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# Fascinating Atheist Angles Compilation

Confessions of a Former Christian

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## A Compelling Argument from an Atheist

I am an atheist and a former Christian. As a former Christian I look back to what I used to believe. I wonder how I could have been so naive.

As a Christian I had very little knowledge about evolutionary biology, physics, geology, and chemistry. Yet I argued about evolution, fossils, and radioactive dating.

I claimed to know problems that scientists just happen to miss when developing these thoroughly tested methods. These supposed flaws were pointed out to me by other Christians.

Now I have read several books on each of these subjects and understand more than I thought I ever would. I know now that scientists have accounted for these supposed flaws.

As a Christian I vigorously denied the existence of thousands of gods claimed by other religions, but I was irritated when someone denied the existence of my God. I had an emotional attachment to my belief. My beliefs are now based on logic and reasoning and not emotional feelings.

As a Christian I felt insulted and "dehumanized" when scientists said that humans evolved from other life forms, but I had no problem with the Biblical claim that people were created from dirt.

I ignored the evidence from millions of scientific tests that pointed to a different theory. Now I study these scientific findings with an open mind.

As a Christian I laughed at polytheists, but I had no problem believing in the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit that are separate yet the same. To me a trinity made more sense than multiple gods. Now I don't believe in any gods.

As a Christian I got upset when I heard of the violence attributed to Islam, or any other religion, but not when the bloodshed was committed by my God. I made excuses for my God.

For Example: the slaughtering all the Egyptian babies in Exodus and the genocide performed in "Joshua" including women, children, animals and trees. I also claimed that my God was loving and kind.

As a Christian I thought Hindu beliefs that deify humans were just silly. I believed Greek claims about gods sleeping with women were absurd.

Yet I had no problem believing that the Holy Spirit impregnated Mary, who then gave birth to a man-god who got killed, came back to life and then flew up into the sky.

I realize now that the difference between these beliefs is minuscule. One is just as silly as the next.

As a Christian I was willing to spend my life looking for loopholes in the scientifically established age of the Earth, which is a few billion years...

But yet I found nothing wrong with believing dates recorded by Bronze Age tribesmen sitting in their tents and guessing the age of the Earth.

As a Christian I believed that the entire population of this planet, with the exception of those who shared my beliefs, would spend Eternity in an infinite Hell of Suffering. And I considered my religion "tolerant" and "loving." I am free of the fear of hell now.

As a Christian I ignored the textual scholars that showed evidence that the Bible was not a reliable source. However an emotional person rolling around on the floor screaming gibberish was all the evidence I needed. I know now it was just plain nonsense.

As a Christian I thought that the double blind studies showing prayer completely ineffective were diversions from Satan. I believed the unanswered prayers were simply God saying "No."

I ignored the fact that praying to any god produced the same results. I also ignored the fact that if my god was the one true god, my prayers would be answered more often than other religions which would cause a statistical anomaly that could be measured.

I don't waste my time praying now.

As a Christians I actually knew little more about my religion than what I heard in church.

I did not study the history of Christianity, the early church, how the bible was written, what books were left out of the bible, the mistranslations from the original Hebrew, and the atrocities committed in the name of Christianity. This knowledge was not needed to be a Christian.

Studying all of these items and actually reading the entire bible helped me see the truth. I am happy I do not believe in superstitions anymore. I believe actions are more important than beliefs. <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cq5TWTTPHF8>

# How to Convert an Atheist, Pt. 1

Some argue that religious life is the best way to live. They claim life without a god is sad and depressing. Statements like "I could not imagine my life without God", and "My life would be meaningless without God", are common defenses for a religious life.

The following is a list of advantages atheists enjoy over a religious life. I invite the religious viewers to submit a response video with the advantages of a religious life.

## 1. Atheists can make moral decisions based on the specific context.

Having absolutes like "Though Shall not Lie" stops people from thinking for themselves and making the right decision based on the situation at hand. In what situation would be okay to lie?

Most religious people would say, never. Atheists would disagree.

