
Subject: Push Ups

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hydra1945Does not agnosticism fit in with the fourth definition of religion as it is a conscientious devotion to believe that God cannot be proven nor disproven?

Careful, you're only half right there. Agnosticism, by definition is ambiguous.

"ag-nos-tic (P) Pronunciation Key (g-nstk)
n.

1. One who believes that it is impossible to know whether there is a God.
One who is skeptical about the existence of God but does not profess true atheism.
2. One who is doubtful or noncommittal about something."

I would argue sternly that the latter is more correct than the former in that agnosticism (as an agnostic theist myself) works with three simple words: "I don't know". It is the perfect shade of gray between the black and white. The premise of the "belief" (and I use that very loosely, because the belief is only in the possibility that one does not have a clue and not of the nature of God) is that God may or may not exist, and that is where the shades of grey (like the ideal left-right political spectrum) come in.

Remember, agnosticism is not a religion. It is a profession of ignorance. But it is one that is often open-minded to what might or might not be true. So there is (generally) no conscientious devotion to the belief of "I don't know".
