

“More and more people are junking religion and many are giving up on God”

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They choose “none” on religious surveys.

Half of 'nones' left childhood faith over lack of belief, one-in-five cite dislike of organized religion

Reasons for disaffiliating among those who were raised in a religion and are currently ...

	NET Unaffiliated	Atheist	Agnostic	Nothing in particular
	%	%	%	%
NET Don't believe	49	82	63	37
Disenchanted/don't believe	36	71	46	25
Not interested in/don't need religion	7	3	8	7
Views evolved	7	7	12	5
Went through a crisis of faith	1	2	1	1
NET Dislike organized religion	20	10	19	22
Anti-institutional religion	15	2	17	16
Religion focuses on power/politics	4	5	1	6
Religion causes conflict	1	3	2	1
NET Religiously unsure/undecided	18	5	12	22
Unaffiliated but religious	7	1	1	10
Seeking/open-minded	6	3	5	7

Examples of reasons why people are unaffiliated

Don't believe

- "Learning about evolution when I went away to college."
- "Too many Christians doing un-Christian things."
- "Religion is the opiate of the people."
- "Rational thought makes religion go out the window."
- "Lack of any of sort of scientific or specific evidence of a creator."
- "I just realized somewhere along the line that I didn't really believe it."
- "I'm doing a lot more learning, studying and kind of making decisions myself rather than listening to someone else."

Dislike organized religion

- "I see organized religious groups as more divisive than uniting."
- "I think that more harm has been done in the name of religion than any other area."
- "I no longer believe in organized religion. I don't attend services anymore. I just believe that religion is very personal."

Learning about evolution when I go away to college.

What do students study where they learn about evolution.

Biology, geology, anthropology
Where are these courses required?

Biology is required for agriculture, nursing, hygiene, environmental studies, medicine, ophthalmology, veterinary medicine, and wildlife studies.

However, a life science course is required by most universities for general background.

In such courses, a major topic is evolution (out of 4 major topics studied).

In my view, there is no reason for this to be included other than atheistic religious conviction on how life began as evolution plays no part in thinking or planning for any industrial or scientific technology career.

Again, evolution plays no part in the practice of agriculture, nursing, hygiene, environmental studies, medicine, ophthalmology, veterinary medicine, and wildlife studies.

It is purely a subjective, wholly non-mathematical view of the origin of life.

“We are currently seeing species go extinct. Between 1.4 and 1.8 million species have already been scientifically identified

If the low estimate of the number of species out there is true - i.e. that there are around 2 million different species on our planet** - then that means between 200 and 2,000 extinctions occur every year.

But if the upper estimate of species numbers is true - that there are 100 million different species co-existing with us on our planet - then between 10,000 and 100,000 species are becoming extinct each year.”

as the Cretaceous–Tertiary (K–T) extinction, was a mass extinction of some three-quarters of the plant and animal species on Earth—including all non-avian dinosaurs—that occurred over a geologically short period of time approximately 66 million years ago -Wikipedia

Species on earth? About 8.7 million (give or take 1.3 million) is the new, estimated total number of species on Earth -- the most precise calculation ever offered -- with 6.5 million species on land and 2.2 million in oceans. Aug 24, 2011

If we take the 66 million years ago extinction of 75% and the 8.7 million species now, we calculate 6.5 million new species must have “evolved” in the last 66 million years. That’s 10 new species every year but we’re losing species at the rate of 2000 per year.

Panda.org

Ahmed Djoghlaif, head of the U.N. Convention on Biological Diversity says we’re losing 55,000 species per year (May 2007)

Bill Nye, the “Science guy” says there are 30 million species on earth.

There's a lot of wild guesses out there. No one really knows how many species there are or how many disappear each hour.

Nye is at one end – 30 million species
If 75% were wiped out 66 million years ago– that's
22.5 million species.

But Djoghlaaf says we're losing 55,000 per year and
we're only gaining an average of 3 per year to
replace the 22.5 in the 66 million – where did all
the species come from?

Do you get the idea that the biologists can't count?
At a loss of 55,000 species a year, it would only take
545 years for us to run completely out of species!
Has this been going on ever since Europeans came
to the US?

