



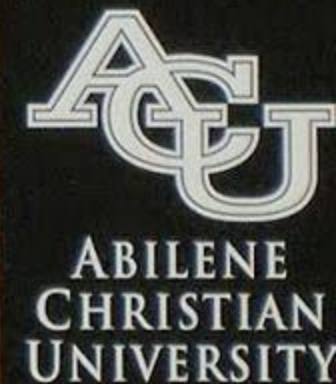
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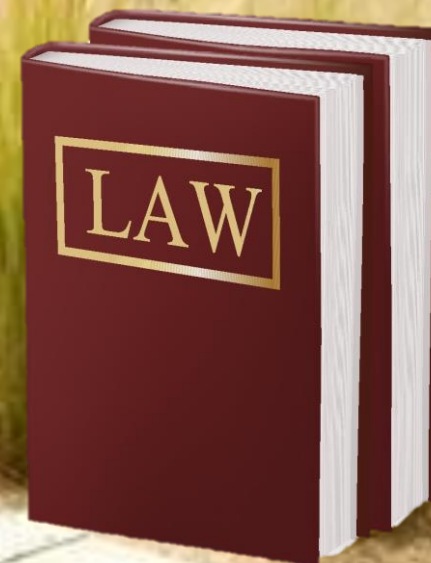
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Abstract

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FOR THE RECORD

THESE RESULTS SHOW THAT THE 12 MONTHS' HYPOTHESIS IS SUPPORTED IN GENERAL. THE DATA ONLY QUESTIONED THE NEED TO REPEAT RESEARCHERS' WORK.

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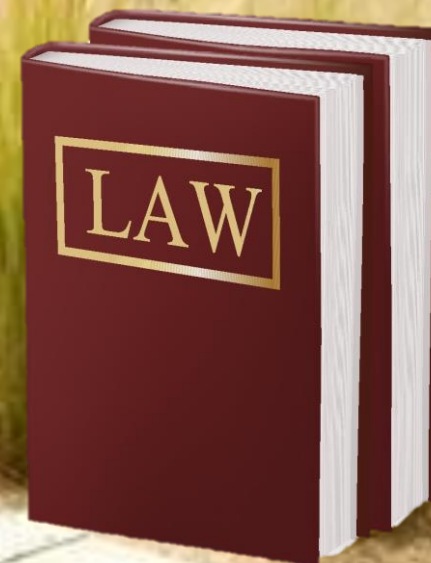
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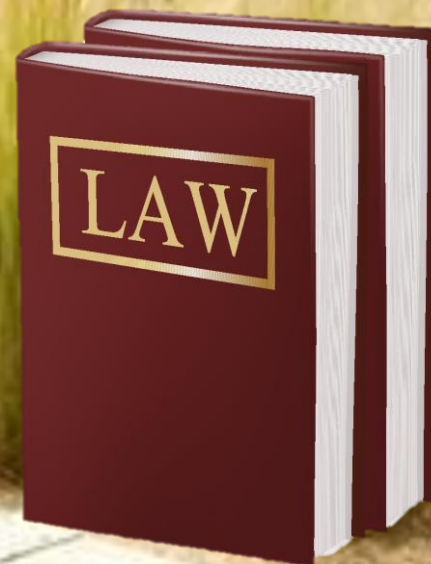
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based on logic and
argumentation
theory**

Direct Evidence

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Direct Evidence



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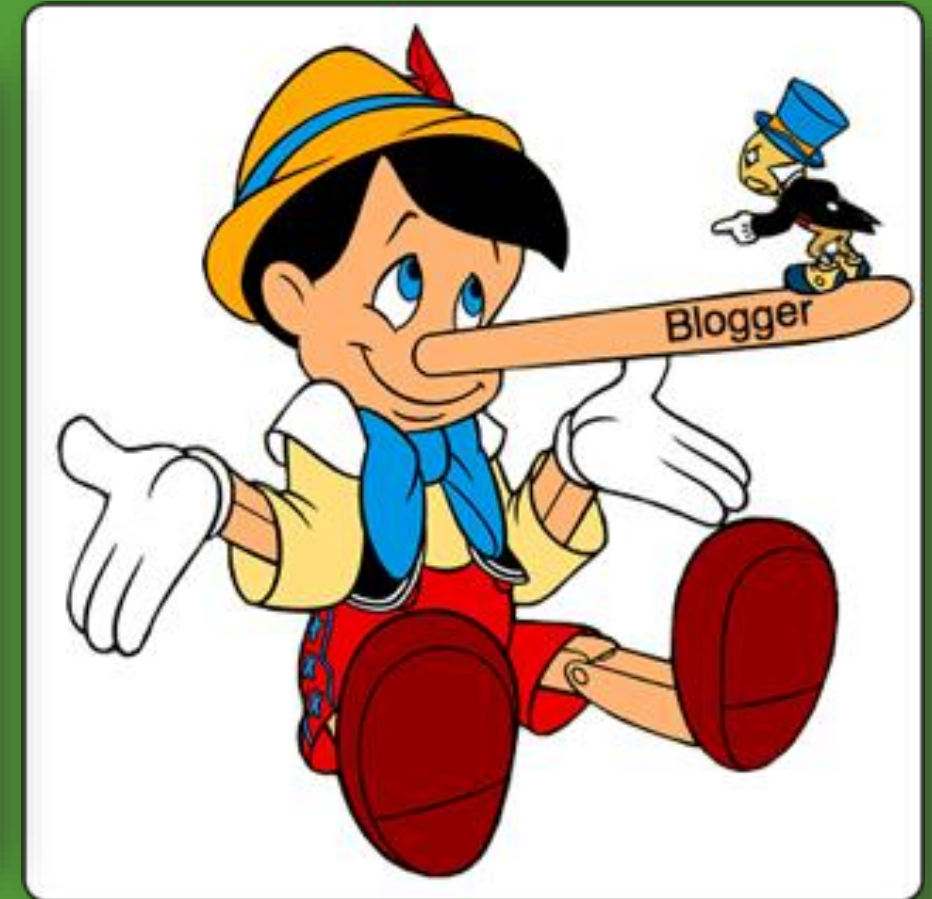


Credibility

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The “Burden of Proof”



The Burden of Proof

The person making the claim bears the burden



If you're going to claim that scientists are lying, doctors are being paid off, there is a global conspiracy, etc. the burden is on you to prove your claim.

