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From: [kabaue\(at\)yahoo.com](mailto:kabaue(at)yahoo.com)
Subject: hall of shame

Thank you for the hall of shame article! It always makes me so sick seeing people taking advantage of the moment of grief of someone to try to impose their religious beliefs on them. And what bothers me the most is that people usually don't even understand that it is preying upon the weakened.

Did you read Ann Druyan text about Carl Sagan's death? I don't have it at hand right now, but in she mentions how he received religious proselytizing correspondence from people, prompted by said people hearing about his disease. I mean, lots of people don't know I am an atheist. They could send me this stuff in a misguided attempt to comfort me wrongly believing me to have some religious faith. But I don't believe anyone at the time could believe such a thing from Carl Sagan.

Now, why don't people see it as the amazing disrespect it is? I've never seen anyone get angry over the sheer presumptuousness of making a weakened person spend last precious moments listening to religious babble. It is good to know I am not the only one that dislikes this kind of thing.

I don't know what is more vomit inducing, the idea of a god that would send you to heaven instead of to hell for all the eternity because five minutes before your death your mind broke out of abject fear and you tried to convince yourself that you accepted Jesus as your lord and saviour, or the idea that the preaching person believes such a god to be all-loving. I would not want to be loved by someone that believed so. I would in fact be very scared of it.

Your site is lovely, reading it after work always helps me shake off the public attending induced belief that humankind is doomed. Is it bad of me to want the proselytizers to keep going after you so that you will always keep updating this site?

Patricia Mota

From: [MMcDuBose\(at\)coastalnow.net](mailto:MMcDuBose(at)coastalnow.net)
Subject: Mailing List request

Greetings Mr. Bastard,

I would love for you to add me to your mailing list. Your site provides me with tons of entertainment, which breaks the monotony of selling peanut brittle in shopping center parking lots to fund my baby-eating atheist agenda.

As a fellow immoral satanist, irreverence and blasphemy are turn-on's for my husband and me. Of course he did get completely offended by the "baby Jesus butt plug". I don't have the link, but it's easy to find with a Google search. I thought it was hilarious!

Keep up the good work!

Michelle McCarty

From: [jbls\(at\)xpirt.net](mailto:jbls(at)xpirt.net)
Subject: Comment

You will get no hate mail from me. Nice job!

Jeff Burgess

From: **#0028** [withheld by request]

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Subject: hello

Hey how old are you? Its not really on topic but I'm curious sorry.

Hola. I'm sorry but your answer in your FAQ doesn't satisfy me :) I will be completely honest. I am actually working on building a christian internet radio website and I stumbled across your page. I am in no way offended; to each his own. I have come across many a website such as your own, yet for some reason, I find the way you portray yourself intriguing. Usually I can speculate as to how old a person is based on their style of writing and what they project, but you have me clueless. I am 2 months shy of being able to buy alcohol and I live in Missoula MT. I have never emailed some random person before, so I'm not sure why I am now. I work at an internet marketing company. So there is more than you need to know. Now if you would...answer my question? And please don't post this :) Thanks and cheers to you as well.

Connie

From: [jackobfrank\(at\)yahoo.com](mailto:jackobfrank(at)yahoo.com)
Subject: "Jesusrevolution"



Dear gentlemen and elders! This e mail account goes for the "offensive, missionary call for active, engaged christian community living and forming in Jesus name and order global" please reply to us for the following reason:

x addresses on christian community living and forming global where taking part visit and membership is possible

x any information for sponsorship and anybody interessted taking part with this activity

with all good wishes and best greetings asking for your prayer, blessing and respond

"worldagency" jakob - po box 24 02 15 wuppertal 42232 germany

Jacob Frank

From: [wildnpeaceful2002\(at\)yahoo.com](mailto:wildnpeaceful2002(at)yahoo.com)
Subject: Is it just me?

Andy,

Is it just me or do the angry rantings of "god" sound exactly like the "crazy Islamic fundamentalists" that Christians are always harping about?

Peaceful Ann

From: [courtneystoker\(at\)gmail.com](mailto:courtneystoker(at)gmail.com)
Subject: CARM Email

Hi there.

I was discussing your CARM email that you talked about on The Lunacy of Religion [page], [Damn You: What Christian Doctrine Makes Clear](#) with a Christian on the whywontgodhealamputees.com forum, and he was basically being a dick. For clarity, if possible, I was wondering if you could perhaps forward me the full text of that email. I would be extremely grateful. Thanks, and I love the site!

Courtney Stoker

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From: [albertguss\(at\)aol.com](mailto:albertguss(at)aol.com)
Subject: Brother Stair (Religious fruitcake and pedophile)

Andy,

I just loved reading your website -- what a hoot!! I'm glad I got a computer and came on the internet as it makes television, along with newspapers, totally redundant.

I just despise all the [Gerin oil](#) merchants and take the piss out of them at every opportunity. You're surely aware of Brother Stair who runs a broth.....um.....I mean "ministry" in Walterboro S.C. and is full of shit and also incessantly pollutes the ether with his religious garbage. I sent him a photo of my asshole once, but I don't know if he received it.

He has a website with guestbook at:
http://www.overcomerministry.org/component/option,com_akobook/Itemid,36/

Amid the raving lunacy posted by his crackpot acolytes, you'll find on.....

Page 11 - Eilova Leggova (I love a leg over) from Russia. Leg Over is British slang for fuck.

Page 13 - Freddy C. Dobbs from Durango. Fred C. Dobbs was a character in the movie "Treasure of The Sierra Madre".

Page 19 - Renee Tremblare (knee trembler) from France. Knee Trembler is also British slang for fuck.

Page 22 - Hugh Jampton (huge hampton) from London, England. Hampton is British slang for penis.

No cigar for guessing who they all really are!

You may be well aware of Brother Stair and the British slang, but I take the chance as I know you love a laugh and I'm sure you'll work out [Gerin oil](#) if you've not come across it before in that form -- the most insidious lubricant on the planet. Yes, I read Richard Dawkins too.

See you around the Web.

Bertie (age 74, in South Wales)

Guestbook Entry on 27 September 2006 at 05:28:10 by [[bogus email address](#)]

What is your name?

Ron

What is the title of your website?

If I had one the title would be God keeps Jason's heart beating.

Briefly describe your website.

Nothing exploded into something.

How did you find The Godless Bastard?

I found him pretty much heartless and ignorant.

Where are you from?

Perth Western Australia

What is your religious affiliation?

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A believer on The Lord Jesus Christ

Why do birds suddenly appear?

They dont maybe your intoxicated.

Does it burn when you pee?

Learn some morals

Doritos: Cool Ranch or Nacho Cheese?

Cheese

Who sucks more: the Boston Red Sox or Cher?

Morals?

Is John Lennon burning in hell, and why?

Only if he died without Christ not for me to Judge.

Comments:

Athiesm is only temporary. When the heart stops beating you will have no choice but to believe in God. Of course sadly it will be to late

From: [smithjc\(at\)grace.edu](mailto:smithjc(at)grace.edu)

Subject: Question

Andy,

I am a college student in a class on Christian Apologetics. As part of the class I am required to do a few interviews, one of which is with a person who opposes or disagrees with the Christian worldview. I was hoping that you would be willing to answer a question or two as one of those interviewed. If you are willing to participate please respond to this email with your answer. I know that these questions are very similar and if your answers all gel into one answer to them all that is perfectly fine. Also, if you are able to email me back relatively quickly it would be good considering I don't have a tremendous amount of time in which to do this assignment.

What is your greatest objection to Christianity?

What is it about Christianity that you do not accept?

What aspects of the Christian worldview do you find problematic and why?

Sincerely,

Joshua Smith

From: [uxlgaz\(at\)comcast.net](mailto:uxlgaz(at)comcast.net)

Subject: MAY GOD SAVE YOUR SOUL... maybe

Dearest Andy:

I just want to thank you on a job well done on pissing off a whole lot of people. Because of your disgraceful actions, you'll be on your way to HELL. May the Lord Almighty have mercy on your soul...

Heh, thank goodness I'm not actually a Christian, otherwise I would've meant it. ^_^

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Well, the real reason I'm writing to you is what on your thoughts another certain "religion". Since I'm a Buddhist, I want know what you personally think of Buddhism.

~John

From: [dberk0322\(at\)yahoo.com](mailto:dberk0322(at)yahoo.com)
Subject: In Response

Andy,

Just found your sight and I must say it is refreshing to find a level-headed rational thinker like yourself amongst a sea of bible-quoting, persecuting, and spiritually enslaved non-thinkers. I just read your essay entitled "Atheism 101", and I must say that I found it refreshing and full of perspective not often seen in this Judeo-Christian hypocritical theocracy.

Just about a week ago I revealed myself as an atheist to someone and they proceeded to compare me to David Duke much like everyone wants to believe that Hitler was an atheist. I politely reminded the person that David Duke, the Grand Dragon of the KKK himself, was also a high-ranking member of the Baptist Convention. My acquaintance called me a liar because there was no way that a racist bastard like that could be of the same denomination that he belonged to. I told him to go look it up and have not heard from him since.

My point is that people need to realize that Christians, not atheists, wiccans, pagans, etc. are the most judgmental, controlling, and inflammatory of all the sects out there. If people could get over this whole God crutch and think a little more rationally, think of what a better society we could have. However, it is disturbing that the only thing keeping some people from mother-raping, stealing cars, and FATHER-raping is a fictional place lorded over by a red man with a goatee and a pitchfork.

I must say that I enjoy your essays and would very definitely like to be added to your mailing list. It's about time, in my opinion, that we "Godless Bastards" start standing up for our right to be so. I can't count the number of times that a stupid theist has found out my lack of religion and called me a Satanist for it. Doesn't make sense to me but does anything that these small-minded people do.

Thanks for the essays and I look forward to hearing from you.

Best Regards,

Dave Berkowitz

From: [xrosexredx\(at\)gmail.com](mailto:xrosexredx(at)gmail.com)
Subject: Wonderfully Subversive Site!

I thoroughly enjoyed visiting your site, especially the "Love & Hate Mail" section. As someone who has long since been sick and fucking tired of having Biblio-fascist rhetoric shoved down her proverbial throat, a site such as yours is truly a breath of fresh air.

