
Subject: Re: hope none of you are them
Posted by [Nukelt15](#) on Fri, 14 Jul 2006 19:58:30 GMT
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Quote:Remember this, though. No one can tell you what to believe, only what they believe. The rest is up to you.

QFT. From any perspective, regardless of why you said that, it is quite possibly the most universally applicable thing I've ever seen anybody say in a thread like this. Lots of folks will try very hard to show you their door, but only you can make the decision to go through it or hold back. That goes for anybody, regardless of what they believe.

One thing I'd like to pick on a bit, and I realize that I always do this when these threads crop up- Atheism is not a faith. I am an atheist because I believe in no gods. Anybody in this thread who believes in one God is a monotheist. Atheism is simply a blanket grouping for any number of beliefs or belief systems that hinge on the key point that there are no such things as gods. That's it; that's all there is to it. You might meet one person who is an atheist who believes there is nothing but the physical, observable world, and you might meet another the very next moment who believes in an afterlife, ghosts, spontaneous generation, etc. Atheism is no more specific than Monotheism or Polytheism, as it defines only one aspect of any given person's faith. Don't fall into the trap of assuming all Atheists believe in the same exact things.

I believe in the infinite. I do not believe there ever was an absolute beginning, nor do I believe there ever will be an absolute end. What we see now is only a moment in an infinite chain of events. Death, therefore, cannot be the end of existence. I do not believe anyone can see or understand the true nature of what lies beyond death, but there must be something- or we wouldn't be here at all. The only absolute is that there are no limits; there is no power that cannot be reached- but that also means that there can be no supreme, insurmountable power. Therefore, even if we were as a race created, our creator would not by definition be a god- merely someone or something so far beyond our present understanding as to appear godlike. Humanity could some day reach such a level, and continue to grow far beyond- perhaps death is merely the next step higher.

Right or wrong, that's what I believe to be true.