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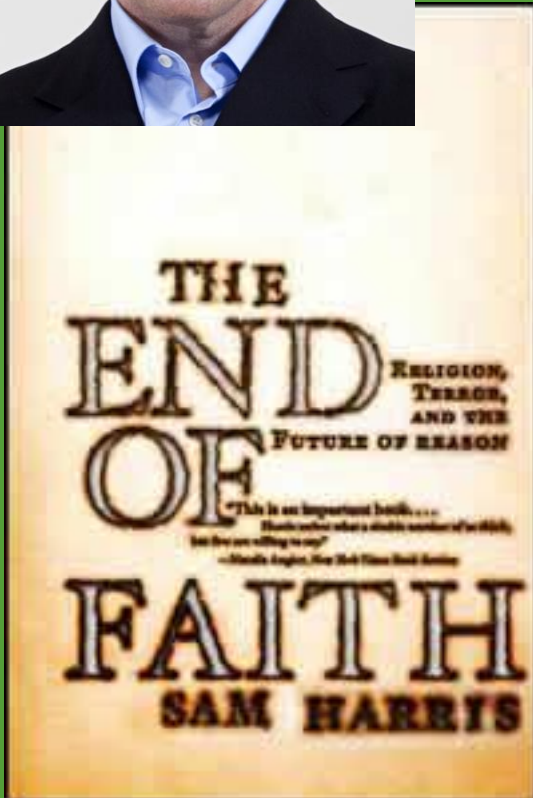
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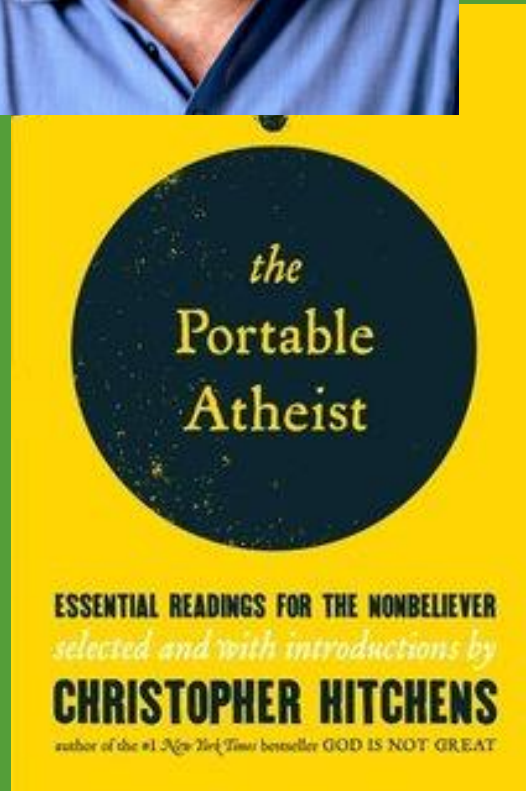
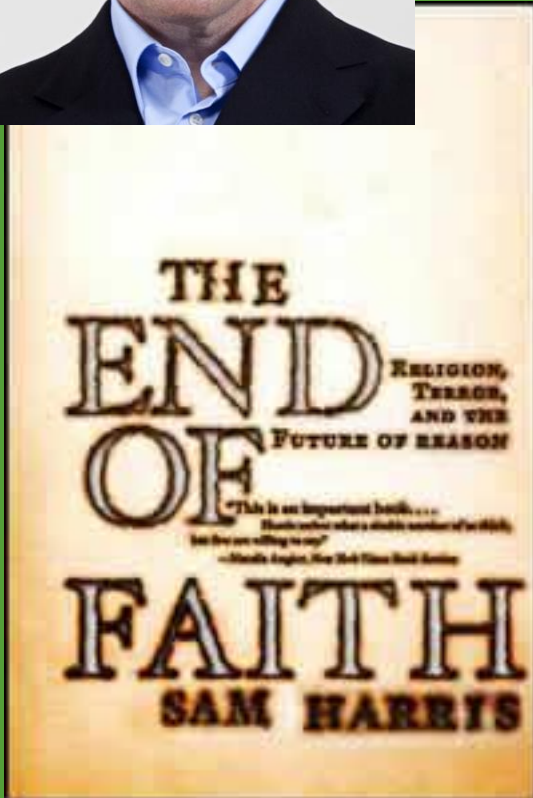
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