Living in a right-wing, bible-suckling country like this, one really gets to wondering just how people like me survive. My best guess would have to be the Constitution, but I'm also pretty sure that that won't be around for long...

Now, I wish I could say I agree with all of your site, but, I cannot. I too, am religious...

DON'T SHOOT! In no way am I a christian. Quite the opposite. I pride myself on being a devout Satanist. Though it differs slightly from your own views on a few things, our philosophy is essentially the same.

All in all, very commendable. I highly recommend it to all my smart friends.

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Love to those who deserve it. The finger to everyone else,

Vega Gunn

From: [cardiackid65\(at\)sbcglobal.net](mailto:cardiackid65(at)sbcglobal.net)
Subject: Feedback



Well I do commend you on your strong convictions. I myself am of the belief of Christ as my lord and savior. It's unfortunate you've been given such a message that you have interpreted as "hate mail". I'm not going to preach at you or try and sway you in my direction in any way, shape or form. It is quite obvious that you have gotten the message and choose to reject it. I understand that you are very happy and satisfied with your life and beliefs. I am too. Happier than you can imagine. (or perhaps you can)

What really separates us though fundamentally is this:

I believe that when I die, I go to heaven.

You believe that when you die, that's it. Game over.

Seeing that we have now both professed our belief or lack thereof in an afterlife, I have to say that I have a bit of an advantage over you. If you're right, when I die, that's it. I will have lived a happy life and hopefully, did some good things for the world. Guess what though, I'll never know the difference and STILL have had a happy life just like you.

On the other hand, if I'm right, I go to heaven and live eternally happy AFTER my happy life here on earth. Unfortunately, based on my beliefs of your "enlightend" view of things, your afterlife doesn't look so peachy. I'm sure you're VERY aware of the Christian beliefs on what happens to people with your point of view.

So, in the end, lets tally the score cards:

If you're right, we both live happy productive lives here on earth and then we die.

Sounds like a tie game to me so far...

If I'm right, then I go on living eternally after I die. I don't have to go into detail what would happen to you. You've heard enough fire, brimstone, hell and damnation already.

In the end, I have everything to gain and nothing to lose based on my belief whether I'm right OR wrong. You unfortunately, aren't afforded the same "tie game" if you're wrong.

It is what it is. Not going to try and convert you to ANYTHING. Hey, I even admire you're conviction in your belief and your admission that you're willing to let me go on with mine. That's quite admirable! I acknowledge your bad experiences with the hell and damnation "bible thumpers" you've encountered and it saddens me that the message you've gotten seems to be of hate when that's not at ALL what the God I believe in is about.

Good luck to you. If you'd like to talk about other subjects, feel free to shoot me an E-Mail!

Tony Adams

From: **#0027** [withheld by request]
Subject: prayer

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I discovered your website by accident. There aren't many people in my life with whom I can talk freely and maintain a mutually respectful conversation about gods and souls and prayer. Thank you.

I don't need my comments displayed on any site. I don't want email from the folks who might read them.

To me, prayer is proof that the supplicant does not believe that god knows what he's doing, and can't make a decision by himself. (I say he and him; I've been assured by several christians that god has maleness). If god knows what you need, why ask? If god decides to give you what you want, or not, what good is it to ask? We might argue that god wants to "see" some gesture on your part before his response; but he should know if your faith is pure and your intentions honorable without a cheesy gesture. With the protestants and mormons, the prayer almost always has to be audible; it's all about the person praying, so that others may hearken and nod their approval. It's not about god. It's a show put on by the person praying, and the reward for a good prayer is higher status in the church community. Makes me wanna puke.

Some day I might use this page to vent about souls. And heaven and hell. Like Joseph Campbell said, the idea of an afterlife is a bad idea, because it distracts us from paying attention to what we need to do here and now during present life.

Thanks for listening. I feel better already.

From: [tyguy\(at\)hickorytech.net](mailto:tyguy(at)hickorytech.net)
Subject: You Fucking Rock

Yeah, I just stumbled across your site a few days ago and I'm thoroughly enjoying myself. The articles are well written, intelligent, funny, and represent Atheism better than anyone else could hope to. So I hate to disappoint you: this is not hate mail (which it seems like you love so much). I've read about 1/3 of your site thus far and it is phenomenal. I just hope to see more updates soon (it's been a couple months since your last one, but I'm sure you already knew that). What's really interesting is that for awhile, I thought most Atheists were people who just weren't exposed to religion (through religious parents that is, since everyone is exposed somehow). I, myself, was raised Christian (and still sort of am considering I'm 15), but I turned away from that "faith" a long time ago. I matured, became smarter, and began to pick out the flaws, hypocrisy, and contradictions that litter the Bible and comments preached by Christians. I was ridiculed for turning from Christianity and actually thought for awhile that perhaps it's not normal to actually be raised in a religion and then deny that very religion at some point in your life (without the questioning of faith that sometimes accompanies tragic events). It's quite refreshing to see someone of your intellect who's done the same. I'll continue to read and advertise your site as I think it is a remarkable website and really does a good job at jabbing Christian egos and belief. So, my final words to you are good job and thank you.

Sincerely, Tyler

From: [euphoriablues\(at\)yahoo.com](mailto:euphoriablues(at)yahoo.com)
Subject: rock on!

i stumbled across your sight the other day (i think i searched "anti-christian" on google), and was astounded by how wonderful it is. you employ logic so well and the pissed off tone almost exactly reflects how i feel about christians. you've also obviously listened to your share of george carlin (comedic genius). i am 17 and i've been an atheist for about 3 years now (but i never really believed).

now for the point of my email. in your stoking the fire section you say you want people to give you a good slap when your being stupid so here it is: SLAP!

on your sight you put forth quite plainly that you prefer christians being christians (it keeps them in line), and i used to agree with you completely.

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but recent contemplation has led me to question this. first of all christians are already using the biological morality that us atheists employ so well. the bible is filled with plenty of atrocities (a great many of them condoned by god), i'd wager there are more atrocities than good ideas ("don't steal" and what not). how do christians chose which ideas to employ in their own lives? by the moral compass they already possess. in fact, the innate hypocrisy evident in just about every christian who's ever lived generally keeps these people from even following the good parts of the bible. now that we've established that these christians are getting almost no morality out of their religion we need to ask "what are they getting?". of course the reason they are christians in the first place is that they are fools who have been tricked and cowards who are terrified of death. their religion gives them a crutch so that they can stand while being crippled by that very foolishness and cowardice, but what are they "getting" out of the religion as it applies to the way they live their lives? this is what they "get": they throw their money away to the church while that money could help starving, impoverished people, or fund medical research. they carry out the violence promoted by their religion and the division it creates. they become egotistical and almost unbearable to be around (making people like that guy who told you jesus cured you (if had been less intelligent you might have believed him and died as a result)). religion turns off their brains to logic and science forcing them to live lives making inferior decisions.

it seems pretty clear to me that religion and christianity are the causes of alot of problems in the world today, and the evils it causes by far out-way the "good" (the same "good" i proved to be near-nonexistent earlier in the email). in the stoking the fire section of your sight you say yourself that stupidity is bad for society in the long run even if it seems harmless at the moment. i contend that statement must apply to christianity too. your belief that christianity is good for the fools it apparently keeps in line is therefore unfounded.

if the planets ever going to get any better people will have to quit being stupid when it comes to religion. of course prosyletizing would sink us down to their level. so i'm kind of at a loss as to how to combat the scourge of humanity that is christianity and other theistic religions. Out of nothing more than compassion for my fellow humans i believe the evil of religion must be stopped.

i would be honored to get a return email from you containing counter-logic if you disagree with me and wish to continue believing that these people's foolishness is good for society. or if you do agree with me i'd love to hear any ideas you have as to what we can do about this problem. i also wish to be put on your mailing list.

-brian

From: [g.lefebvre\(at\)videotron.ca](mailto:g.lefebvre(at)videotron.ca)
Subject: Great web site

Hi Andy. I was reading your site and we have very similar views about religion.

Sometimes, I feel that I am the only one thinking that Christians are disrespecting my right to live uninfluenced by their religion. They feel it is a mission to stack with their members the school boards/municipal/state/federal government and to impose their religious laws on me. If we were to take away their right to practice their religion, there would certainly be an uproar. But they are free to take away my right to live in an environment without being influenced by religion.

I guess that over the years, I have become very irritated by religion and their manipulations. They preach love but they spew out hatred to people who don't think similar to them. They go out of their way to impose their unwanted dogma. Morality is not exclusive to religion I say, yet they act like if they invented morality. I don't even waste my breath to reason with them as I know they are black belt professional manipulators. America is slowly turning into a theocratic state where it is more and more tolerated that the state tortures the war prisoners and break international agreements. The ideals and true morality of America has indeed disappeared long ago.

Thank you for letting me rant. I am glad I am not alone.

Please add me to your mailing list.

Guy Lefebvre

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From: [the_master_of_the_shovel\(at\)bluebottle.com](mailto:the_master_of_the_shovel(at)bluebottle.com)
Subject: Nice to know that someone read that...

Editor's Note: This is a response to an email from J.N. (#0026).

Well, I must say, that was quite a jab from J.N. I'm thrilled to know that he understands even better than I do what my own belief is. And all he had to do was read a single email of mine, written in haste and disgust, to come up with that assumption.

All sarcasm aside, I'm tired of having to justify my belief that there is no god, to those who have no idea of just how I came to that conclusion. Just because I have no patience for a select few Christians or the hate they spew, does not mean I am of the same ilk.

I'm simply sick of seeing so many people being judged by those who have no right. To be honest, I believe it's time to take the fight to those who started it in the first place. But that's neither here nor there.

Anyway, I do not mean for this to start a flame war and it's not a personal attack. I'm just letting J.N. know that he's off base and maybe he should take a moment to ask a question or two before jumping on his high horse.

From: [cosmikchris61\(at\)yahoo.com](mailto:cosmikchris61(at)yahoo.com)
Subject: Just visited your website

Hey there Andy. Rick Wingrove (of The Assertive Atheist) told me about your website today. I just checked out your site, and my man, you are a master ranter!

