

## If God Doesn't Exist, Please Delete This Article

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Many are the days when I wonder why I exist. I am not alone in this circular reasoning, this contemplation. Why do I exist—beyond the simplicity of two grown adults engaging in marital bedroom activities decades ago? My own self-awareness stands taller than the conception of an ever-present and eternal divine being. Humanity, both by intentional and unintentional myth-craft, provides a chaotic smorgasbord of gods and a supreme being or two.

Does an all-powerful being live sandwiched amongst impostors? If true, are the false deities used as purposeful decoys? Do they act as placebos? If so, who dispenses the lie? Atheists or agnostics (wannabee atheists) consider religion as one manifold placebo: “An inactive, inert substance, belief or form of therapy, given as a pacifier that has positive effects as a result of a patient’s perception that it is beneficial and medicinal. A placebo is usually administered to compare its effects with those of a real drug or treatment.” (Real God or not.)

Within the spectrum of the global village, faiths painfully line up side by side consisting of billions of conflicting worshippers. Pagan witches stand next to Zoroastrians who are next Hindus which are—well, you get the picture. Inexhaustible comes to my mind. Somewhere in that amazingly long and oft times embarrassing variety of candidates, should be the real and only true character—or perhaps not.

If all spiritual roads lead to heaven and its grand proprietor...can't we just roll the dice, accept a profile, their resume, the specific religious tenets, and shut up. Perhaps neither belief system is more significant than another—end of story. If true, then admission to life's afterlife isn't determined by pass or fail. Choice does not matter.

If a universal, transcendent, Eternal One lives, he seems to passively allow decoys and hurdles to impede or block our perception. Meaning, he's running an experiment wherein impostors continually reign in an alternatively placebo like form in the hearts of the masses.

But if you adhere to the theology of two personal opposing forces with armies set against the other, some sense emerges while the leftover blends into non-sense. A controlled study using a placebo is a test of truth, of effectiveness. In such a laboratory control group a harmless element of deception occurs. Unknown to the participants, some are given genuine stuff while others experience mere sugar water. Potency and impotency hover over the dutiful, innocent under-informed group. Oddly, results of desired potency characteristics occur in a significant number of the impotent, placebo group. In others, the true medicine enters the body and improvement likely follows.

Now to God and religious philosophies. Faith born out of a tilted imagination can power up the desire to worship and glorify a deity—like the placebo effect. What if all mankind is the control group, who is administering this deceptive element to us? Easily, many will connect the Devil or Satan with “deceptive.” But this makes him, President of the World. But, if God is behind the experiment, minding our movements toward decoys and away from false truths, seeing who gets it right—what does that say about Him?

What if only placebos were given to the entire control group? Annoyance follows the disappointed. And so, atheists (smartly?) neither partake nor receive any experimental medicine. If they can't see it (God), why believe it? They do not accept nor honor the credentials of various and diverse God-representatives. Though religious hawkers promote and virtually sell such items as "Jesus In A Bottle," others profit off of a shot of scriptural hope-pium, yet confusion rules the day – one very long day.