For example: If you were living in Germany hiding Jews in your attic during the holocaust, and Hitler's Nazis knocked on your door and asked if you were hiding Jews, would it be okay to lie to save the lives of the Jews in your attic?

I believe trying to save their lives would be the moral and proper choice. Atheists have the power to do what's right for all humanity, rather than the forced perspective of doing what is right for a god.

## 2. Atheists can experience healthy outrage at the outrageous without fear of questioning God's plan.

We can be outraged when a friend dies of a horrible disease, or is killed in a car accident. It is okay to be upset at disasters and horrible events. It is not a part of any plan. It is just a horrible event.

Atheists try to learn from them and not just chalk it up to God's Plan. We use science to understand catastrophic events like hurricanes, and tsunamis. This gives us the ability to save lives.

If we think a magical plan is going to happen no matter what, then why try to stop the events or make things better. Atheists do not wonder if a god is punishing us.

Yes, there is cause and effect, and our actions effect how we live, you should save for retirement, and if your diet is bad you'll end up fat, or sick, or both.

But if an airplane part falls on your house, it is an accident. If you find a 5 dollar bill on the sidewalk, it is an accident. No magical intervention, no magical wrath, these are just accidents.

Life has an element of chance. This may not seem comforting, but here is another way to look at it: Your loved one dies in a completely random car accident where nobody could possibly be blamed.

Is it more comforting to know the accident happened because of bad luck or is better to think the accident could have been prevented by an omnipotent being that could have stepped in and saved them from an untimely death, but your god decided to just let them die?

You don't have to be frustrated thinking "Was it because I didn't pray enough?" "Was God mad at me or them?" "Maybe I should have prayed more." Atheist take comfort in knowing there is no plan.

**3. Atheist can be friends with everyone without having the thought in the back of their mind that this person's lifestyle may be evil.**

You have the power to accept people for what they are. Enabling you to enjoy their quirks rather than chastise them for being unique.

**4. Atheists can have relationships with people who have alternative lifestyles without feeling like they have to save them from some deity that is going to condemn them for being themselves.**

After all, if there was a creator, then he has made everyone the way they are. Atheists don't fear that a large part of the earth's population is going to hell for being true to themselves.

**5. Atheists do not live with the fear of hell.**

This is one of the hardest things for religious people to shake and one of the best rewards. Religious people love the thought of heaven, but fear hell as a consequence.

In order to lose the fear of hell, you have to let go of the false hope of heaven. Atheists have done both.

**6. Atheists raise freethinking children; let them pick a religion, or none.**

What would you have picked? This is hard for parents. If a child wanted to be

another religion, or even atheist, it would be devastating to most religious parents.

Why not teach them about all religions and tell them why you believe the one you do, and then let them choose? Atheists do not force atheism on their children.

We simple let them see the evidence for and against religion and let them make up there own mind. They may change there mind several times.

This is okay.

Atheists love their children no matter what belief they are drawn too. That is the beauty of free thinking. You can raise your children according to your values without feeling as though you have to defend Bible stories that even a child can see are fiction.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DaOVPaYf780>

## How to Convert an Atheist, Part 2

- **A genuinely flawless and consistent holy book**

True inerrancy is, so to speak, the holy grail of theism. Almost every religion claims their scripture is perfect, but none have actually met this exacting standard; I have yet to read a holy text entirely without error or self-contradiction.

A book that was free of such problems would be circumstantial evidence in favor of the religion that possessed it, but not compelling, since this is still explicable as the result of purely human forces.

- **A religion without internal disputes or factions**

It seems reasonable to expect that, if there existed a god that was interested in revealing itself to humanity and desired that we follow its commands, that god would write down whatever instructions it had to give us in a way that was only amenable to one interpretation.

Thus, if a religion was true, we might expect that no factions or sects would form within it and all members of that religion would speak with one voice regarding ethical and theological issues.

Why the alternative scenario should ever hold for an inspired religion is not clear. Did God intend to communicate his message clearly but failed to do so?