I consider myself a master ranter (and master essayist) as well. Artist? Well, I'm mediocre at best, and my site has amateurish, but often trippy artwork.

Please check out my site and spread the good word! I need more readers.

The URL is blestbedissent.com. Good starting points are my favourite sections: Bodies Aflame, Dead-End Gene Pool, The Farces of Dorkness, and any of the Bible commentaries!

I take pride in the fact that my site is very offensive, radical, and persuasive. The only problem is, Fishtuns are afraid to go to it.

The site is huge, like yours. Enjoy! And thanks in advance...

Not for Jeezus,

Cosmic Chris

From: [withheld by request]
Subject: My 2 Cents

Andy,

I think I love you. Not in that weird creepy way...but in that "I'M SO HAPPY I'M NOT ALONE" way. I've recently moved from Southern California to Phoenix, Arizona and my oh my...what a change in culture. I love the absence of the 1.5 million neighbors living on my block alone in So Cal...however, the people that ARE here are scaring the hell out of me (no real reference intended).

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Anyhow...I had some thoughts to share to here it goes....

I just have to laugh every time I read something from a Christian talking about how they have been the "silent" majority and how us "one or two" atheists have been ruining everything for them for so long. They complain that we have prevented them from praying at sporting events and school and similar crap. We have held them down for SO LONG and they just aren't going to take it anymore. Laughable.

I especially find this amusing when I'm driving home from work and count approximately 8 churches in the 9 ½ minutes it takes me to get there.

I find it utterly hilarious every time I pull out my money and see "In God We Trust" on it. I almost laugh out loud when almost every meeting, session, inauguration...anything political, really, starts with a prayer from the repressed Christians.

I didn't find it very funny when I couldn't buy alcohol at 9am on a Sunday morning for a party I was having later that day due to some archaic no liquor law on Sunday. Wow...I wonder if that inconvenience had anything to do with the downtrodden, seldom influential Christians?

Wait, now I'm not laughing when I see gay people stripped of their right to happiness due to the poor ignored Christian's influence on civil matters.

And you know what is especially un-funny? When a whole nation of oppressed Christians follow a leader blindly into a war that is led by the battle cry "...and may GOD BLESS AMERICA."

Yes, those poor Christians have so little influence in this country. It's a wonder they don't try to go to some other country and take it over for their own.

Of course....there's still time for that too.

Thanks for listening...and...more importantly, thanks for ranting. It's made for some enjoyable reading.

Melissa

From: #0026 [withheld by request]
Subject: theistic atheists ???

Hey Andy,

i was browsing through the mail you received and one thing set me thinking. This bloke, shovel master flash, who says he is an atheist was showing the same lack of tolerance and anger to theists as the latter more normally show to the former.

Its was clear that he had substituted one set of ideology (or set of beliefs) for the other. And atheism is not meant to be that. Its a logical step forward (???) when a sensible enough intellect wieghs the options, and objectively realises that 'god' and 'religion' is replacable by oneself and one's belief in oneself.

And as you said, an intelligent enough person need not resort to 'god' for rules. And also that atheists ARE intelligent enough. But clearly this fellow does need some rules. And he has simply adopted atheism as his new faith (religion??). That isnt atheism.

My main point is that, believing in a higher authority is basically a way to fill a void in our consciousness by having a repository of faith and /or a comforter for ourself. Some one who is better than humans in that aspect as he/she/it is much more stable.

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As for people like you and me, we ourselves fulfill that role. That is why even if by many conventional counts we may be 'sinners' but we are actually good people. Cant say that for shovel master flash.

J.N.

P.S. this has got me thinking that maybe, we have just substituted an external god with ourselves. Essentially (and not ritually) we still do many things that theists do. Its just that so many things are redundant cuz the god and the subject are one and the same. Hmmmmmmm. need to think more on this.

From: [duncpott\(at\)yahoo.co.uk](mailto:duncpott(at)yahoo.co.uk)
Subject: Superb

Hey Andy,

A clearer, more concise illustration of "why I am an atheist" couldn't be found, your effort on creating this website is very, very much appreciated. Indeed, I've found myself tapping at the screen and saying "that's exactly it, this is why I'm an atheist" to certain 'devout' friends. I always thought it was too obvious, it's just plain sense to see through the god myth, isn't it? I wish! But for those who can't see the 'just plain obvious', I'm grateful you took the time to spell it out in clear English, so I can breathe a sigh of relief and pass on a (memorable) URL with a subtle smile to the few people I talk with who still have difficulty with the idea of losing their favourite childhood fairy story.

Duncan Potter
Edinburgh, Scotland
Humble IT Manager
(honours degree in astrophysics kind of person, PhD physics guy, and completely, UTTERLY fellow godless b*****d)

From: [duncangareth\(at\)yahoo.co.uk](mailto:duncangareth(at)yahoo.co.uk)
Subject: WTF

Hiya Andy.

I couldn't help noticing how confusing the religious crackpot landscape of America is. You have all sorts of sects, ranging from frothing-at-the-mouth-fundamentalists to devil-worshipping-satanists, with Morons and Jehovah's Witless in between.

It must be very interesting from an anthropological perspective, but it must be a pain in the brain to have to deal with all of these god-bothering arseholes all the time.

I haven't had any proselytizing Christian dickheads calling on me since I threatened them with dogs the last time. :-)

Anyway, I thought I'd just drop you a mail to say "Hello" and "Down with God" and that sort of thing.

Keep well.

Duncan

From: [withheld by request]
Subject: Hello

Andy,

I just read one of your postings (The Lunacy of Religion), and wanted to say that despite the fact that I am a committed Christian who obviously has a difference of opinion to you, I can still manage to respect the fact that you are choosing to not believe in God or in anything.

I wont attempt to "bible bash" you as you probably get from some people, and Im not going to tell you you are wrong or tell you what to believe. I just wanted to say that after reading your posting, it is possible to respect those I dont agree with. I have many non-Christian friends and friends who may live a life I dont necessarily agree with or choose for myself (drinking, smoking, gambling, gay etc - my PERSONAL choices/beliefs) BUT I love these people and have the utter-most respect for them all. Everyone has free will and the right to believe what they want, so even though you and I might disagree with the God-topic, I am positive that I could still be your friend if the opportunity arose. Just wanted to say that!

Also, just a point - it is very important that as Christians we don't just believe whatever we are told. There are MANY false preachers out there who are in it for their own glory - we need to look into everything ourselves as individuals and have a personal relationship with our God. My relationship with God has nothing to do with my church, or my friends, or my job etc. It is between me and Him and thats all that matters. So your site (even though you yourself seem to be trying to get people to believe what you have to say, which is no different to what you say Christians are doing) is a positive thing for Christians to explore and think about - to me it just affirms what I believe and trust in.

Hope that all makes sense. Thanks for your time. All the best.

Tamara

Please do not put my email address on your site. No obligation to reply either if you dont want to - I just wanted to express this.

My Response: As for my implication that Christians are gullible, easily fooled, and that they believe what they're told, I stand by it. They are and they do. You just misinterpreted the scope of my statement. This is an atheism website and my commentary is limited to the topic of religion and those who adhere to any flavor of it. Would your average Christian believe that the moon was made of green cheese just because someone told them so? Of course not. True or false, it's a purely secular comment. Apparently, you read too deeply into my use of the word "told." I was clearly referring to bible lore--which is ultimately tied to the written word. That s to say, no one need "tell" a Christian anything that he or she will ultimately believe on their own accord.

An evangelical Christian, which you may or may not be, does believe what he or she is told in this manner. The bible "tells" Christians (in writing) many things, literally THOUSANDS of things, which they believe because the bible tells them so. (Remember that song, "Jesus loves me, this I know, for the bible tells me so...") You could, of course, prove me wrong by telling me just ONE thing that the old or new testament tells you that you don't believe. There's no gray here. For Christians, it's a thoroughly black and white thing. You're told material facts which you can either accept in totality, or reject. You might want to argue that you once questioned and rejected ALL of the things that both testaments state, and that you researched each and every one of those things scientifically, logically, and emotionally--and only then did you decide to believe them. Holy crap! Coincidence of coincidences! You just happen to believe every single one of them without exception! Of course, I'd have to label you a liar of mass proportions if you made this claim.

Like the Fundies dogmatically declare, "The Bible says it, I believe it, that settles it!"

Christians believe what the bible tells them because the book itself claims to be its own source of validation, and that's good enough for them. Q.E.D.

And to be fair, there's nothing wrong with taking religious claims on faith. I, myself, take MANY things on faith, and I'm comfortable not having much (or any) concrete proof to support those things. The only difference between me and every single Christian apologetic on the planet is that I make no excuses and provide no explanations to justify or validate what I choose to believe.* I just refuse to allow Christians to do otherwise, which they do for no other reason than to not sound gullible and unintelligent.

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* This website is not an excuse or validation for my beliefs. If you think it is, then you just haven't been paying attention. Go back and truly listen to [what I actually said](#).

From: [dvmhall\(at\)sbcbglobal.net](mailto:dvmhall@sbcbglobal.net)
Subject: Help someone sucked into some wacky church

Hi Andy- hope you can help. Do you know of any organization that can help someone who has been brainwashed by some fanatical church? An in-law has a spouse that has gone nutty with the church- it sounds like it may be Pentecostal- no make-up, cannot cut her hair, cannot wear pants only long skirts and some other weird things. His wife spends all day, every day at this church and takes their toddler with her. The poor kid has witnesses people acting out and crying on-stage "receiving Christ" or something like that. It is ruining their marriage, but what is worse, this child may get messed up. I see sites such as www.spiritualabuse.org which is more for those who have been abused themselves. Any organizations that help people help their family see the manipulation and get out of this brainwashing? If not, there is a definite need for it- this stuff is scary.

Linda

From: #0026 [withheld by request]
Subject: good

Hi Andy,

got to your site through stumbleupon. one thing I'd like to add is that the main excuse or lets say argument used by the evangelists, specially the christian ones is that we would rot in hell and we would fail god and we need to be saved and such.

And I say that i dont believe in it and it doesnt matter to. I know that there is no such thing as hell or heaven or such. NO ONE knows what happens after death. So therefore, I dont care if satan buys my soul. I could use the money though.

