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Subject: Re: hope none of you are them

Posted by [reborn](#) on Mon, 24 Jul 2006 19:34:24 GMT

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mrpirate wrote on Mon, 24 July 2006 11:58Reborn wrote on Mon, 24 July 2006 06:47mrpirate wrote on Sun, 23 July 2006 21:46The statements "believe in no god" and "do not believe in god" seem to logically imply each other, to me. Further, theism is defined as the belief in a god or gods, so, naturally, atheism is not believing in a god or gods. I don't know why you think that atheism implies having no beliefs whatsoever.

The fact that he believes no God exists means he is acting on faith.

If he simply "did not believe in any Gods", then it would of meant he had a lack of faith in the their existance.

The difference is subtle, but quite important. There is a big difference between positively believing that a thing does not exist, and simply lacking belief in it's existence.

Because I am saying he is acting on faith, I am saying he has a religion, he has positive belief in the non-existence of God. I am implying he is a theist at heart, not that atheism means having no beliefs.

OK, dude. If you don't believe in a god, then it follows that you believe there is no god. I'm not sure how you don't see this. If I do not eat anything, then it follows that I eat nothing. Since no one will ever know if there's a god or not, ANY opinion you have on god(s) whatsoever amounts to faith. Finally, the existence of faith does not make a person a theist unless that faith is in a god.

If I do not believe that Gods exist, then it doesn't mean I believe Gods do not exist, because that is an act of faith in Gods absence. You are wrong in saying they naturally follow. The existance of faith in God exists, albeit a faith in his non-existance.

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