Subject: Re: Question for Christians Posted by Spoony on Sat, 13 Jun 2009 01:56:47 GMT View Forum Message <> Reply to Message

Altzan wrote on Sat, 13 June 2009 01:58EDIT: NONE of the pictures posted in this thread make sense including mine. So don't take it seriously. It's a ridicule of the others. So_say_we_all's list is actually a pretty powerful argument, a graphic example of an argument I've made several times in religious debates (and so far it's never been countered).

There have 'been' hundreds or thousands of gods throughout history, if we define 'been' as 'was thought to exist. Let's say 1000. (I reckon it's probably more than that). Your typical atheist thinks all 1000 are fictional; the people who say they exist are either lying or crazy or just plain wrong (arguably the same as 'crazy'). You on the other hand, think 999 are fictional but one is the real thing. I really don't think the atheist in this scenario is the one with any explaining to do.

See, as far as Apollo or Thor or Odin or Zeus or Baal or Horus or the Emperor Hirohito or Kim Jong-II are concerned, you're just as much an atheist as I am. With Yahweh, the rules change; you say it's all about faith. Sure you can't prove it but you believe it nonetheless, and anyone who doesn't believe it is a "hopeless case". You only apply this method of thought to one of the 1000; the other 999 can go fuck themselves.