Simply put, for me theres no hell or heaven or anything and hence all that you (evangelists) say doesnt apply to me.

You know, you think a lot like me. Even down to the part of not interfering with religion. I am from India, and I've seen the religions in their better (relatively) forms. And how they keep society together. You are right, not everyone are wise enough to do certain things without external motivation and religion is the single biggest, and strongest tool for propaganda and keeping the average people within the average limits acceptable to a society.

I suggest that you study religions as they are in India. That would really widen your perspective further. Now I am not propagating anything, but its always better to know more about what we are not so that we can be more faithful in being what we are.

If you wish, we could have a discussion on this.

In the mean time, I'll browse through your site. Again, a good job.

And please dont post my email id. My name you can.

Thanks, J.N.

From: [darthbandon\(at\)gmail.com](mailto:darthbandon@gmail.com)
Subject: You said it better than i could have myself!

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Congrats on the site, it has enlightened me to no end.

This part is my favourite: Anger and frustration are experienced when something is wrong which cannot be fixed. The perfect, omnipotent god, however, can fix anything. We experience longing for things we lack. A perfect god lacks nothing. An omniscient, omnipotent, and perfect god who experiences emotion is impossible.

It's perfect! How can the Christian god be perfect if he has anger, he shows anger many, many times in the bible, so anger is the result of something unknown becoming known. Therefore a perfect being would never have something unknown to him/her.

Thanks and keep up the good work!

Mark

Editor's Note: The quote Mark cited is from one of just a few things on my site that I did not author. The quote comes from "Why the Christian God is Impossible" by Chad Doctorman.

From: [kiki815\(at\)gmail.com](mailto:kiki815(at)gmail.com)
Subject: i pray for the godless bastard



you sound like an angry man who wants to believe but is afraid to believe for all the reasons you think we are nuts for believing. does that make any sense? i will pray for you that you should see the light. i don't hate you even though you hate me (us) and i can assure you that god loves you and will forgive you if you just ask for it. i can provide spiritual help if you need it. just email me back any time.

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. John 3:16

~ leslie

From: [cosgrove79\(at\)gmail.com](mailto:cosgrove79(at)gmail.com)
Subject: i'm not intimidated by your goons



is that the best you can do asshole? remove my email address fom your site right NOW or i will have it shut down. its worthless anyway.

From: [withheld by request]
Subject: Comments on 1/3/06 update

Andy

I hope you are still well and have survived the holiday season. I am glad to see the holidays over. This year seemed a bit more difficult for me, in addition to the usual greed and commercialism I had to listen to Xians claim they were being persecuted because employees of some stores were asked to say "HAPPY HOLIDAYS" instead of "MERRY CHRISTMAS" so non-Christians would feel included. It seemed many Xians took this to be a sign of the apocalypse. During these discussions, I received many a nasty glare and thin lipped rebuttal for my knee jerk responses of "NO IT ISN'T!" whenever I heard someone say "This country was founded on Christian principals." My resulting lectures about the founding fathers being Deists with the unpleasant memories of just what happens when religion and government get in the same bed unhappily did not change anyone's mind.

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The apologists are effective, by constantly repeating the mantra of "...founded on Christian principals", the sheeple of the US have been brainwashed into believing it to be the truth. I have noticed over the years, that if anything is said often enough and loud enough, it becomes the *truth* to the simple minded sheeple.

Andy, congratulations on the offer to partner with film maker Mark Pirro to do an Indie film. I looked Mr. Pirro's website over and his 'tongue in cheek' work seems similar of the movies made by Throma Vision (Attack of the Killer Tomatoes, Toxic Avenger, Killer Clowns from Outer Space, etc.) I plan on viewing all of Mr. Pirro's movies.

I carefully studied Daniel Miles' 'Two Cents Worth' contribution and determined his word salad means; "Dude, I can't find my lithium."

Andy, keep up the good work, I always read and enjoy the updates as soon as they come out.

- Gilgamesh

Editor's Note: Dan emails me from time to time. At first I thought he was a kook, but we've swapped a few emails about secular stuff and he's actually a pretty decent guy--although his allegorical way of writing is a bit of a challenge to understand. Check out his website (and his [Your Two Cents](#) submission) when you're done here. Oh, and I'll send you \$10 if you can tell me what he's talking about.

From: [dmiles\(at\)accesscomm.ca](mailto:dmiles@accesscomm.ca)

Subject: Intreresting - Andy (no last name) plays "their part" worse



Guy, ap, fGoF atLJC. Godless Bastard: <= Andy (No-last-name), notably in Americah's midst, plays the preying amiss part (their part) sow worse than many carnal christians do, thereby easily beset-ing many unaware, and also www gloating bout it:

Godless Bastard Web Site Menu: is too pun-y not to LOL at

Should we give Andy No-last-name any place? Nay Nay to both: Rider & Horse it rode in on. That ought "do" it: "the will of God", re-garding Revelation's 4 Night Mares, but only 3 Woes.

The end, of the shewdown, of the shew, already written, eh. Getting there alive, depends on how well you say your part.

TgooLJCwya. Amen.

Daniel Miles in Canadah, eh

Found er of www.godshew.org

www leader for probating the will of God

From: [withheld by request]

Subject: Sorry to disappoint

I bring you no hate mail, big fella. I'm a long time fan but remained a lurker until now. I must say I loved your intellectual honesty test and think it's one of your best essays yet. It is perfect in logic and flow and sure to get under the skin of any fundie who reads it.

Give us more, you godless bastard! (You too, Raving Dave.) Please don't post my address. No doubt the "god squad" will flame my heathen ass for congratulating you on a job well done.

Keep shedding the light. It makes the cockroaches scatter.

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From: #0025 [withheld by request]
Subject: My View (if you care to read it)

Hey man. The truth is all that matters. I was raised Christian from birth and always accepted it, because it was what my parents said. As a child, your parents know everything. Up until the age of seventeen I never really questioned it. At seventeen I started realizing that science and Christianity don't mesh. I always knew they clashed, but at seventeen I realized it was one or the other. If you read any information on paleontology, geology, anthropology and many other studies it becomes clear that the Earth is a lot older than a few thousand years. The evidence for evolution is abundant and impossible to refute. I had to accept the fact that my parents were wrong and reality is only what is scientifically sound. Humans are only animals with big brains and self awareness. Christians are people who cling to tradition and ignore scientific fact. As adults they look up to an invisible father. They reject absolute death and want to believe that grandma went to a better place and is not mere worm food. They want to feel purpose and reject the notion that their existence is chance. They see perfect creation. The logical person sees life grown perfectly into it's environment through countless generations of adaptations. This is the fact of the matter - the truth.

One day I'll never forget, an odd realization came to me. I remembered something that happened in my home three years ago that I somehow had forgotten (or blocked out). Something impossible. Absolutely bizarre and impossible to put aside or ignore. It made no sense whatsoever from any stand-point. Scientifically it was dubious. By biblical standards it seemed groundless. It was so alien, I really couldn't believe what happened. You wouldn't believe it if I told you. If someone else ever told me that this happened to them, I would've thought they were insane if it hadn't happened to me first. It felt like everything I knew about anything had disintegrated. Suddenly, I knew jack-shit. Basically, I had to take all assumptions and conventional knowledge and toss it right out the fuckin window. I was reeling for answers. I needed to know what the hell was going on. All I ever wanted was the truth no matter what it was. A month or two later after doing some digging around I came to the truth. I was wrong. It turns out the Bible is telling the truth. It's useless to elaborate how I came to this conclusion as nothing can be proved. You are left with nothing. There is no reason at all someone like you should believe me.

When I was an atheist, I knew life evolved just as the text books, scientific journals, museums, and colleges show. Now, I know the real truth. I can't make others see the truth. The world has never seemed more sad to me. I'm not lying. There is no way in logic I can deny what happened. There is also no way I can prove it or my further conclusion, because of it. I know this pointless rant won't sway anybody's opinion. Scoff away, learn-ed one. Please keep my name and E-mail address anonymous. I don't want too many E-mails on these sorts of subjects from strangers. Take it easy man.

He continues...

Subject: More yacking

Hey man. When I ruled out the God of the Bible it was specifically, because I saw all the evidence for evolution and that doesn't go at all with what the Bible says. For instance, according to the Bible, birds have been around since the beginning. Back in the Triassic period there weren't any birds to speak of. There's plenty of other examples, but who cares, right?

There's no way I'm going to tell you the specifics of what happened to me in my old home several years ago. It was, and still remains totally bizarre. I wouldn't tell my own parents. I will try to give you an idea how weird it was. It's like having a dream that you got into a fight with something ridiculous that you know doesn't exist, like a gnome or something. You wake up the next morning feeling drained and crappy. Then you realize there is a distinct pain in your arm as if you have been stabbed or something. You look at your arm to find there clear as day, a little gnome axe imbedded in your arm. You take it off your arm, look at it in disbelief, and say, "There is no fucking way." You then proceed to throw it away and forget about the dream, but remember the fact that you woke up one morning with a small axe imbedded in your arm. For years you're just like, "Man, that fucking axe hurt like a son of a bitch. How in the hell did it get there like that?" Then you by chance come across a strange article that seems like rubbish. You read it out of morbid curiosity and find out that a dude on another continent like twelve years ago woke up with a gnome axe imbedded in his arm, but he remember how it got there. The gnome was actually there and it kicked his

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ass. Then you remember the outlandish dream you had just three years ago and it hits you like a ton of bricks that the gnome was there, but you don't believe in gnomes. It goes against everything you know.

...and continues...

Subject: What's your take on this subject?

El Bastardo. I'm typing to you, because I know you're smart and experienced. You really do look at a lot of things the way I did. Only I wasn't so angry about other peoples' unsolicited preaching. As an atheist in years past, it always seemed perplexing to me to hear or read testimonies from people that claim to have seen non-human intelligent life. The idea that aliens from another planet built insanely fast space vehicles and came all the way to Earth to fuck around with a small number of humans is ludicrous and nonsensical. Those people have to be liars, schizophrenics, or on drugs. Some peoples' stories are less insane than others. I've always been very skeptical, as extraordinary claims require extraordinary proof. There never is any proof of what those people are saying, but why would they lie like that? Not everyone saying they've seen something like that claims to know what it was. In fact, it looks to me like most of the time they just draw a blank.

