**Why I Don’t Believe in God.**

I have four reasons I want to list for why I do not believe in God:

1. You can’t see him.

2. Behavior of believers

3. Because of suffering God is responsible for Hitler

4. Burden of proof is on the believer: Unless you can prove God exists, why should anyone believe in God?

1. You can’t see him.

Yuri Gagarin: “I don’t see any God up here.”

The God of Christianity is kind of like faries, gnomes, the easter bunny and the tooth faries. When we are young, we believe in such things.

When we grow up we stop believing in things for which there is no direct evidence.

In ancient times people believed in lots of gods and spirits and such nonsense.

Now they have a more sophisticated version of the same thing.

As humans improve we replace such superstitions with things which are real such as science.

Richard Dawkins: In the universe of blind physical forces and genetic replication, some people are going to get hurt and other people are going to get lucky: and you won’t find any rhyme or reason to it, nor any justice. The universe we observe has precisely the properties we should expect if there is at the bottom, no design, no purpose, no evil and no good. Nothing but blind, pitiless indifference. DNA neither knows nor cares. DNA just is, and we dance to its music.

The only things which are real are things which can be observed.

My opponent will use the example of the electron or the wind, but these are not good analogies because they explain things we can see.

Q: What thing that you can see is explained by God?

If God were real, than we could expect certain qualities.

Nature would be perfect, but consider the appendix. Consider the lion mercilessly slaughtering the gazelle. Nature is a brutal thing.

There would be no war.

2. Behavior of believers

And speaking of things which can be seen. What about the behaviors of those who supposedly believe in this God?

These believers are really no better that atheists or agnostics.

I would say that on the whole, my skeptic friends behave at least as ethically as the people I meet about town.

Look at all the scandals of the televangelists. They give corrupt politicians a run for their money (ha ha).

Most of the evil done in the past centuries was done in the name of religion.

If God is real, then why did the Crusaders brutally attack peaceful people in Palestine.

If God is real, then why did the Roman Inquisition slaughter thousands in the name of this God?

3. Because of suffering Getting back to my theme that God cannot be seen. Like I said, I believe in wind even though I do not see it because I can predict the effects of wind.

Let me challenge you, then:

If God is all-powerful

If God is loving and compassionate

Why is there such suffering, misery, disease and death in the world?

Two choices:

Either he is not in fact all-powerful and simply cannot prevent it

Or

God really does not care.

I say a third possibility, which is that God does not exist.

If God exists, then he his is responsible for Hitler.

Why would God choose to bring a deformed baby into the world?

I know. I agree with Dawkins. Because of genetic mutations.

Why did God allow the tsunami which hit Sumatra and the Indian Ocean.

This being you believe in could have stopped that wave, yet he did not. I say that being is a figment of a very lively imagination.

4. Burden of proof is on the believer: Unless you can prove God exists, why should anyone believe in God?

Belief in God is kind of like belief in unicorns or the abominable snowman. I do NOT have to prove there is a god, any more than I have to prove that unicorns exist. We have no compelling reason to believe in unicorns, and, unless you can give me a compelling reason to believe in unicorns I will persist in my stubborn belief that there are no unicorns.

It all comes back to this: As a scientist, I refuse to believe in something which I cannot either see with my eyes or which I cannot reasonably infer to exist by what I can see with my eyes.

I say to all you potential believers out there that you need to get off that old-fashioned train that leads to nowhere.

You need to get on the bullet train. The modern one. It is time for you to stop believing in fairy tales.

Wishful thinking is not rational thinking.

I respectfully suggest that you need to give up you belief in the supernatural.

My rebuttal to Hunter:

1. Science proves there are no miracles.

You say that Jesus was raised from the dead. I will quote my good friend David Hume. “Extraordinary claims require extraordinary proof.”

Like I already said, it is time to get on the science train. Science has already proved that miracles such as the resurrection are fairy tales.

How do I know that the resurrection did not happen? Because, only a few hours after we die, irreversible chemical reactions are set in place the result of which make it impossible for one to be raised from the dead.

If you think differently, then I would like to see the chemical experiment which can explain this.

Scientists know from experience that there exists an unchanging set of physical laws which govern every action in the universe.

I challenge believer to this. Turn a glass of water into wine and I will give some serious consideration to your God. Not only that, I will lay down $1000 right here and now to anyone who can prove me wrong.

2. Multiverse

You say that the universe is “finely tuned” with just the right properties so that we can be here. OK. I will concede that. You and I are obviously here.

But… Scientists now believe in a multiverse. Evidence is and quantum mechanics predicts that there are an infinite number of universes. Any universe which exists which does not have the right properties would also not have intelligent beings noticing that they exist.

A scientific explanation is always to be preferred to a speculative supernatural explanation, which really is not even an explanation at all.

3. Besides, you are a hypocrite to use science to prove the existence of God at all because you believe the earth is only a few thousand years old.

If you want me to believe in the Christian God, then I will have to stop looking at the heavens and under the microscope.

1. Universe is old

We know, both from the age of the oldest object and from the size of the red shift that the universe is about 13.5 billion years old.

What about a galaxy 1 billion light years away?

b. Earth is old Genesis 1 is wrong.

You say the earth was created in six days. Bishop Ussher 4004 BC

I say, take one trip to the Grand Canyon tells me that you are wrong.

We know from U/Pb dating that the earth is about 4.5 billion years old.

The youngest dinosaur fossils are 65 million years old, yet you believe dinosaurs

lived with people.

To accept the Genesis account requires that you reject science.

c. Evolution happened. It is wrong to teach creationism in schools.

Like Thomas Huxley said “We are as much the product of blind forces as is the falling of a stone to earth, or the ebb and flow of the tides. We have just happened, and man was made flesh by a series of singularly beneficial accidents.”

Vitamin C gene.

We were created by evolution, not by God.