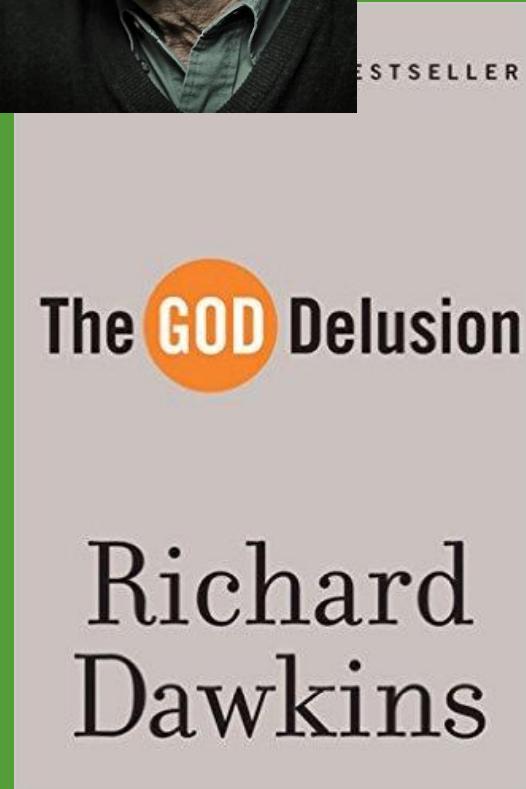
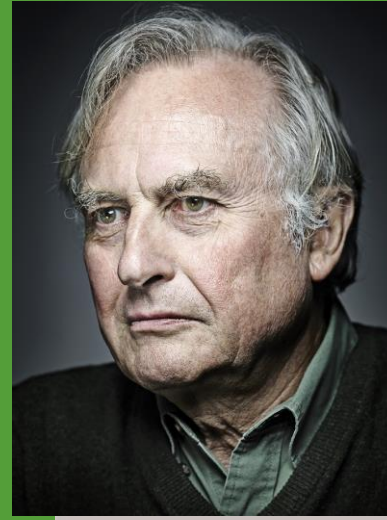
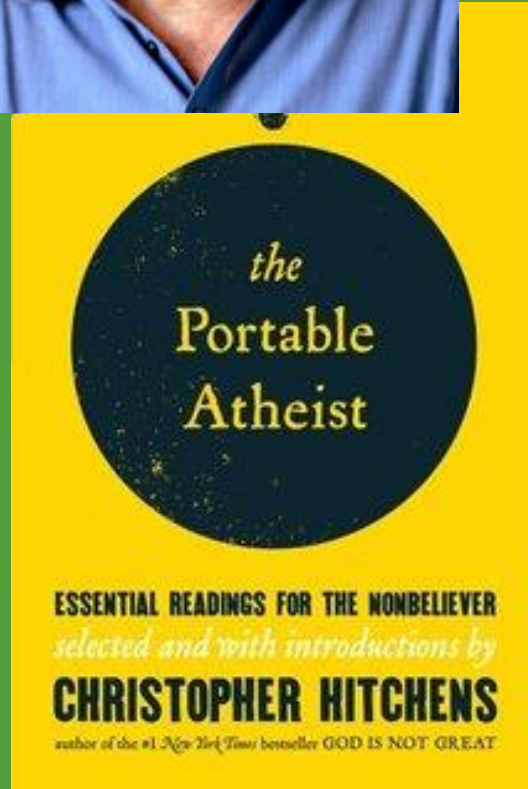
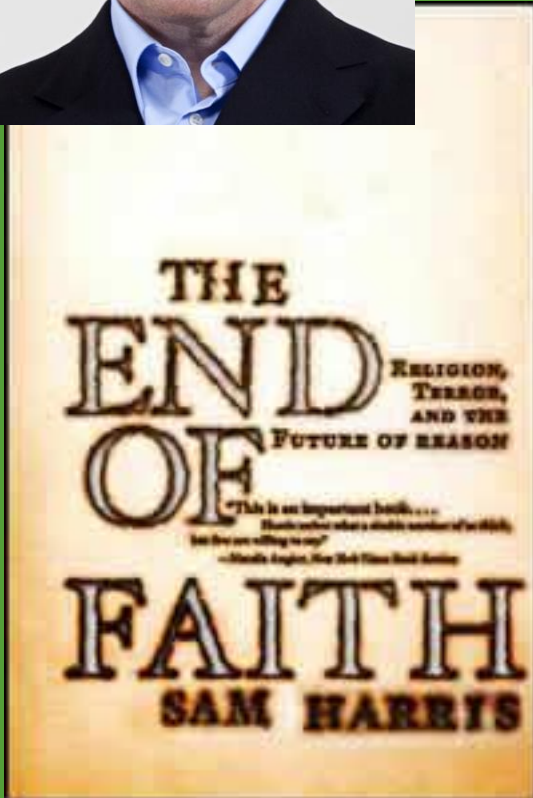
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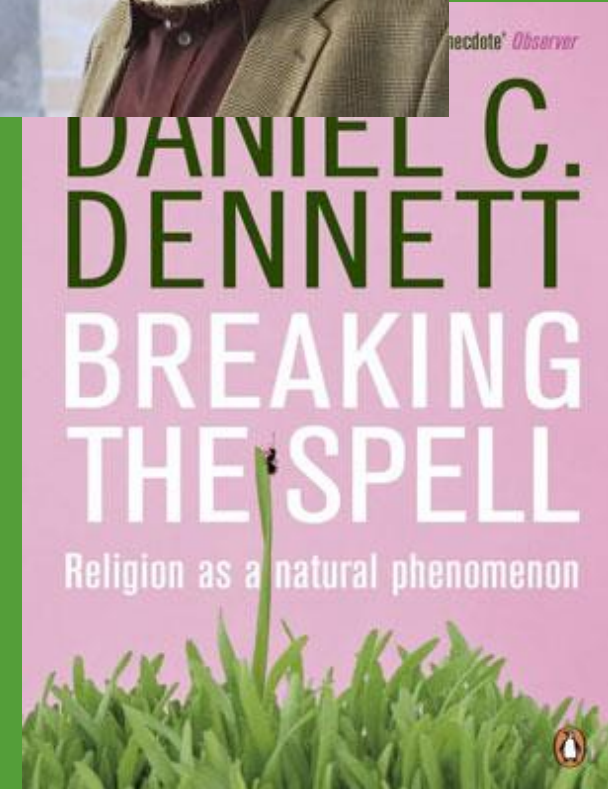
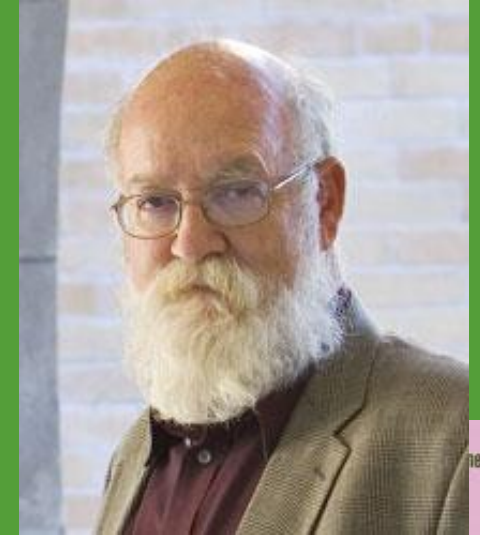
