Subject: Re: hope none of you are them Posted by Crimson on Tue, 18 Jul 2006 19:45:52 GMT

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Honestly, though... when you are at the level that I am on all this stuff, those who bind themselves to one belief are so significantly less open minded than those who only put this "god" as one of many possibilities. And I can explain this:

Given the two broad unanswered questions that religion attempts to answer:

- How did we get here/who put us here/where did the universe come from?
- What happens to us when we die? Do we have a soul or spirit?

There are basically infinite possibilities of answers to either of these questions. There may even be more than one actual true factual answer. So, when you think about these questions, you can come up with theories ranging from "the Universe was sneezed out of the nose of a being called the Great Green Arkleseizure" to "we are actually existing as part of another world larger than us and we are just atoms to them". But, if you limit yourself to setting "God" as a constant, then you are severely limiting yourself and closing your mind to the possibility that there is not and never was the Christian god Yahweh/Jehovah. Hence, you ARE in fact closed minded if you're not seriously putting your faith the the ultimate challenge of logic and question.

However, if you consider the very real possibility that there's a reason so many people have decided not to believe in Yahweh, and really question this whole "story of Jesus", you just might find more flaws in that logic than you ever thought could exist.

The biggest hurdle, however, is the negative view that atheists have in society. All you theists have been told all your lives that atheists are going to hell for not believing and that people who go to hell are evil. The "logical" jump there is that we are evil and live our lives without regard for others, without morals, and without care of consequences. In reality, my life is vastly comparable to yours and wonderful things and bad things happen to me just like they happen to you. And I don't pray for things either way. Shocking, isn't it?