

TICK ONE!



I am an **OPEN-MINDED FREE THINKER**

I am not a slave to what the news media feeds me, I can think for myself. I examine every issue from all sides – I try to see all points of view. I may not agree with the other points of view, but I will carefully examine the evidence before making up my mind. I am willing to be challenged by information I may disagree with – I am open to new ideas. I will attempt to objectively examine new information and will accept it if the evidence is conclusive and reject it if it can be proven incorrect. I am willing to admit when I am wrong. If I am genuinely wrong, I will change my beliefs, practices, methods and even my life in order to follow what is right and true. You may be right and you may be wrong – let's sit down and talk about it – I just might learn something valuable.



I am a **NARROW-MINDED BIGOT**

Don't confuse me with any facts – my mind is made up. I am right and you are wrong. Don't waste your time challenging me with what you think is right – I have no time for those who do not agree with me. Your evidence does not impress me because I am not interested in the facts – especially if they contradict what I already believe. If you challenge me, I will slam a door in your face, or in a more polite moment I'll simply smile and tell you, "I am not interested." I have my own views – I have my own religion – I have my own beliefs. Because I really have no firm foundation to prove what I think and believe, I will resort to emotional arguments, hype and rudeness if I must to shut you up. I am my own final authority and will think what I want to think because of how I feel – **LEAVE ME ALONE!**

Let's be honest. Few people are going to tick the second box – but that is where many of us are today. Just watch the reaction someone gets who goes from door to door representing his or her church! The fact that we are all too willing to accuse others of being narrow-minded while denying such a charge in our own lives merely serves to prove the point. If you want to absolutely PROVE yourself to be a narrow-minded bigot then here is the easiest way to do it: screw this pamphlet up and toss it in the rubbish. However, maybe there is hope. The fact that you've read this far and may keep reading is a good sign – let's test out your potential open mindedness with one simple question:

WHAT do you believe about God and **WHY?** **Tick One!**

- I believe there is no god.
- I believe we can not know for sure if there is a god.
- I believe there are many true gods.
- I believe everything is god.
- I believe that I am god.
- I believe that there is only one true God.

Whether you like to admit it or not, you DO have some kind of belief about God – more than likely one of the above. Why? A truly open-minded person will give this question a fair go. It is the bigot that scoffs, mocks and closes their mind out to such questions. Why do you believe what you do about God?

Do you simply believe what someone told you? Did you simply pick a belief about God because it felt good or “made sense” to you? Were you born into a religion or family that gave you your beliefs? Do you have any evidence or proof to back up what you believe today?

I'm interested in finding the truth. Everyone out there seems to have an opinion, but in reality, what is actually the truth? I'm honest enough to admit that I *tend* toward being a narrow-minded bigot (are you honest enough to admit that?). However, in my life I have *tried* to be fair and open minded and to take an objective look at the question I just asked you. I have read extensively the writings for and against evolution, atheism, agnosticism and skepticism. I have thoroughly studied the holy books and writings of Hinduism, Islam, Buddhism, Judaism, and the New Age

religions. I have studied the history, writings and doctrines of Christianity from the Protestant, Catholic and non-denominational positions. I have given groups that some accuse of being “cults” such as the 7th Day Adventists, Mormons and Jehovah’s Witnesses a long, hard look. I’ve even given Satanism and the occult a fair go. Although I by no means consider myself an expert, I have gone to the extent of actually getting a post-graduate doctoral degree in religion in an attempt to leave no stone unturned. My conclusions?

Religion is a wicked, foolish nightmare! Mankind’s attempts to invent or worship a God on his own terms have brought more war, pain and misery to this world than any other force. The great religions of this world place their adherents in bondage to laws, rules and a fear tantamount to slavery – they make empty promises they can not substantiate while requiring their worshippers to bow toward Mecca five times a day, go to mass every week or a host of other do’s and don’ts. They offer a “god” in their own image, of their own making.

Education is a strong contender for the second greatest fool after religion. Education often puffs up the minds of men to the point where they think they are god! Many men elevate themselves to be their own final authority – and the world is littered with the wreckage. As educational opportunities have skyrocketed in the past 150 years, so have crime, poverty and war. Human nature consistently tends toward evil and education *ALONE* offers no hope in reversing that nature. Technology may be greater than ever before, but so is our efficiency and creativity in killing and robbing one another. Education without salvation is damnation!

Science likewise offers a false hope – people still get sick and die! Darwin made it possible to dismiss the God of the Bible and replace him with the god of chance. Despite the “evidence” for evolution being far less solid than its adherents claim, they persist in promoting their faith-based religion - the only alternative would be to admit there is a creator God and this is simply not acceptable to a narrow-minded bigot.