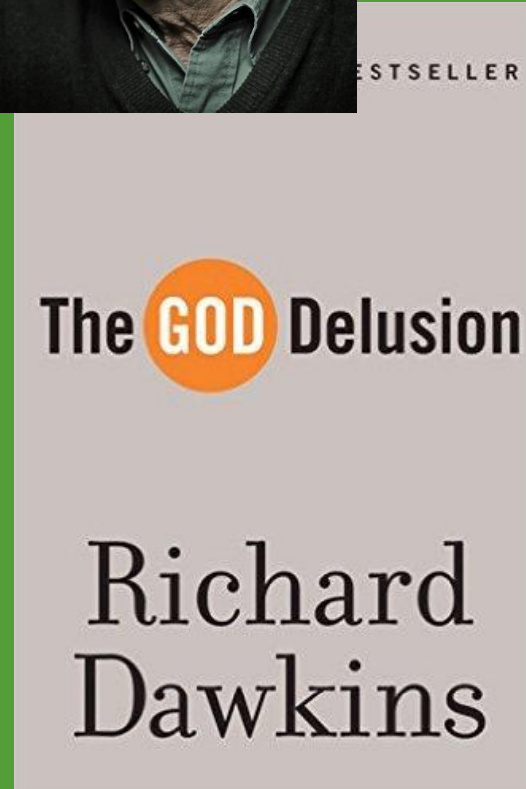
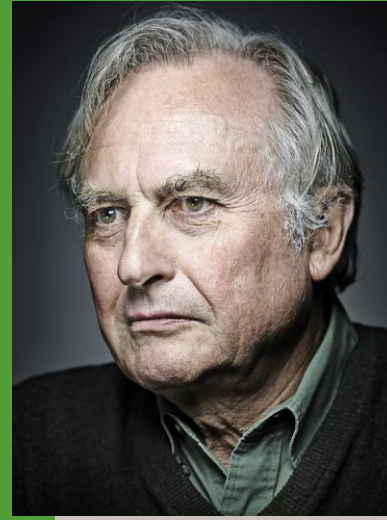
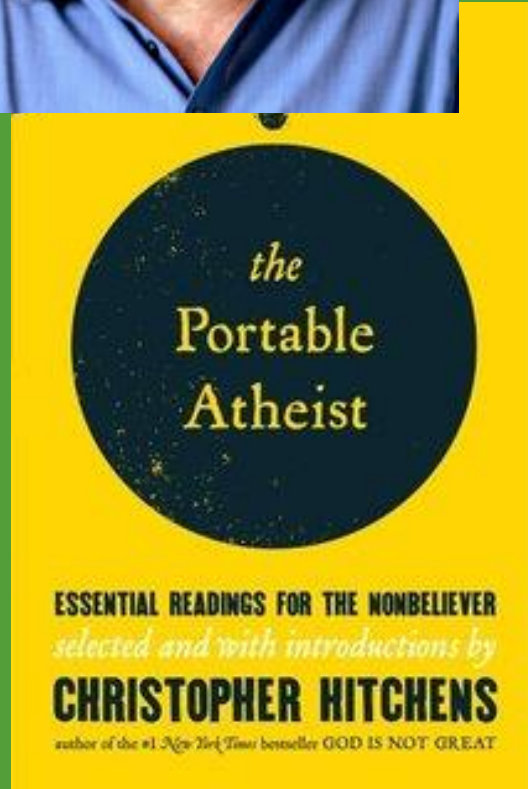
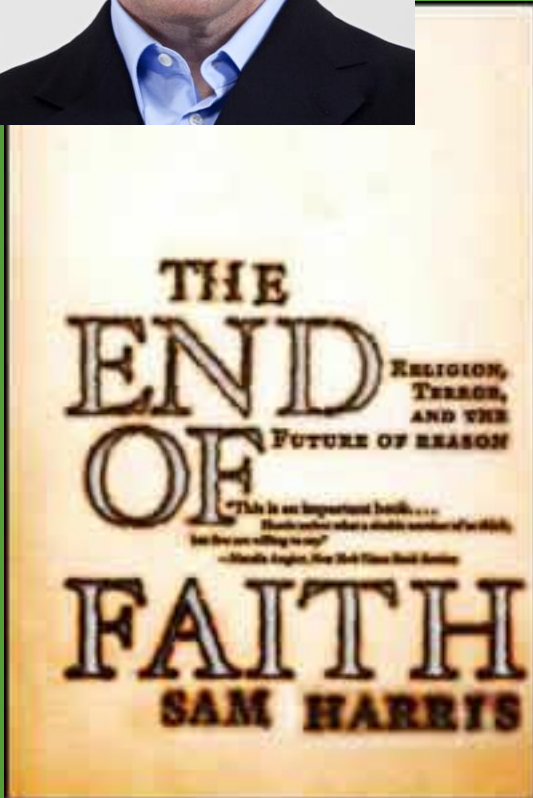
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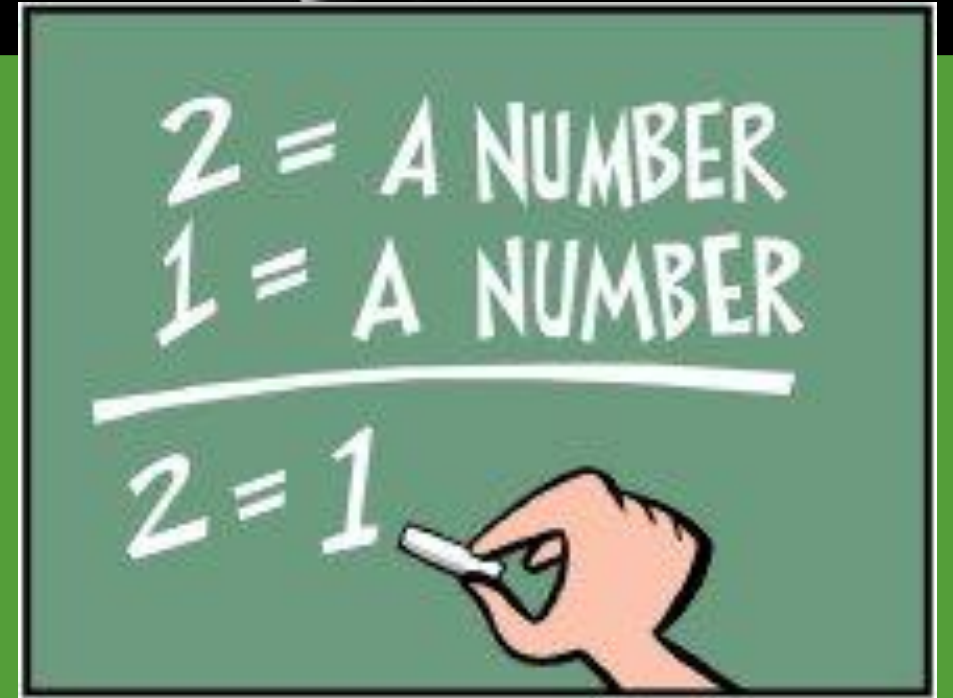