I really did scoff at people saying things like that, and you know from my previous E-mail that I've now joined the ranks of the very crazies I once looked down at. You don't know me or have a reason to believe my whacko story, I just want to emphasize that it wasn't an easy thing to take in. I'm not easily duped and I don't arrive at conclusions on such subjects speedily or without reason. If you post this please withhold my name and E-mail info. Thanks for your original response.

From: [pinkelephants\(at\)indy.rr.com](mailto:pinkelephants(at)indy.rr.com)
Subject: You are amazing

You have put into words all of the ideas that I couldn't seem to formulate properly without unduly offending someone.

One question though...what's this Pascal's Wager?

Lauren

From: [jsclevens\(at\)yahoo.com](mailto:jsclevens(at)yahoo.com)
Subject: Nonsense from a jackass



I just read your "intellectual honesty" challenge and I'm laughing at you, fool. More mindless drivel from a jackass who wouldn't know what to do with common sense if it was handed to him on a silver platter. Your "test" proved nothing and accomplished even less. Asking clever questions doesn't disprove god, but nice try dickhead. Your obnoxious website proves one thing....hell will never be full. I'll send you post cards from eternal bliss every once in awhile. You can read them while Satan is making you his eternal prison bitch. I'm sure you'll enjoy it. Buh-bye, sweetums.

From: [withheld by request]
Subject: Your website and Pirromount

Hi Andy,

I found your website after reading the new update on the Pirromount web page. After reading some of your writings, I just want to say that this 10 year Mark Pirro fan is looking forward to whatever work you two may be doing together. Hopefully I'll find the time to delve further into your website since what I've seen looks interesting and thoughtful.

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Although I think I'm more of a non-theist than an atheist, I do have my fair share of disgust with religion. Not belief in a god or gods in general, but more the ignorant dogmas and trappings that religion brings with it.

Anyway, I'm rambling. Just hope you keep up what your doing and hope that you and Mark can pound out a hilarious, kick ass script. Later.


Damon Brazzell

From: [askip\(at\)centurytel.net](mailto:askip(at)centurytel.net)
Subject: Dictionary

Is there a secular English dictionary? The pervasive slant of Webster English is that it is permeated with Church preference and that seems bigoted to me.

Gregory Lee Limbird-Williams

From: [cosgrove79\(at\)gmail.com](mailto:cosgrove79(at)gmail.com)
Subject: still at it i see

 what a complete waste of time. you and dave seem to think you can get the faithfull to abandon god but know that no one reads your lame web site and even for those that will they all laugh at you. fine, keep attacking us and you will guaranttee yourself an eternity paying for your sins. you are too fucking stupid to take my advice and know any better anyway, so I won't waste MY time.

From: [duncangareth\(at\)yahoo.co.uk](mailto:duncangareth(at)yahoo.co.uk)
Subject: I like your website and may I join your mailing list

Hiya Andy


I am also a godless bastard, and I appreciate what you are doing. Please add me to your mailing list.

My cosmology:

1. Shit happens.
2. Words can't describe it.
3. Everything is different all the time.

Cheers, Duncan

From: [innersanctum52\(at\)aim.com](mailto:innersanctum52(at)aim.com)
Subject: Hope you like the heat in Los Angeles

 Because you will be esconced in flames on your day of judgment. Fuck you and your pathetic website. You have done nothing to shake my faith and all who know god are laughing at you. You are beyond redemption and because you do Satan's work. Unlike others hear I will NOT pray for you. Prayers are meaningless for you now. Have a nice afterlife.

From: [princess\(at\)subrevolt.com](mailto:princess(at)subrevolt.com)

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Subject: What I Think About Your Website

Hey there Godless Bastard:

I love your site. From one atheist to another, nicely done.

"We're all judged by society in no small part by our perceived and demonstrated intelligence, as well as our ability to distinguish between fantasy and reality."

I agree with you. I do however think there is a deeper reason behind it than fear of looking like an intellectual whack-ass-sucker-MC-Amateur. I think many, if not most, people (at least in America, I guess) have a deep deep deep need for some sort of cosmic justice. They NEED to be rewarded for all the fuckin' bullshit they put themselves (and others) through Hitler HAS TO BE IN HELL!! if you catch my drift (or, if they're Catholic, purgatory, at LEAST). Because who wants to go to heaven where dillinger and hitler and stalin are? This echoes the idea of xtian god as santa claus. People don't want to believe that the bad guys win. A LOT. ALL THE TIME. they need to believe that the bad-guys' uppence will come.

If you catch my meaning, that's all.

Keep on keepin' on.

From: #0024 [withheld by request]
Subject: Your FAQs page plus a question about atheism

Dear Andy the Godless Bastard,

A friend told me about your site and I was just reading your FAQ's page. In it you say "I believe that premeditated murder, rape, and molestation are unforgivable immoral acts." I agree with you that accidental murder should be forgiven (like if you accidentally hit someone over the head with a mallet for example), but I was wondering about your wording of "premeditated rape and molestation" being unforgivable immoral acts. Does this mean that you think that acts of rape and molestation which were not premeditated should also be forgiven?

Editor's Note: The sentence from my FAQ reads, "I believe that premeditated murder, rape, and molestation are unforgivable immoral acts." Follow the comma, kids. Premeditated murder [comma] rape [comma] and molestation are three independent acts. That is to say, premeditation qualifies murder, not rape or molestation.

I was also wondering something else. I was looking up the words atheist and agnostic in my New Zealand Oxford Dictionary to find proper definitions of what the words meant (thinking they might describe me) but I'm not so sure they do. According to my dictionary (the wisdom of which I trust far more than any deity), atheist means "a person that believes there is no god". This is not quite the same as just not believing in god, this definition sounds more like atheism is a belief system in itself, but I'm not sure if you think atheism has a different meaning to what my dictionary could offer.

My dictionary was also happy to inform me that agnostic was "a person who believes that nothing can be known about the existence of god or of anything except material things". But this also sounds like a belief system, and also leaves the possibility open that something could be found out, sometime in the future, about the existence of god, whereas I don't think that at all because I know that (a) god doesn't exist.

What I was wondering was if you knew of a word which means "having no belief in a god" as opposed to "believing there is no god". My mother would also like to know what the word is for "someone who doesn't give a shit" (she just yelled that out from the lounge).

I don't think I'm agnostic or atheist. I don't actually like the word 'belief' anyway because it has the suggestion of not being sure about the stuff you know. For example I know that the world wasn't created by some super-human and I know that evolution was how we came to be the way we are now. I also have absolute first-hand proof and knowledge

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that Christian people are quite insane. For example, I have a friend at school who is highly religious and got offended when I expressed the view that New Zealand (where I live) adopting Civil Unions (with the possibility of same-sex unions) was a good idea. Anyway another friend and I decided to corner my religious friend and ask her if she believed in dinosaurs. The religious friend said that yes, she believed in dinosaurs, and I asked her how come - if the world was created in seven days - dinosaurs lived millions of years before humans. She said, they didn't, humans and dinosaurs co-existed. So I said, so "The Flintstones" is biblically correct, then? And she said, yes. What puzzles me the most is that this girl is one of the smartest in our year group and is also very scientific and logical when it comes to anything other than religion. But I guess it's not her fault - she was obviously indoctrinated by her parents from a very young age. Maybe the key to following a religion is not to look too closely at the stuff it expects you to believe in.

I think that you also said in your FAQs that Jesus didn't exist. But I have a feeling he probably was a real guy - I think this in the same way I know that Muhammad was a real person and that prince guy who later turned into the Buddha was real. As for all the other Jesus related phenomena (resurrecting and the such) I'm sure that's just embellishments on the side which make for a good story and help to pad out the bible a bit. Another point is that the reason faith is called faith is that that is exactly what you have to do, have faith that crazy, un-provable stuff is real.

Well, if you read this, thank you for your time and consideration.

Yours faithfully (as in I have faith that you will reply),

Jessie

From: [verdoodle\(at\)aim.com](mailto:verdoodle(at)aim.com)
Subject: just trying to help a lost soul



You are misguided and blinded by Satan's deception. You see those things that he has placed on earth to make you question God's existence. You foolishly played into his folly and will pay a huge price for it on the day of your Judgment. The good news is that it's not too late for you and Dave and all of your misguided fans. God loves you and wants you to love Him. The best part is that all that love is FREE! All you have to do is ask for His forgiveness and put your faith in Him. Accepting Jesus into your heart is the only way. It's a no brainer because the Bible says so. Stop what you're doing this very second and pray this prayer right now. I mean it.

God, I put my faith in what you have done for me through Jesus' death and resurrection. I confess how hard it is for me to believe, but I am trusting you to give me faith. I confess that I am a sinner, and I repent and ask your forgiveness. I depend on Jesus to save me from my sins and to give me eternal life. I want to obey Jesus as the Lord of my life. I don't know all that this means, but I will depend on him to show me as I go along. I know I cannot earn the right to be a Christian. I accept this right as a free gift. Thank you that you have forgiven my sins, that you are my heavenly Father, and that you have accepted me as your child. Help me to be a faithful servant of Jesus Christ. Amen.

If you have just made this decision, welcome to God's family!

From: [pcleland\(at\)nycapp.rr.com](mailto:pcleland(at)nycapp.rr.com)
Subject: Another thanks

Went to a high school concert tonight. My sons, honest, thoughtful, compassionate atheists. Seventy percent of the content of their concert was religious. I was livid, upset, offended and didn't hesitate to let the school know ON THE SPOT and in triplicate.

If I wanted my kids exposed to that I'd hire some religious people or whatever or send them to a church. It was really awful, aside from being badly done in all respects. So you should know that what you do here is important. It's essential to the eventual victory of good over evil. You're a good bastard. Thanks.

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Paul C.

