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Subject: Re: hope none of you are them  
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Well, I believe that all religions have preyed on people's instinctual(?) need to know what happens when you die in order to control and manipulate them and keep them in line. I think most people know that, deep down, but are afraid to admit it out loud when they've been brought up to believe in all this "God" crap.

I'm not specifically saying there is no diety higher than humans, but I think there are many many other possibilities to explain why we're here, and ultimately, it probably doesn't matter. I am mostly an atheist/agnostic type, though my beliefs can't fall into any specific category. Unlike some atheists, I do believe that most people are too weak to stay on a "do unto others" path without the manufactured fear of an omniscient watching them and promising eternal punishment. For that, I like religion.

I believe that IF the more popular faiths are right, then this God isn't going to banish me to hell simply for not believing he exists, if I have strived to live my life without causing harm to others. (Even if sometimes I fail at that)

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