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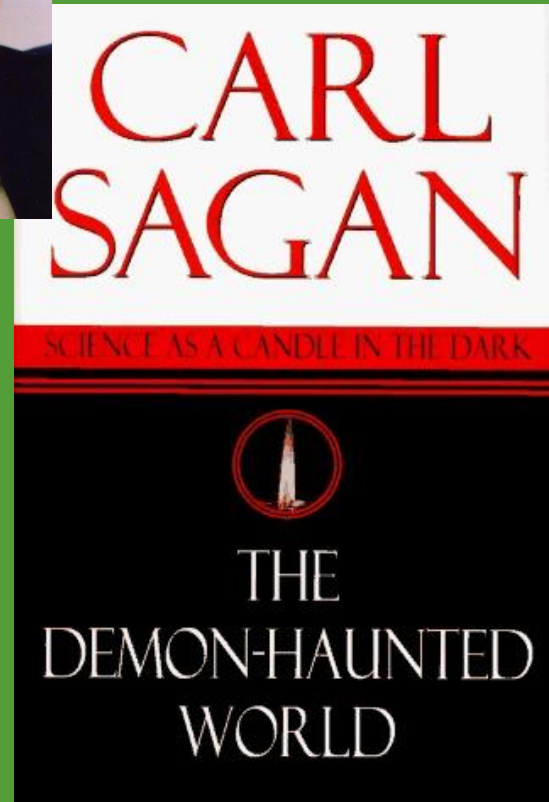
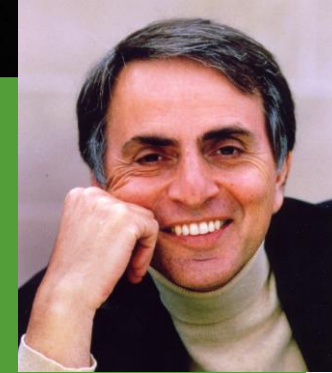
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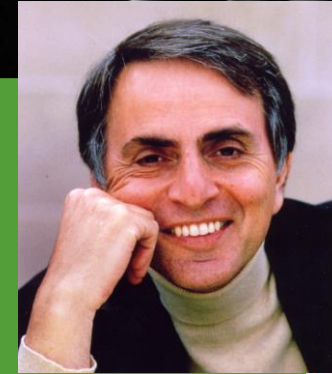
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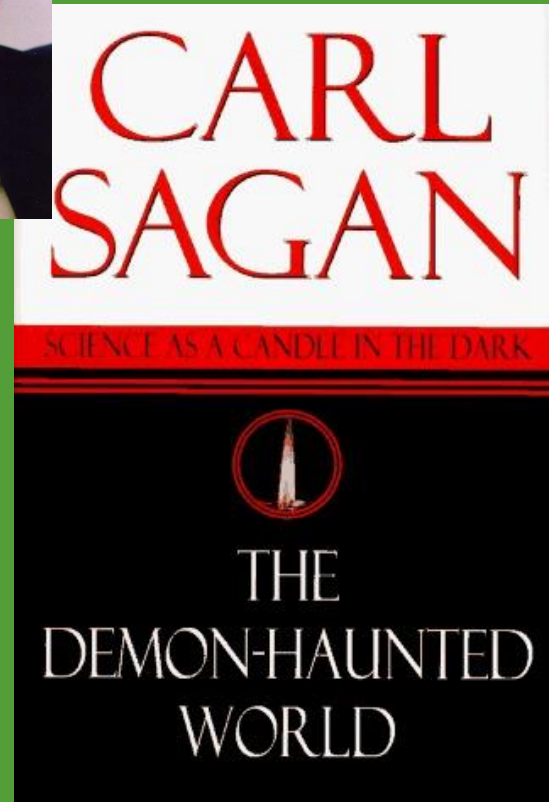
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Atheism sleight of