However, since this could still be the result of human influence, it would only be circumstantial, not conclusive, evidence in favor of a given religion's truth.

- **A religion whose followers have never committed or taken part in atrocities**

If a given religion's sacred text consistently promotes peace, compassion and nonviolence, and if that religion's history reflects that fact, that religion would look much more attractive.

Historically, almost every religion that has ever had the power to do so has persecuted those who believed differently, and I do not think it likely that a morally good deity would allow his chosen faith's good name to be smeared by evil and fallible humans.

The final category deals with things that would not convince me; none of the following would persuade me to rethink my position.



To date, all the evidence I have ever seen presented for any religion falls into this category.

- **Speaking in tongues or other pseudo-miracles**

To convince me, a miracle would have to be genuine, verifiable, and represent a real and inexplicable divergence from the ordinary.

Anything that can be explained by peer pressure, the power of suggestion or the placebo effect does not count. Favorable coincidences or kind or courageous acts performed by human beings also do not meet this standard.

(This post clearly illuminates the difference: "Biblical miracles aren't about accidents and people saying 'Whew that was close.' Biblical miracles are people raising their hands and telling something impossible to happen, and it happens.")

Seeing the Virgin Mary in a water stain or Mother Teresa in a piece of pastry is not impressive. And faith healing or people being "slain in the Spirit" and toppling over, owes more to showmanship and the placebo effect used on eager-to-please individuals that have been worked up into highly excitable suggestible states.

Now, if faith healers could restore severed limbs that would be convincing.

- **People's conversion stories**

I'm not interested in the testimonials of people who converted to a religion, not even if they used to be atheists. Everyone has moments of weakness in which emotion overrides logic.

Instead of telling me how fast a religion is growing, how much of a difference it's made in people's lives, or how devoted its converts are, let those converts explain what logic and evidence persuaded them to join in the first place. If they can't do this, their stories will not affect me.

- **Any subjective experience**

Saying "I know God exists because I can feel him in my heart" or something similar will not affect me.

Most arguments of this sort rest on the assumption that a person cannot have a completely convincing subjective experience and be mistaken regarding its cause, but a look at the diversity of world religions easily disproves this.

Christians, Jews, Muslims, Hindus, Buddhists - members of all faiths claim to have had convincing subjective experiences of the truth of that faith. Obviously, they cannot all be right.

Why should an atheist accept any one of these testimonies as more valid than any other?

- **The Bible Code or other numerological feats**

Using the same algorithms employed by the Bible Code numerologists, skeptics have been able to find assassinations and other historical events "predicted" in Moby Dick, War and Peace and other works of fiction that don't claim divine inspiration, so don't expect it to impress me.

- **Creationism of any sort**

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4qmcOG-na4E>

In several years of debating atheism and theism, I have made an observation.

Ask any believer what would convince him he was mistaken and persuade him to leave his religion and become an atheist, and if you get a response, it will almost invariably be, "Nothing - I have faith in my god."

Although such people may well exist, I personally have yet to meet a theist who would acknowledge even the possibility that his belief was in error. Many theists, by their own admission, structure their beliefs so that no evidence could possibly disprove them.

In short, they are closed-minded, and have been taught to be closed-minded.

In light of this, it is ironic that atheists are often accused of being the closed-minded ones. Fundamentalists very frequently claim that we have hardened hearts, we are dogmatic and irrational, and that we reject God based on preconceived bias.

Such claims result from psychological projection. Incapable of coping with the fact that there are some people who genuinely do not believe in their god, these theists simply deny that such people exist, and instead insist that everyone thinks the same way they do.

Therefore, people who reach different conclusions than them must have some secret ulterior motive for not believing. This is truly ridiculous, but unfortunately, some people really believe it.

Thus, in the spirit of proving that the atheist's mind is not closed, I've assembled a list of what I would accept as proof that a given religion is true.

Also included are things that I would accept as circumstantial evidence of a particular religion's truth and things that would not be acceptable to me as proof of anything.

