

DEAR MR DAWKINS...

1. WE AGREE, YOUR GOD IS A 'DELUSION'.

- a. The god you create and then deny isn't the particular God who's there.
- b. Why should God be made of the same stuff as us?
- c. God is not an equation. He's a person.
- d. God is entitled to reveal Himself when and how He chooses.
Some scientists may not like this.
- e. Belief in God neither 'subverts science' nor 'saps the intellect'.
- f. Where's the epistemic humility?

2. JESUS IS THE BEST EVIDENCE FOR GOD.

- a. Christianity isn't 'blind faith', it's based on evidence...
- b. ... perfectly acceptable evidence called History.
- c. There's a lot more evidence for Jesus than 'fairies at the bottom of the garden'.
- d. You may not like the God of the Bible, but that doesn't mean he's not there!
- e. Jesus continues to set people free to love, not hate.

3. IF EVIL DOESN'T EXIST, HOW CAN RELIGION BE EVIL?

- a. First, you say the universe appears to have 'no design, no purpose, no evil and no good, nothing but pitiless indifference', but then you declare religion to be 'a significant force for evil in the world'. Please be consistent.
- b. It is ironic that you have strong moral convictions.

4. ATHEISM IS NOT UNBIASED.

- a. There is no such thing as neutral territory.
- b. Ironically, atheism is a theological or metaphysical position, not a scientific one. Your 'scientific' atheism requires faith in unscientific assertions, e.g. knowledge is empirically derived.
- c. When consistent atheists rule the world, life is not pleasant. Consider the cost in lives and freedom of atheist ideology. Remember the Communist regimes of Stalin, Mao and Pol Pot.
- d. You don't seem to believe in free speech.
- e. Richard, why so angry?

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