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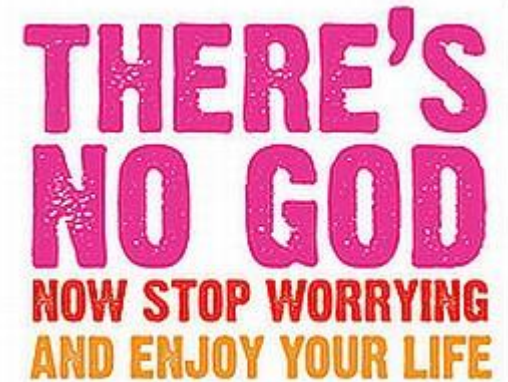
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God does not exist



**THERE'S
NO GOD
NOW STOP WORRYING
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The indefinable god

Many believers state that we cannot define what god is. If a concept cannot be given a definition it cannot (and therefore doesn't) exist. Existence itself is an essential part of the definition. Once a believer defines the characteristics of what they think their god has, this is where they run into other problems because these claims can be examined and tested. It is the examination of many of these characteristics that this leaflet seeks to address. If someone states that their god cannot be known, then it is irrelevant whether this god exists or not. What is the point of blindly worshipping an indefinable and unknowable entity, which is also untestable for its existence?

There is no evidence for any god concept

The omni-god cannot exist

The omni-god is described as being omnipotent, omniscient, omnipresent and omni-benevolent. This god cannot exist as several of these characteristics are logically incompatible. Any being that is omniscient knows everything including its own future actions making it impossible for it to change its future actions making omnipotence impossible; and this does not even approach the problems of an omni-benevolent god and the unnecessary suffering that occurs on a daily basis in this world.

There are thousands of god concepts and religions

If you were born in the UK or the USA the chances are you will have been brought up to believe in Christianity. If you were born in Iran or Afghanistan you will most likely have been brought up to believe in Islam. If you were born in India you would most likely be a Hindu or a Sikh. There are, or have been, thousands of religions across the world, if one of them were true would we not know which one by now? Especially after the research of thousands of philosophers and theologians over the years.

There is no evidence for any god concept

Every piece of evidence that has ever been put forward for the existence of a god has been rebutted in one way or another. Every piece of evidence has been shown either not to be true, have a more plausible explanation, not be evidence at all or an appeal to ignorance. If a god existed, then why is there no data that shows that the followers of any particular religion or god are better off because of it?

Scripture is not a divine product

Why is it that scriptures that are believed by the followers of the particular gods all appear to be human creations? All of them contain factual errors and contradictions and are demonstrably not inerrant. Also why is it that many of the texts have to be interpreted? If they were written, or even inspired, by an infallible being they would be inerrant, clear and would not be open to interpretation.

Personal claims

Some people claim to have a 'relationship' with their particular god or that their god speaks to them, but this is not evidence for the existence of a universal god. Try telling your doctor that you have a relationship with an invisible entity and that this entity speaks to you, but only you can hear this voice because it is in your head. Your doctor will probably send you for a psychological assessment. Attributing internal voices to an invisible, indefinable god is not credible or rational.

Absent evidence

Absence of evidence is evidence of absence

Absence of evidence is evidence of absence where we would expect to find evidence. In the case of the existence of a god, much of what is claimed about them, for example, the power of prayer, can be tested. However, when you examine the evidence of the claims that can be tested, it shows there is no evidence to support the hypothesis that a god of any religion currently being practiced exists.



If any particular god existed (and there are many claims for more than one god) and that god wanted us to believe that our immortal souls were at stake, wouldn't that god want to ensure the evidence was clear and unequivocal? After all, this is about the supposedly serious matter of eternal life or eternal damnation! Instead we see nothing. No religion has ever provided any credible, testable evidence for the existence of gods.