While I do not claim to speak for all atheists, I would confidently say that any religion that could produce one of the things from the first list would probably gain a great number of converts.

To be fair, I invite all theists to respond by preparing a list of things that they would accept as proof that atheism is true. If any theist prepares such a list please post it.

The first category deals with things that would absolutely convince me of the truth of a particular religion. If shown any of these, I would convert on the spot.

Verified, specific prophecies that could not have been contrived.

- If the prophecy is vague, unclear or garbled (like Nostradamus' ramblings, for example). It must be detailed, specific and unambiguous in its prediction and wording.
- If the prophecy is trivial, anyone could predict that it will be cold next winter, or that this drought/plague/flood will eventually subside. The prophecy must predict something surprising, unlikely or unique.
- If the prophecy is obviously contrived for other reasons, No official seer or court astrologer ever predicted that the king he worked for would be a brutal, evil tyrant who would ruin the country.
- If the prophecy is self-fulfilling; i.e., if the mere fact of the prophecy's existence could cause people to make it come true, The Jewish people returned to their homeland in Israel just as the Bible said they would, but this isn't a genuine prediction - they did it because the Bible said they would.

The predicted event can't be one that people could stage.

- If the prophecy predicts an event that already happened and the writing of the prophecy itself can't be shown to have preceded the event.
- If the prophecy predicts an event that already happened and the happening of that event can't be verified by independent evidence.

For example, Christian apologists claim that Jesus fulfilled many Old Testament prophecies, but the authors of the New Testament obviously had access to those prophecies also; what would have prevented them from writing their story to conform to them?

The extra-biblical evidence for the existence of Jesus is so scanty that it is impossible to disprove such a proposal.

And finally, if the prophecy is the lone success among a thousand failures, anyone can throw prophecies against a wall until one sticks.

The book or other source from which it comes must have at least a decently good record on other predictions. These conditions, are reasonable, and are only what would be expected of a true prophet with a genuine gift.

Scientific knowledge in holy books that was not available at the time.

[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=\\_rqUsC2Ksil](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_rqUsC2Ksil)

## **Top Ten Signs You're a Fundamentalist Christian**

10 - You vigorously deny the existence of thousands of gods claimed by other religions, but feel outraged when someone denies the existence of yours.

9 - You feel insulted and "dehumanized" when scientists say that people evolved from other life forms, but you have no problem with the Biblical claim that we were created from dirt.

8 - You laugh at polytheists, but you have no problem believing in a Triune God.

7 - Your face turns purple when you hear of the "atrocities" attributed to Allah, but you don't even flinch when hearing about how God/Jehovah slaughtered all the babies of Egypt in "Exodus" and ordered the elimination of entire ethnic groups in "Joshua" including women, children, and trees!

6 - You laugh at Hindu beliefs that deify humans, and Greek claims about gods sleeping with women, but you have no problem believing that the Holy Spirit impregnated Mary, who then gave birth to a man-god who got killed, came back to life and then ascended into the sky.

5 - You are willing to spend your life looking for little loopholes in the scientifically established age of Earth (few billion years), but you find nothing wrong with

believing dates recorded by Bronze Age tribesmen sitting in their tents and guessing that Earth is a few generations old.

4 - You believe that the entire population of this planet with the exception of those who share your beliefs -- though excluding those in all rival sects - will spend Eternity in an infinite Hell of Suffering. And yet consider your religion the most "tolerant" and "loving."

3 - While modern science, history, geology, biology, and physics have failed to convince you otherwise, some idiot rolling around on the floor speaking in "tongues" may be all the evidence you need to "prove" Christianity.

2 - You define 0.01% as a "high success rate" when it comes to answered prayers. You consider that to be evidence that prayer works. And you think that the remaining 99.99% FAILURE was simply the will of God.

1 - You actually know a lot less than many atheists and agnostics do about the Bible, Christianity, and church history - but still call yourself a Christian. (from [EvilBible.com](http://EvilBible.com))