Shalom Andy,

We met on your board if you remember ([parkeremail\(at\)yahoo.com](mailto:parkeremail(at)yahoo.com)). I remember you saying you had been in the finance game a bit and wanted to run something by you. I don't know if I told you, but I started this company from Israel 2 years ago. We are about to go big time, but I need to get over one hurdle. Our 2 yr old company has a PO for an HSN deal for \$192K USD and I need to get about 40-50k funding to deliver the order for our patented MitTan, the original sunless tanning mitt. We need to pay suppliers for materials. We have already received 30% down and the rest comes on delivery, about 75-90 days out from now. It's a short term finance deal with secured PO and our patent could serve as collateral too. (patent purchased for \$1mil from Skinvisible.com (SKVI)) We will repay in 90 days - and if you do the deal, We'll repay as follows:

50k for 40k
60k for 45k
65k for 50k

We really need minimum of 40, but to adjust for mistakes 45 would be best. It's a pretty good deal, and I've attached some preliminary docs for your review, including the PO. I need to close this in the next 7-10 days and need an approval sooner than that, so let me know if you can help or have someone who you think would be interested, please let me know asap. Thanks for your consideration. Who says the Godly and Godless can't get along?

Seriously - you gotta ask what the hell? I met this schmuck on the net and now he's asking me for money!? Well, the fact is I moved to Israel 4 years ago after converting. Now you aren't much for that torah stuff, but the fact is I and my wife and 3 kids all converted orthodox (what else) and made Aliyah. We subsequently aren't to popular with our old friends and family, in fact, we're now willingly going to hell, or whatever. Anyway, we are trying to get back stateside as this place is awesome, but the government makes it hell! Once I close this deal we are there, plus the company will really launch, which is the main point. You may not like the fact that we are Dati, but we are Jews and if there's any doubt, just ask our ex-family! We have no one among the goyim and frankly, not too many have adopted us here.

This is a good deal and it's a hand-up, not charity. If you can manage to seriously consider, I'd really appreciate it! Thanks in advance, look forward to hear from you.

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Editor's Note: This guy is totally legit, but I think it's pretty god damn funny that he'd ask for my assistance.

From: [patrik.c\(at\)telus.net](mailto:patrik.c(at)telus.net)
Subject: reality

Andy,

I probably couldn't say anything you haven't said or thought yourself, but I am so glad to have found your site, as well as several others. I actually feel validated after years of realizing religion was just a man-made crock built on superstition. But because I was in a great minority, I always wondered why I was just not buying into it as everyone

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else seemed to. I don't claim to be any more intelligent than the next person, but I was questioning things from the time I started school I think. I was raised as a "moron" (pun intended), with a moron mother, & non-moron father. I was never satisfied with any answer I got to any of my questions, & things kept nagging at me until I just decided it has to be all a load of BS. This sent me into reading plenty of different things that would very likely have been disapproved of, but I decided that NOBODY was going to tell me what I could or couldn't read, nor was anyone going to tell me what to think or how to think it! I was also the only moron girl in school so that made me different right away. I never fit in church either because of the non-moron father. Finally when I was about 17, I told mother I wasn't going to church anymore. I got married, & had 3 kids who were never in any church until they got older & were beginning to be invited to weddings. I always figured they could make their own choices in life, & my daughter chose to marry a religious fanatic, & he now has her brain-washed too. As long as the subject stays closed we get along fine, as I had told him before they got married that he had every right to believe whatever he chose to, but we didn't believe the crap. He's been trying to preach every once in awhile but we all ignore him usually until he backs off.

I just read your page about your cancer battle & I'm glad you came through just fine! I was diagnosed with breast cancer last May & had a mastectomy. I just got done with the chemo, & like you, I knew it was going to be my own strength & will-power to get through everything along with the help I needed from the doctors. If my son-in-law had dared to open his mouth about putting my "faith" in "gawd & jeezuz" to help me through, he would have been told off! I have no time anymore to put up with this stuff. But-----he actually hasn't yet said anything at all, which is just fine by me. I'm doing very well on my own.

Anyway, I hope I haven't bored you, but it's great to know there are plenty of people out there who feel as I do. I never was in the closet, so to speak, but we don't really have religious friends, or if they are, they don't broadcast it. I'm pretty new to the computer, but I really wish I had found sites like yours a long time ago.

Anyway, thanks for your time.

Pat

From: [solei_du_nuit\(at\)hotmail.com](mailto:solei_du_nuit(at)hotmail.com)
Subject: not hate mail

Hey there. You're an intelligent (albeit not very compassionate) individual, or so you present yourself to be. I find your words contain alot of truth, and there are some very good points to what you say when you discuss weakness and desperation in humanity and their inability to cope with it alone, so they find God. Now, this could just be me, but I found it very funny that a fellow athiest of yours posted this comment when he signed your guestbook:

"I absolutely love your web site. I love your passion and, yes, even your anger. As an atheist awash in a world of the deluded, it's nice to have a place to go where I can read well-reasoned, logical writings that let me know that I'm NOT alone. Thanks for being there."

Isn't it interesting that you yourself are somebody for others to cling to when they feel that they are "awash in the world of the deluded" and that your website is a place to go for this particular individual (and indeed, so it seems, many others) to go that lets them know that they're "NOT alone. Thanks for being there".

It seems to me that they have found a safe intellectual zone where they can talk about how idiotic and deluded Christain people are, and isn't it odd that you athiests give each other strength in the same way that religious people get their strength - in numbers, and in writings done by those who believe the same as they do? I'm not trying to hate on you, believe me. I'm not particularly religious, but I am spiritual. (There is a difference. I am not affiliated with any one group but have found my own sense of awe in the small space that I occupy and experience). I don't think that I have to tell you that humans are psychologically hardwired to accept religion - why do you think that there are just so many out there, all borrowing and stealing from each other's beliefs, that have existed since human beings evolved our particular wavelength of sentience? I think that for somebody who believes in evolution and science to say that religion is ludacris is actually somewhat backwards. Think about it: the human brain has very obviously evolved (the evidence is all around you for this one) the capacity, chemicals and the continuous habit for accepting, inventing and sharing

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religion. This might be because we want the answer to our deep, confusing, very human questions. This might be because we have not yet evolved to find out that all answers are ok.

Whichever way you look at it, I'm just letting you know that to be religious is to be human, and the feverant belief that there is no Deity/s whatsoever is also just a belief. I don't care if you believe that there is no God; I don't think you're going to burn in hell, or, "separation from God" as they put it. I just think you're on the same journey I am, but the world is wide, and can sustain us both.

Sincerely,

Maddie

From: [johnnyen77\(at\)gmail.com](mailto:johnnyen77(at)gmail.com)
Subject: Honestly, this is not hate mail.

Today I read a sign in a library which presented the bizarre idea that giving change to homeless people is against "god's" will. At first, I was shocked by the completely illogical nature of this particular piece of propoganda. Then, sure enough, there was the address of a place to make donations to some church and blah blah blah...

Needless to say, I was incredibly pissed that this garbage was being displayed in a college library, so I came to check out what the Godless Bastard was up to and (for the sake of saving my sanity) reaffirm my long-held belief that a few intelligent people are out there.

After years of studying the reasons behind atheism, I thought I knew it all. However, I actually learned new ways of thinking about it thanks to you. I must say I agree with almost everything you're saying.

Keep up the good work.

From: [EyeofBehol\(at\)aol.com](mailto:EyeofBehol(at)aol.com)
Subject: Non-Issue vs. Real

Just ran into your site the other day and it gives me this warm fuzzy feeling when I read it kind of like when that preacher man touched my u-who or when I think of Jesus's mother naked. (lol) Love your site and would like to receive your newsletter.

From: [wiserd911\(at\)yahoo.com](mailto:wiserd911(at)yahoo.com)
Subject: one thing

Hey Andy,



Regarding the [intellectual honesty quiz](#) you give, [questions 25 and 26] miss their mark. The "It hurts because it's true" line is horribly overused. Just because a person argues against something or is offended by it doesn't mean it's automatically true. People react most strongly against those lies (or unsavory opinions) which are not true per se but believable. If you were trying to convince my coworkers that I used to be a schizophrenic (and I thought they might believe you) then of course I would try and convince you and them of the falsity of that belief. If you tried to convince them I was 8 feet tall and had huge leathery wings, I wouldn't worry because it's not believable. Likewise, you would rebuke a racist even if you weren't the likely target of his racism, because you believed that his views were both wrong and potentially persuasive (or at least that he might do some harm on his own.)

Of course, if this was all a joke and I missed the joke well shame on me and have a nice day.

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Take care,

Ryan

From: [dmiles\(at\)accesscomm.ca](mailto:dmiles(at)accesscomm.ca)
Subject: Greetings



Dear (atheist) Andy (in Holy-wood),

Grace unto you, and peace, from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Re: latest Reverend AtheiStar email-out to yahoo groupies. I note the 'atheists' are now crying wolf and 'discrimination'.

Eg: Calgary, Alberta, Canada: An eleven-year-old boy [name withheld] experienced daily physical attacks and threats against his life by schoolmates—notably the sons of three local pastors—after protesting intercom readings of the Lord's Prayer in a public school. He was repeatedly body-checked into hallway walls and attacked in the rest rooms. One pastor's son stalked him with a butcher knife in an empty portable classroom. Despite the seriousness of this incident, no action was taken. The boy's parents transferred him to another school for his own safety.

Indeed real issue is 'safety', for everyone, not just atheists. Seems all saying peace & safety in law are now crying, eh.

The discrimination of atheists crying ouch via christians attacking them a 'non issue'. It's the day after tomorrow, and the only 'real issue' is whether God is Law or Grace.

Neither Law God nor Grace God accept 'atheist excuse'. There is no 'may I be excused' from 'the issue' of 7th day, which is a "sabbath" shewdown, till it's one only take all. And notably neither of the biblical Gods will compromise.

So get off your Humpty Dumpty wall prior to a great fall, for every adult knows that you cannot uncrack an egg.

The "grace" of our Lord "Jesus->Christ" with you->all. Amen.

Daniel Miles in Canadah, eh

From: [georgecombs2nd\(at\)cinci.rr.com](mailto:georgecombs2nd(at)cinci.rr.com)
Subject: Love the site!

Andy,

Very nice website. The Ann Coulter link is...bizarre. Very bizarre.

And speaking of links, is there anyway you could please put up an HTML page of the links and FAQ's? Macs don't seem to like .mht files.

Keep up the good work.