Why do biologists believe so much in Darwinian
evolution?

Because the only other answer is God!

Don't give up on God **because** He is the only
rational answer.

Gen 1:1 In the beginning God created the heavens
and the earth.

There was a beginning and the Bible said so.

There is the scientific proof you need to start a
discussion with an atheist!

Here's another one! Currents in the oceans!

Psa 8:8 the birds in the sky, and the fish in the sea,
all that swim the paths of the seas.

I hope you realize that the atheists believe all “Christian” religions are just alike.

“Too many Christian’s doing unchristian things”

Are they doing those things because the Bible tells them to or because they deny what the Bible says?

Php 4:8 Finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is of good repute, if there is any excellence and if anything worthy of praise, let your mind dwell on these things.

Do you think the Germans were doing this when they killed 6 million Jews? The population was 2/3 Lutheran and 1/3 Catholic before the rise of the Nazis.

1Co 6:9 Or do you not know that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived; neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor homosexuals, 10 nor thieves, nor the covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor swindlers, shall inherit the kingdom of God. 11 And such were some of you; but you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, and in the Spirit of our God.

On the other hand we see religious wars destroying
the Middle East.

“Fight in the cause of Allah those who fight you, but
do not transgress limits, for Allah does not love
transgressors”. 2:190

“And slay them (the infidels) wherever you catch
them, and turn them out from where they have
turned you out, for tumult and oppression are
worse than slaughter” 2:191

Let those fight in the cause of Allah who sell the life of this world for the Hereafter. To him who fighteth in the cause of Allah, whether he is slain or gets victory soon shall we give him a reward of great (value)" 4:74

5:33 "The punishment of those who wage war against Allah and His messenger and strive to make mischief in the land is only this, that they should be murdered or crucified or their hands and their feet should be cut off on opposite sides or they should be imprisoned; this shall be as a disgrace for them in this world, and in the hereafter they shall have a grievous chastisement."

“Religion is the opiate of the people”
a quote from Karl Marx

What does true Christianity teach us
to do.

To work
to help our neighbor
to be faithful to our wives/husbands

2Th 3:10 For even when we were with you, we used to give you this order: if anyone will not work, neither let him eat. (11) For we hear that some among you are leading an undisciplined life, doing no work at all, but acting like busybodies. (12) Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to work in quiet fashion and eat their own bread. (13) But as for you, brethren, do not grow weary of doing good.

Eph 4:32 And be kind to one another,
tender-hearted, forgiving each other,
just as God in Christ also has forgiven
you.

Rom 12:10 Be devoted to one
another in brotherly love; give
preference to one another in honor;

Eph 5:25-28 Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself up for her; ... (28) So husbands ought also to love their own wives as their own bodies. He who loves his own wife loves himself;

1Co 7:2 But because of immoralities, let each man have his own wife, and let each woman have her own husband.

1Pe 3:1 In the same way, you wives, be submissive to your own husbands so that even if any of them are disobedient to the word, they may be won without a word by the behavior of their wives,

“Rational thought makes religion go out the window”

Rational thought has brought us abortion on demand – 699,202 in 2015

access to strong drink – 9,967 traffic deaths in 2014
– 88,000 deaths due to alcohol annually in the US
47,000 deaths due to drug abuse – 2013

1Co 6:10 nor thieves, nor the covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor swindlers, shall inherit the kingdom of God.

1.4 million reported cases of chlamydia
350,062 reported cases of gonorrhea
19,999 cases of syphilis

Is religion non-rational thought?

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One young man who left this church to go into the world said, “It’s nobody’s business if I want to have sex with her.”

How rational is that for him or for her?

1Ti 4:7 ... On the other hand, discipline yourself for the purpose of godliness; (8) for bodily discipline is only of little profit, but godliness is profitable for all things, since it holds promise for the present life and also for the life to come.

We need to pay attention to the God of heaven, for he cares for us.

Do you care for Him? Will you do what
He says?

Mat 28:19-20 "Go therefore and make
disciples of all the nations, baptizing
them in the name of the Father and the
Son and the Holy Spirit, (20) teaching
them to observe all that I commanded
you; and lo, I am with you always, even
to the end of the age."