

A Critique of Atheism

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"There are no atheists in foxholes" was widely spoken during World War II – and no one denied it.

Recently, an atheist was writing negatively about Christianity and aligned himself with Jews. How wrong can you be? If there is a fence separating the believers from the Godless, Jews are on the same side of the fence as Christians and Muslims. Judaism, Christianity and Islam honor one God. But, it is my hope to tear down all fences.

I have no fear of death because of my deep faith in God and in the hereafter. Atheists, however, must dread death because, to them, it is the absolute end. I invite them, no, I implore them, to join me in this belief to ease their fears when they age or when a fatal illness falls upon them. If I am wrong and Heaven does not exist, they have lost nothing by believing; however, if there is Heaven, there is the possibility the Pearly Gates will be open to them because they believed. Believing is a no loss situation.

When Clarence Darrow, the famous lawyer who believed in and defended the cause of evolution to be taught in our schools was near death he called in three clergymen and confessed that he was wrong. He asked them to intercede in his behalf with his Maker.

Most atheists consider themselves intellectually superior to the common man who believes in God and whose children believe in Santa Claus and the Easter Bunny. I say this because the atheists I have met or whose writings I have read appear to have above average intelligence. This supposed intellectual superiority is outweighed by the multitude of believers in God that include Aristotle, Plato, Socrates, Francis Bacon, Albert Einstein, every American president, our current American Congress and 95 percent of Americans. Conversely, leading atheists were Josef Stalin and subsequent heads of the communist Soviet Union, Adolph Hitler, who, besides killing six million Jews, hated Christianity, calling it a religion for weaklings, and Roger Baldwin, one of the founders of the American Civil Liberties Union. Let us not forget those communist/atheist countries where all religion is banned, and in fact, people were murdered and persecuted for practicing religion.

A recent newspaper article from Beijing, China reported "Christianity – repressed, marginalized and, in many cases, illegal in China for more than half a century – is sweeping the country, overflowing churches and posing a sensitive challenge to the officially atheist Communist Party."

The anti-God crowd often cries that religions start all wars. Not so! At least not in this country. We've had the

American Revolution, War of 1812, Civil War, Spanish-American War, World War I, World War II, Persian Gulf War and Iraq War - none of which were religious wars.

Currently in the Middle, East Muslims battle Jews and in Ireland the Catholic vs. Protestant

battle has simmered down. Except for these idiotic wars you must go back to the Middle Ages for religious wars.

In addition to providing aid to all major world disasters, American Christian charities build and operate:

orphanages

hospitals

schools

soup kitchens and beds for the homeless

Their charitable works are endless. Meanwhile atheists...I give up...what do they do? I am sure there are many fine atheists who are kind and charitable, but there are too few atheists to organize and form groups such as above.

There are atheists (as well as members of all religions) who lack morality. Deep within they believe in God, but their immoral acts or thoughts dwell on their conscience. By casting God aside, they relieve their conscience and pursue their lifestyle, unencumbered by conscience.

In one study on this subject, men were hooked to a polygraph machine and were asked if they believed in God. According to the lie detector, every man who answered "no" lied. No wonder there are no atheists in foxholes. What a happier, blessed nation this would be if the 95 percent of Americans who believe, were joined by the remaining five percent.