George
A Mac-loving Atheist in Cincinnati

From: [ramien\(at\)oriok.net](mailto:ramien(at)oriok.net)
Subject: Eternity

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Has anyone ever thought how long eternity is? Well think of it this way. There is a boulder, 6'x6', and every year a bird comes and sharpens his beak on it. When the boulder is finally whittled down to nothing; that is one day in eternity.

Now that is a loooooonnnnnng time.

Now think of this. You like a certain meal, treat, whatever. Now you can have it forever. I think you'll tire of it pretty fast. That is basically what is promised by religion? That all will be fine and dandy, FOREVER.

No work, no discussions. How boring can you get? Now if I were to go there, I would be out of my mind in no time. Bored to tears. If I wasn't bored because I was saved, then it wasn't me. So if it wasn't me, then why should I care?

Just a thought.

Marshall Neill

From: [the_master_of_the_shovel\(at\)bluebottle.com](mailto:the_master_of_the_shovel(at)bluebottle.com)
Subject: Phelps

There are two points to this email. One is to let you know that I love your site. Seriously, if your site were a woman, I'd want to father her children. I stumbled upon it about six months ago, and I just can't stay away.

Secondly, I'd just like to say that Fred Phelps is truly a disgusting human being. I really hate to say so, but some people just don't deserve the right to live. What really disturbs me is that he'd go out of his way like that to erect a monument to celebrate the exact day Matthew Shepard died. That's nothing more than his sadistic way of stirring the turd, so to speak.

I find it funny how ungodly some Christians can be sometimes. If, in fact there is a hell, I know that it won't be people such as you, Sheppard and I that will spend eternity there. It will be hateful scumbags like Phelps and his followers that will burn.

So, in conclusion, you and your site are fantastic. Phelps, on the other hand, is a waste of semen.

- Shovel Master Flash

From: [withheld by request]
Subject: She cant' be serious...oh wait, she probably is.

Hey Andy,

Once in a while I read an e-mail that just sends me over the edge. When I read the e-mail from [farmgirl61886\(at\)yahoo.com](mailto:farmgirl61886(at)yahoo.com) on your mail page I just went flying over.

This woman's stupidity is boundless. First of all, her subject line says, "The Lord is OUR Savior." So despite her insistence later that she "doesn't care what other people believe in" it is clear that she believes that her lord is everyone's savior, not just hers. So all of her bullshit about accepting everyone else is just that...a big steaming pile of it.

This part REALLY got me: "Religion and politics don't ever scorn." Aside from the grammatical nightmare that is that sentence, is she really suggesting that we never disagree with anyone politically? Did this woman send her e-mail from China? Maybe North Vietnam? Because they aren't allowed to disagree with anyone politically and we all know how well that's working out for citizens there. The last time I checked, it was our not only our right but our civic duty to have some sort of political opinion that we are willing to discuss. Forget religion, this woman is suggesting that we abandon our opinions altogether and just keep them to ourselves.

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Now, let's talk about the evil atrocity that is the Godless Bastard's scorn.

Would that in any way be worse than say...oh, I dunno, the millions of people slaughtered throughout history that have dared to merely disagree with Christianity? She is mad at you for your scorn, yet it's perfectly OK that the founders of her religion killed to promote their god. Hell, it's even OK I am sure that her god that she loves and worships blindly killed millions in the bat of an eye just for doubting his divinity. Everyone knows I didn't make that up, the bible sites numerous instances of the very thing.

The last sentence sums it all up. In typical Christian style, she just wants to shut everyone else with a different opinion the hell up. "I think all websites that scorn a different religion or belief should be banned."

There will be no differences of opinion on her planet! To hell with that!

To quote a phrase from my old L.A. west valley days...WhatEVER moron. I'm sorry she doesn't live in a world where everyone is "polite." When she lays awake at night, worrying about how rude we all are and praying for our souls, why doesn't she just say a little prayer for all of the people that have died in the name of her religion. I'm sure she'll justify that they all deserved it, especially the ones god killed himself. Those "lost souls" didn't believe in the divinity of her god and isn't that after all scornful? Yes, I'm sure it's a fine reason to kill people. She is perfect fodder for the religious machine. Too dumb to realize that her own opinions are contradictory.

Wow. Am I mean today or what? I couldn't help myself. The stupidity of her e-mail just sent me over the edge of a very tense Friday. I feel much better now though.

Nothing like purging all that scorn, I feel like a new woman.

Melissa

From: [patrik.c\(at\)telus.net](mailto:patrik.c(at)telus.net)
Subject: WOW!!!

Andy,

Just read that letter from your featured emailer. YIKES!!! I find that kind of attitude offensive, & if I wasn't an atheist before that would have sent me to it!

The last I heard, we all have a free country, & although I'm Canadian, I keep wondering why these brain-washed religious fanatics persist in trying to dictate what I can or can't think!!!

I'm not that well educated, but it seems to me I can at least spell most words, & sort of create a decent sentence. But maybe I need to apologize for all the learning I'm doing with everything I read, since I have to realize these people know absolutely everything there is to know, & have no room in their chock full brains to learn anything more. Of course the term "narrow mind" crops up, but who am I to judge?

If their religion is so wonderful/perfect/fulfilling/loving/compassionate, etc., why are they going to atheist sites? Isn't it a sin to be reading anything not faith promoting?

I had 9 operations in 10 years, with the mastectomy being the last one, & not once did I feel I couldn't get through any of them under my own will power & help from the medical people!!!! Instead of that pathetic begging...sorry...praying, I got out & started walking a few hundred feet down my block & back, & expanded every day until I could do my normal activities. If I had wasted my time praying to some invisible being & waiting to be healed, I'd either be house-bound or dead!!! But then if the praying worked in the first place, we wouldn't have all these cancers, birth defects, disasters, etc. Nature is wonderful, but it's not perfect, & the quicker we accept that the better off we'd be.

Thanks for your time.

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Pat >^^<

From: [farmgirl61886\(at\)yahoo.com](mailto:farmgirl61886(at)yahoo.com)
Subject: The Lord is OUR Savior



So Andy, what do you believe in? You think Christians are horrible, do you? You think what we believe in is silly nonsense? Let me tell you something.....maybe you should delete your website. Yes there are hipocrits, but that's every religion, even yours (or whatever you call yourself). So get over it. I'll tell you this Andy I have prayed to God, and my prayers have been answered. I have went threw a terrible surgery, and almost died, but I was blessed with God's love and I'm still here.

I don't care what people believe in, whether they are Jewish or Christian, or Muslim, whatever, even atehisist. But I am very offended that there are people who scorn what I believe in. Keep your opinions to yourself. Religion and politics don't ever scorn.

Why don't you take a peaceful time to yourself and pray, you'll see what happens! But you have to mean it, and to tell you the truth, you are just a lost soul.

Did something happen in your life to make you feel the way you do? Did someone very close die horribly to make you feel the way you do? I'm truely sorry if that happened. But that's God's way of taking his children. We miss them dearly...yes....and we don't understand God's purpose, but having faith is whats important.

So please consider this! I think all websites that scorn any religion or belief should be banned.

Amelia Gallion

From: [tammy08\(at\)hotmail.co.uk](mailto:tammy08(at)hotmail.co.uk)
Subject: Response to your last update

Hello Andy.

I've just got hold of and have been reading through your latest update, and am gripped with fascination at [your latest update to] [The Weakness Within](#).

You've probably worked out by now that I have a long term life threatening illness that more than once seems to have been ready to stop threatening and actually act, and have spent large amount of my life, from being a tiny baby, in and out of hospital. Well, that and being a Christian gave me a good insight into both illness and belief and the 'Cancer Support Group' e-mails is the kind of stuff I have heard down the years, 'he's in god's hands now', 'she is safe with Jesus'. I'll tell you something that happened to me once.

I was in hospital feeling like my insides had been adjusted and the prayer group from my church turned up. They were an amazing lot, they believed the more words they used, and the higher the volume, the more likely they were to get to god's throne. And they started praying for me. All I can say, thank reason I was in a side room as the nurses would have thrown us out for being disruptive! Anyhow, they started praying, not only in English but with a backing track of tongues and I could feel my head getting hotter and tighter and they were praying for god to heal me and make me well (This is not the same thing, believe me!)and eventually the impasse was broken by my vomiting.

Well, the majority backed off, shut up and shut down, but one lady praised the lord for getting me to a point where I would be now getting better.

Nothing was actually said, but I am sure there was a hint of a belief that there was demonic possession involved!

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Needless to say, as soon as I could stand upright unaided, I stopped bothering with that church, and that was one of the first cases where, in my mind, science and religion battled and science won!

Now when I read stuff like 'they are in god's house now' always think what my proudly, openly Atheist Mother says, 'a person does live on, in the minds of those who love them', which I think is a lot better and somehow more personalised than being in a big, impersonal crowded heaven.

Anyhow, bye for now.

Your pal Sarah.

From: [patrik.c\(at\)telus.net](mailto:patrik.c(at)telus.net)
Subject: [blank]

Andy,

Just a few questions I have that have never been answered satisfactorily for me by any religion.

It's always been said that having a baby is a "blessing" & a "miracle" from gawd. Soooooo, why does gawd keep "blessing" the most horrendously poor people with little "miracles" that they can't feed, & then let them spend years suffering with disease & starvation? OR if they must be "blessed" then why does gawd not provide enough food? Kind, compassionate, loving. Yeah, right!!! This screams in loud words that it's "nature", not some gawd.

Why are tiny babies born with cancers, birth defects, or deformities, etc.? So many little kids are taking years to just slowly die in such cruel fashion. Kind, compassionate, loving, gawd. Yeah, right!!! This is also "nature", which isn't always perfect, not some invisible being in the sky.

Floods, hurricanes, tsunamis, typhoons, earthquakes, thunder, lightening, etc. Yup. NATURE!!! NOT acts of gawd!!!

Why are we still fighting wars over religions because everyone has the "right" gawd, & the other people don't. For lack of a better word, this is just plain ignorant!!! What right does anyone have to dictate what another is to think, or believe?

If the religious think that I'm going to go to "hell", what difference does it make to them anyway? I'm sure my life & where they think I'm going, can't affect them that much. I really think that a lot of us could do with a lot more of the minding our own business effort, & leave other's to their's.