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“Show me,” you say. I lead you to my garage. You look inside and see a ladder, empty paint cans, an old tricycle—but no dragon.

“Where’s the dragon?” you ask.

“Oh, she’s right here,” I reply, waving vaguely. “I neglected to mention that she’s an invisible dragon.”

You propose spreading flour on the floor of the garage to capture the dragon’s footprints.

“Good idea,” I say, “but this dragon floats in the air.”

Then you’ll use an infrared sensor to detect the invisible fire.

“Good idea, but the invisible fire is also heatless.”

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And so on. I counter every physical test you propose with a special explanation of why it won’t work.

Now, what’s the difference between an invisible,

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The only thing you’ve really learned from my insistence that there’s a dragon in my garage is that something funny is going on inside my head. You’d wonder, if no physical tests apply, what convinced me. The possibility that it was a dream or a hallucination would certainly enter your mind. But then why am I taking it so seriously? Maybe I need help. At the least, maybe I’ve seriously underestimated human fallibility.

Imagine that, despite none of the tests being successful, you wish to be scrupulously open-minded. So you don’t outright reject the notion that there’s a fire-breathing dragon in my garage. You merely put it on hold. Present evidence is strongly against it, but if a new body of data emerge you’re prepared to examine it and see if it convinces you. Surely it’s unfair of me to be



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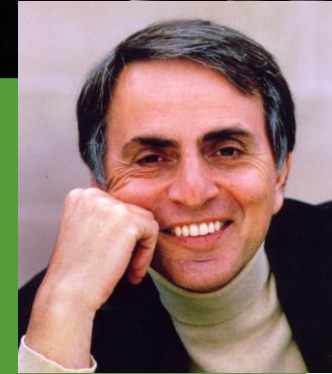
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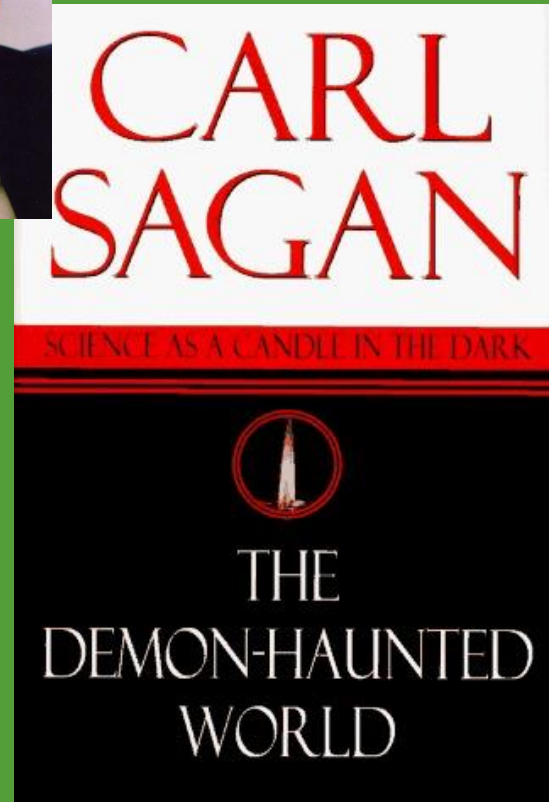
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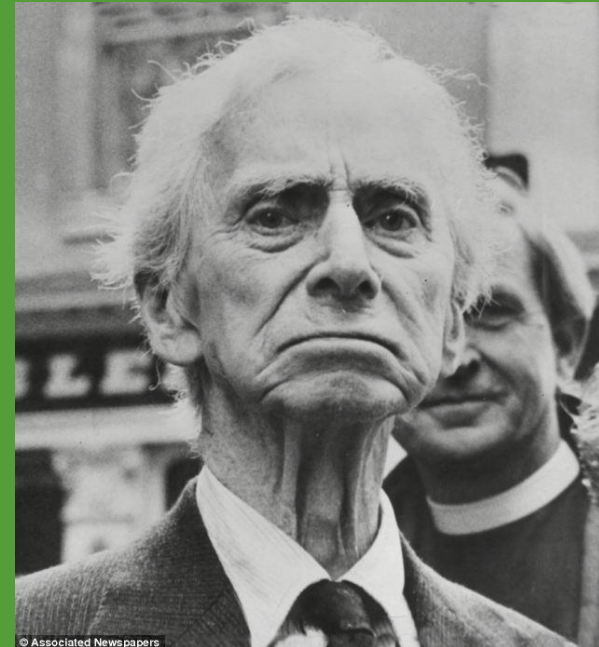


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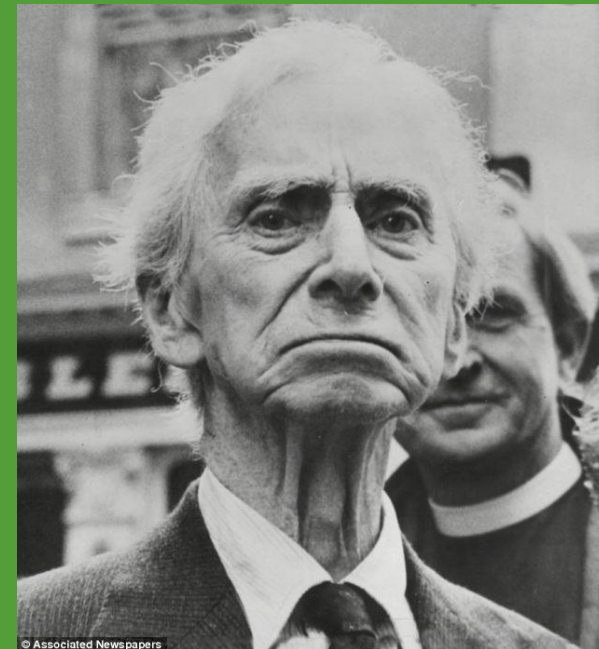
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Many orthodox people speak as though it were the business of sceptics to disprove received dogmas rather than of dogmatists to prove them. This is, of course, a mistake. If I were to suggest that between the Earth and Mars there is a china teapot revolving about the sun in an elliptical orbit, nobody would be able to disprove my assertion provided I were careful to add that the teapot is too small to be revealed even by our most powerful telescopes. But if I were to go on to say that, since my assertion cannot be disproved, it is intolerable presumption on the part of human reason to doubt it, I should rightly be thought to be talking nonsense. If, however, the existence of such a teapot were affirmed in ancient books, taught as the sacred truth every Sunday, and instilled into the minds of children at school, hesitation to believe in its existence would become a mark of eccentricity and entitle the doubter to the attentions of the psychiatrist in an enlightened age or of the Inquisitor in an earlier time.



