Subject: Re: hope none of you are them Posted by cheesesoda on Tue, 18 Jul 2006 19:57:53 GMT

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CrimsonBut, 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.

Those who blindly follow faith are closed-minded. That's not something that I disagree with. I continue to mold and shift my beliefs. However, I still remain a Christian. I have yet to see anything to prove me otherwise. I don't pretend that I know absolute truth, but to me... it is truth. Whether wrong or right, until I am proved wrong, it's what I'll stick to. I will also continue to challenge my faith. I will continue to question. I don't have to practice something to be open-minded. I accept that other things could be truth, but I've settled on one thing, and I'll stick to it. Just because I'm heterosexual doesn't necessarily mean I'm closed-minded to homosexuality. I don't practice it, but I'm certainly not going to say that heterosexuality is the ONLY way to live because it obviously isn't.

CrimsonHowever, 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.

I know there's a reason. I just don't agree with it. I don't see the flaws in anything I believe. My beliefs aren't disproven, so how can you say that they're flawed? They may very well be, but to date... they're not.

CrimsonThe 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?

Would you care to not generalize about Christianity's view on the secular world? That's only the extremists' views.