All the silly subservient behavior towards some invisible being hanging out in the sky, just looks pathetic. If this is what religious people want to look like. Fine, but leave me the hell out of it. I'd rather worship my cat.

Thanks for your time,

Pat >^^<

From: [elton\(at\)learningmedia.co.nz](mailto:elton(at)learningmedia.co.nz)
Subject: Designed to question

Hello Andy,

Interesting website, you should feel quite esteemed I've added it as one of my favourites. It's great to find someone out there that shares some of my thoughts on Christianity, believe me they're very hard to find. I was brought up a Christian, so I guess I'm now known affectionately by anyone in the Christian faith as a backslider. It's a shame how we

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have to spend our lives labeled by other people (judge not and ye shall not be judged; it's funny how Christians like to pick and choose their own beliefs depending on the weather).

In the bible's own accounts we were created in his image and likeness, this is one of the first things the bible says, somewhere in Genesis as I recall. If you look at things from a purely biblical point of view, we are designed to question, challenge and ask questions about life, God does not want us as obeying little robots which is why he gave us free will. I think some particularly nasty periods in history wouldn't have happened if people had questioned and challenged more ie the holocaust, not to mention the current Bush administration both of which had (and have) their roots firmly entrenched in religion (what's that I said about the Lutheran church!).

Andy keep up the great website, keep asking questions about life, questioning is something inherent in every human. And hey if any Christians out there think people like Andy and myself are wrong - or strongly possessed by the 'devil', it says it in the bible...

Seek and ye shall find!

Cheers, Elton

From: [mybusiness721\(at\)yahoo.com](mailto:mybusiness721(at)yahoo.com)
Subject: [blank]



I feel so sorry for you dude. You suck at arguing. I am a philosophy major and I am good at arguing. You should take a few phil classes and learn about skepticism and the major arguments in that area of philosophy. You sound like an idiot when you try to back up your claims with arguments based on lousy premises that aren't even logical. Sorry, but it's the painful truth. If you want some arguing tips let me know. You would probably enjoy the pragmatic approach to philosophy. I enjoy a valid philosophical argument; not a bunch of opinions based on assumptions. The pre-Socratic philosophers would cringe if they had to read your ranting. Poor Descartes would laugh his ass off if he read your page. He could disprove all your claims while in a drug induced coma.

Best regards, Crystal

From: [filmsensation84\(at\)aol.com](mailto:filmsensation84(at)aol.com)
Subject: [blank]

First, I am a huge believer in God. However I have nothing against atheists as they have a right to their opinions... Now, are their opinions Fact? No. However, I still respect their opinions. But tell me, why so bitter? While going through your site and reading about all the reasons why belief in God is weakness, Christianity is bad, etc... I'm beginning to believe that due to all the bitterness, you are the weak ones. If you were secure with yourself, you wouldn't be writing 90% of the stuff on this website and you would respect all people's spiritualism and beliefs. If you decide not to believe in God, that's your choice... But the vast majority of the world has chosen to have God in their lives... Please don't bash us, especially if you aren't familiar with spiritualism and faiths. There's a quote that says 'The biggest form of ignorance is to reject something you know nothing about.'

Just keep an open mind and love ALL people unconditionally. This is what life is all about, loving each other regardless of differences. And you know what? Despite your extreme atheism and bitter thoughts, God still loves you... with God's infinite wisdom and love. You can never fall from God's grace.

Julia

From: [chulme\(at\)mcpur.com](mailto:chulme(at)mcpur.com)
Subject: One thing for sure

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You will discover the truth as you pass into the next life (and beyond). (Your web site is an odd use of your time, such angst!)

Good luck,
Clint Hulme

From: sm_portplastics@yahoo.com
Subject: your posting

Hello.

I found your posting very interesting. The Christian way of life is a life, in my opinion, of blind faith. They really can't prove, or back up any of these thoughts, therefore they call it faith. Faith that the thoughts they have are correct. "I believe, therefore it must be true." I was raised in a Unitarian Universalist household. My Father is/was the Minister of several Churches from Massachusetts, to Minnesota, New York, New Zealand, etc. etc. If you want to talk about some non-conventional beliefs, attend a Unitarian Universalist Church. (but that is for a different day...) I have been visiting a Christian Church on, and off, for a couple of years. I am not really all that impressed. The message I keep coming away with is the same. You just have to have faith that if you declare your belief in Jesus Christ, and that there is a God that created the Earth, and everything around you, and He knows what is going to happen next, etc. etc. you will be "saved" (have eternal life). I just don't get it. I have tried, but I just can't get past the whole declaration thing. Well, I believe in a whole slew of things, and I am thinking that I must be an Athiest, as well. I don't necessarily believe in a God, but I do think that there is some sort of God-like qualities in the one thing that sustains me, and that is the Earth. I know it might seem silly, but I have the freedom to believe in anything I want, just as you do. Christians love to put the thought out there that if you don't think like they do, you are doomed to Hell. Since when did they become the God they worship? Telling me what I must think. If there is only one true religion, then how come there are so many religions? They all can't be wrong, can they? If you need to believe in something to get by, then go ahead, and believe it. I am not going to say that you are wrong. That would be pretentious of me, and judgmental. I saw a great poster, that sums it all up for me. It was a photo of a dirty, mean looking biker with torn clothes, and stuff. A really bad looking dude. He had a scowl on his bearded, and scarred face. The caption at the bottom of the poster said : "Judge me all you want, just keep the verdict to yourself."

Take care, Stevo.

From: [pavu\(at\)adelphia.net](mailto:pavu(at)adelphia.net)
Subject: godless



Hey there. I am a 27 year old male who considers himself to be a christian. I cant say that I am a good one, I commit plenty of sins every day, on purpose. I doubt the existance of God sometimes, sure. Its impossible not to unless you are truly blind, there are so many people out there who have a grudge against Christianity, and try every day to weaken the faith of believers.

Sometimes I look at TV evangelists and wonder how in the world they can be so convinced of their faith, I wish God would give me a sign or something.

But if He did give me a sign of his existance then faith would have very little meaning, it would just be acceptance of the obvious truth.

I found your site when on a whim I decided to look up Ian McKellen's (actor in the DaVinci code) recent comments about the bible. Something about it being a work of fiction or whatever. After reading his comments I decided I would look and see how many Anti-Christian websites I could find. Theres an awful lot of them, but I bet there are many

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many more Pro-Christian websites. I would not know because I am very secretive with my faith and am not comfortable sharing it with anyone. People like you have made me that way. So I dont visit christian websites, I dont wanna talk about it to anyone. I am sick of stupid people putting words into God's mouth, and making the whole faith look bad. I am also sick of getting attacked and being called bigoted, ignorant and weak-minded.

I am not here to try to convert you, I really dont know why I am sending you this message other than to ask why do you want to ruin the party for everyone else? You say you dont want to convert anyone to atheism yet you are just one of many many voices out there that are telling us that what we believe is a lie. Christians have to fight harder now than ever before to hold onto even a scrap of their faith. You say that having religious beliefs keep us crazies in check from robbing you and raping your children. So why on earth would you try to destroy the very thing which in your opinion seperates us from animals?

You know what I think? Atheism is the religion of believing in nothing.

Like with other religions, athiests believe in something that cannot be proven scientificly, they are highly motivated to tell others their version of the truth, and are almost impssible to convince otherwise no matter how strong the evidence presented may be. You say you are tired of christians ramming thier views down your throat, yet you fail to see that you are doing the very same thing to me. Every day I am assaulted with attacks on my faith (on the internet, on television, in videogames) yet I have not made a website to bitch about the heathens of the world. I cant even go see a movie or watch TV anymore without being reminded of my faith being a lie by all of the hollywood elites.

You can believe whatever you want to believe, just dont act like you are superior and enlightened, because you have no way of knowing for sure that you are right. And please dont act like you are some kind of free-thinker.

Your ideas are as old as the bible itself, and being anti-christian is something all the cool kids do, what with all of their hollywood idols telling them thats the way to go. Athiesm is the new hula-hoop.

Farewell,
Shannon

From: [ericksonml\(at\)sbcglobal.net](mailto:ericksonml(at)sbcglobal.net)
Subject: [blank]

Question: Why did you choose to call yourself 'bastard'?

Mary Lou Erickson

From: [mar3\(at\)canada.com](mailto:mar3(at)canada.com)
Subject: [blank]



Yes, I am religious. This is concerning: "I will give \$10,000 (U.S. funds) to the first person to come forward and claim responsibility for me accepting Jesus as my personal lord and savior by virtue of their prayer for me."

If you were actually serious about testing prayer (and I'll use the Amazing Randi from Skeptic magazine as an example of a reasonable tester), instead of asking for the type of prayer that almost all Christians would regard as blasphemous/evil/a-prayer-God-would-never-answer, instead you would construct the contents of the prayer so that

1. the prayer is something that the Christian God might answer.
2. natural causes could not possibly explain a positive result.
3. don't offer money. It will just turn most people off.

Otherwise, your offer is just lame and uninteresting.

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Eduard Ewert

Editor's Note: Um, Eddie. [tapping on shoulder] Hello? I guess you just don't "get" the whole point of the website now, do you? Yes, the \$10,000 challenge is SUPPOSED to be lame, you knucklehead, because prayer itself is lame. I love Christians. I really do. They believe whatever nonsense you throw at them.

From: [wicky_wicky_whiteboy\(at\)yahoo.com](mailto:wicky_wicky_whiteboy(at)yahoo.com)
Subject: [blank]

I'm not trying to preach to you at all i swear!!!! Your view on things is extremely interesting to me. Christianity and athiesm are both choices, that's fine if you feel that way. I was just wondering why. I'm not going to give you any warm fuzzy thoughts, I just can't picture going through life without a purpose. There would be no point (in my veeery humble opinion) of living if you didn't have a goal of eternity someday. If this bothers you, it is out of response to the comment you made to my very young impressionable friend. So we both have our own opinions, but for someone who hates people who preach their religion, why are you posting comments about yours uninvited. Yes this is too uninvited but in response to yours. I am not angry or trying to convert you in any way. I just think that you are a very interesting person who I would like to bounce ideas off of sometime to either reinforce or destroy my faith. So I wish you the best and congrats on a well put-together website.

Patrick

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