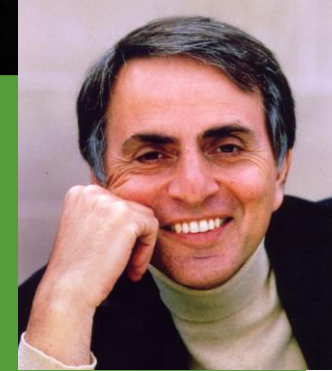
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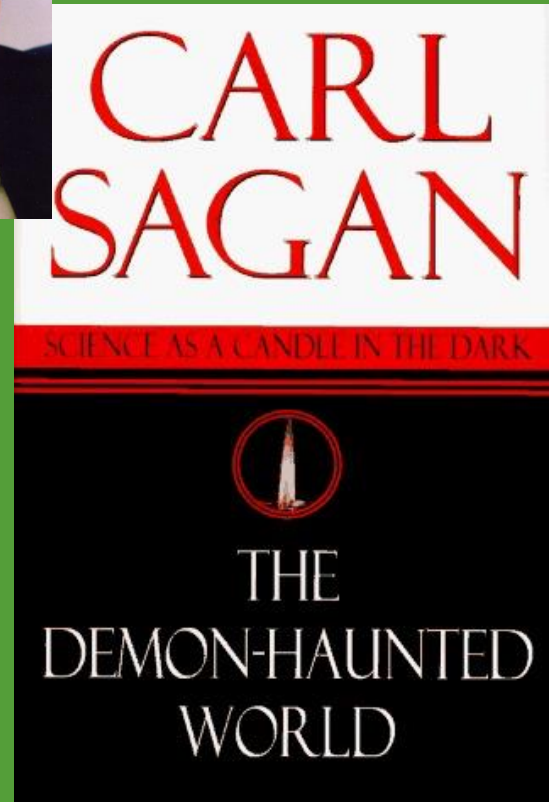
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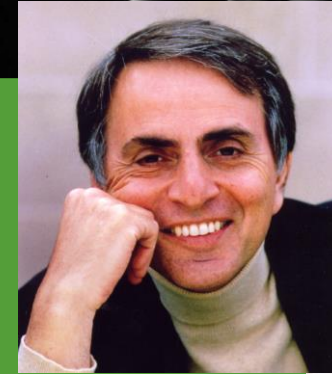
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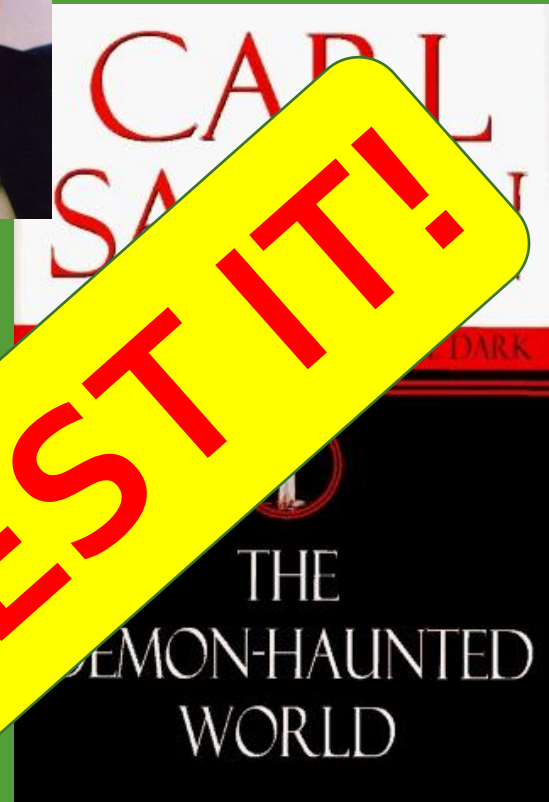
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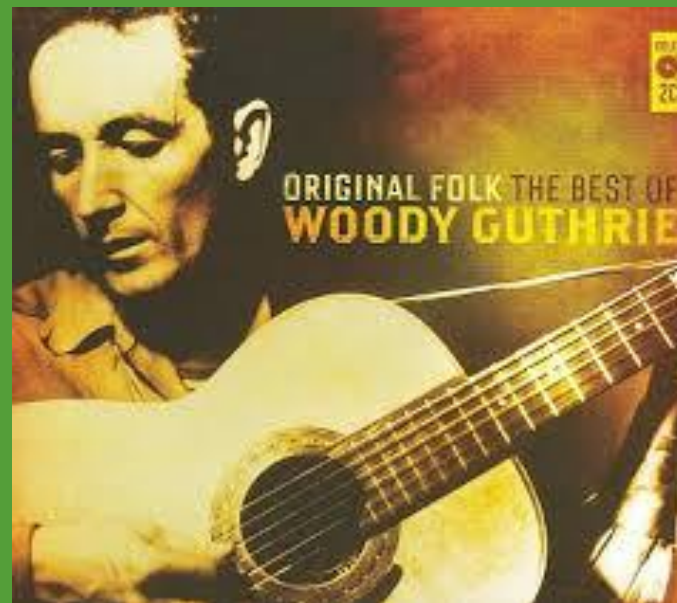
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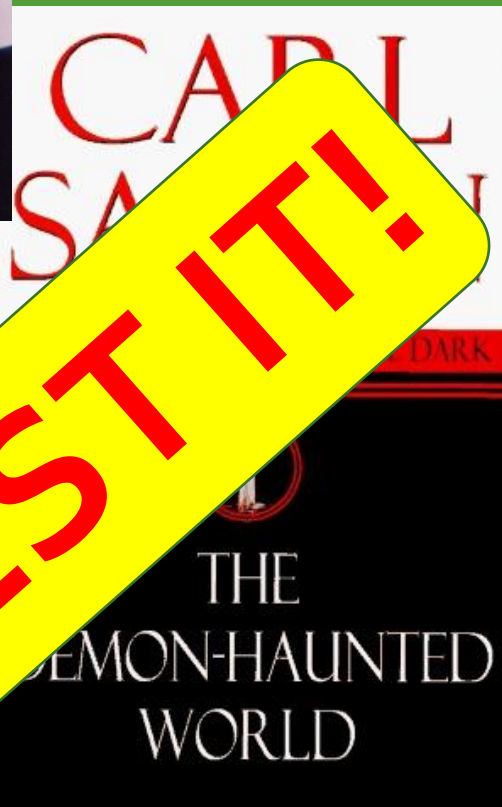
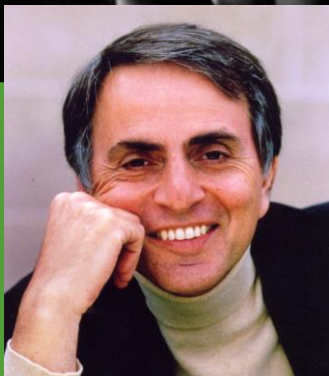