Which box about God did you tick?

There is no god? Well, atheism solves no problems and offers no hope. It is unproveable, it denies the evidence that there is a Designer, and it offers no alternative – just an empty hopelessness that assists no one. The Bible is spot on when it says that, “*The fool hath said in his heart, there is no God.*”

No one can know for sure if there is a god? Skepticism is a likewise, narrow-minded outlook. It defeats itself – if we can know ***nothing*** for sure, how can we be sure of ***anything*** – including the statement, “no one can know for sure there is a god.” Agnostics and skeptics are lazy men who simply refused to look at all of the evidence because ignorance was more convenient.

There are many true gods? Self-contradictory! The evidence points to one, all-powerful Cause of all things. Two or three or more true gods makes no more sense than leaving the country in charge of several ***prime*** ministers at once. A “god” by definition is “prime” - a self-existent, beginner of all things – to have more than one true god is impossible by definition.

Everything is god? This is the backdoor option for man to exalt himself to godhood! This idea called “pantheism” has the rocks and trees, mountains and men as “god” and leads to the foolishness of worshipping “things” as deity – idolatry! To pray to a rock or stump that can’t see or hear or help is the height of foolishness – just look at what it has done for those people groups that have tried it!

I am god? Now this is quite the joke if you actually ticked this box! Who’s prayers have you answered lately? What can you create out of nothing? You’ve never helped me and probably don’t even know I exist! What major world problem have you solved? You – sinlessly perfect – ha! The day you get sick and die will show just how divine you were.

There is only one true God? Could this be true? Only the narrow-minded bigot will dismiss this option without looking at the evidence:

The universe around us is full of design – the design and order of every flower, the intricacies of the human body and the laws of physics points to intelligent, purposeful design – not random chaos. No one looks at a wristwatch and says it just happened by chance – it shows the evidence of a designer and creator. Evolution has never been able to show how order could arise from disorder – how information could arise from chaos – because it doesn't happen! The same “evidence” that evolution uses to convince you that their religion is true can be seen from a different perspective to validate the Bible and prove the existence of God – of course examining all views of such evidence is too challenging and convicting for the narrow-minded bigot.

Religion – man seeking some god or gods on his own terms – may be a tragic joke, but this does not disprove that there is a God. In fact the Bible presents a very opposite God than religion does. A God who came looking for us! A God who created us for fellowship and then we walked out on him – sin! A God who showed his love for us by paying for our sins. A God who became man so that he could die in our place and prove his *every claim* by rising from the dead – the Lord Jesus Christ!

What is unique about Jesus? Is he just another in a long line of self-inflated, historical religious leaders? Actually, he challenged us to check out his credibility with tests such as these:

- ➔ He healed the sick and deaf and gave sight to the blind – with a 100% success rate!
- ➔ He raised dead people back to life!
- ➔ He made hundreds of prophecies that have thus far had a 100% success rate of fulfillment!
- ➔ He let men kill him and then raised himself back to life!

No other “great religious leader” has attempted these feats – to do so would have conclusively proven them to be frauds. While their bones gather dust in some cemetery, Jesus is alive today and is promising to return to this earth very soon!

This same Jesus claims to be your Creator and your God. He claims that if you will turn from your sin and trust only in him, that *all* your sins will be forgiven. Why?

Because he shed his blood and gave his life in **your place** for **your sins**. He wants to be your Saviour – if you refuse, he claims that he will one day be your Judge!

There are only three options – **Tick One!** This Jesus Christ was either

Lord **Liar** **Lunatic**

If you take the narrow-minded bigot route, then it is easy to dismiss the evidence and write off Jesus Christ. **Lunatic?** Only a nut case would make the claims Jesus did if they weren't true. **Liar?** Only a fraud of the worst kind would intentionally deceive people with such false hopes. But if you will be honest, open-minded, and fairly examine his claims and the supporting evidence, the inevitable conclusion is that Jesus was and is exactly what he claimed to be – **Jesus Christ is the LORD!**

“Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross. Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.” Philippians 2:5-11

Today Jesus offers only two options – **Tick One!**

- Voluntary Submission – repent and believe in Jesus today as YOUR Lord & Saviour; or
- Involuntary Submission – write off Jesus Christ as a liar or lunatic and discover about five seconds after you die that you made a horrible mistake! You will then be on your knees, confessing Jesus as Lord anyway – but it will be too late!

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Jesus cares – we care. If you have sincere questions or want further proof, contact us:

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