, never asked, even once,

his direction, or his blessing upon their labours.

Thus we commenced our national existence under the present system, without God."