Subject: Re: hope none of you are them

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I don't always tend to read other people's thoughts and recycle them as my own. I've thought the whole "god" thing was ridiculous as long as I can remember. Reading what other people say on atheist-oriented sites just helps put my thoughts into words. Heck, I came up with the theory of quantum immortality when I was in 4th grade (or earlier)... reading about it just let me put my thoughts into words.

In fact, if I really think back, my dad was an atheist (he's not anymore). He had some atheist group's newsletter at his house and I found it and read it. I don't remember the contents of the newsletter but I remember that it was the first time I learned that there were people who didn't believe in "God". I would guess that not only as a result of very little church exposure, combined with this... as long as I can remember, this whole "God" thing didn't sit well with me. I put that story on the same level as Santa Claus, the Easter Bunny, and the Tooth Fairy. Learning that there existed people who didn't believe put it in some sort of perspective for me and I haven't believed since. Not even for a moment. At this time I was most likely in 5th or 6th grade.

Just to clarify... this newsletter really just put a name and an identity to how I felt. Just like I didn't know my youthful "infinite dimensions" theory was called "quantum immortality" in scientific circles. I suppose there was a time when I took the alleged existence of "God" at face value but seeing how weird people acted in church and the whole concept of talking to someone you can't see was just the start of the path I am on.