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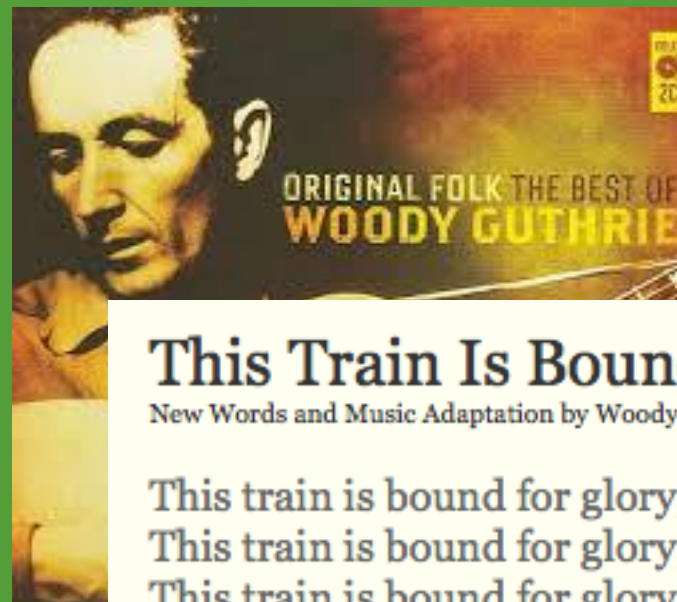


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This Train Is Bound For Glory

New Words and Music Adaptation by Woody Guthrie

This train is bound for glory, this train.
This train is bound for glory, this train.
This train is bound for glory,
Don't carry nothing but the righteous and the holy.
This train is bound for glory, this train.

This train don't carry no gamblers, this train;
This train don't carry no gamblers, this train;
This train don't carry no gamblers,
Liars, thieves, nor big shot rambler,
This train is bound for glory, this train.

This train don't carry no liars, this train;
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This train don't carry no liars,
She's streamlined and a midnight flyer,
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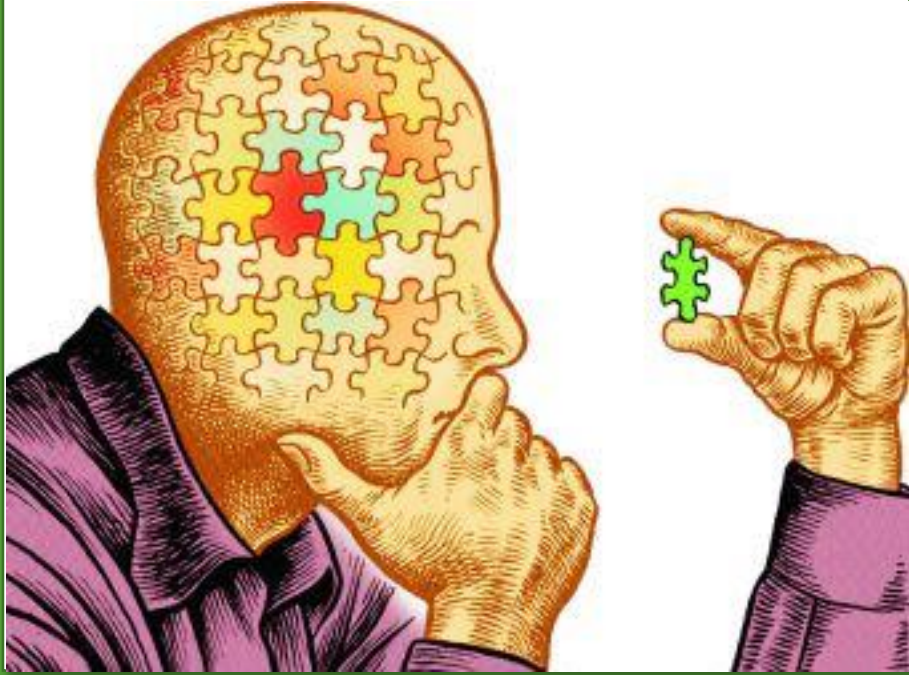
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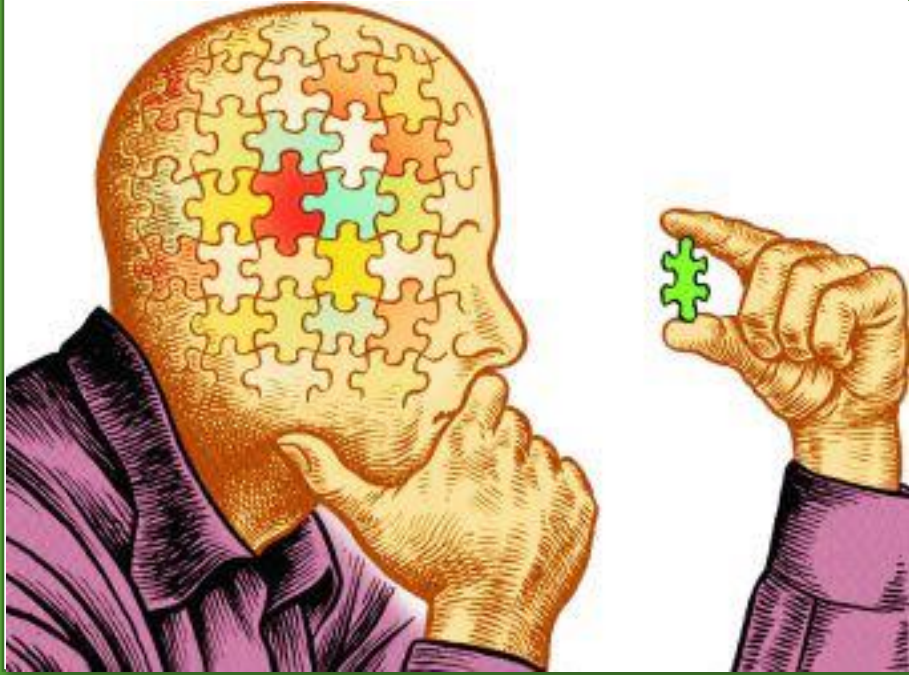
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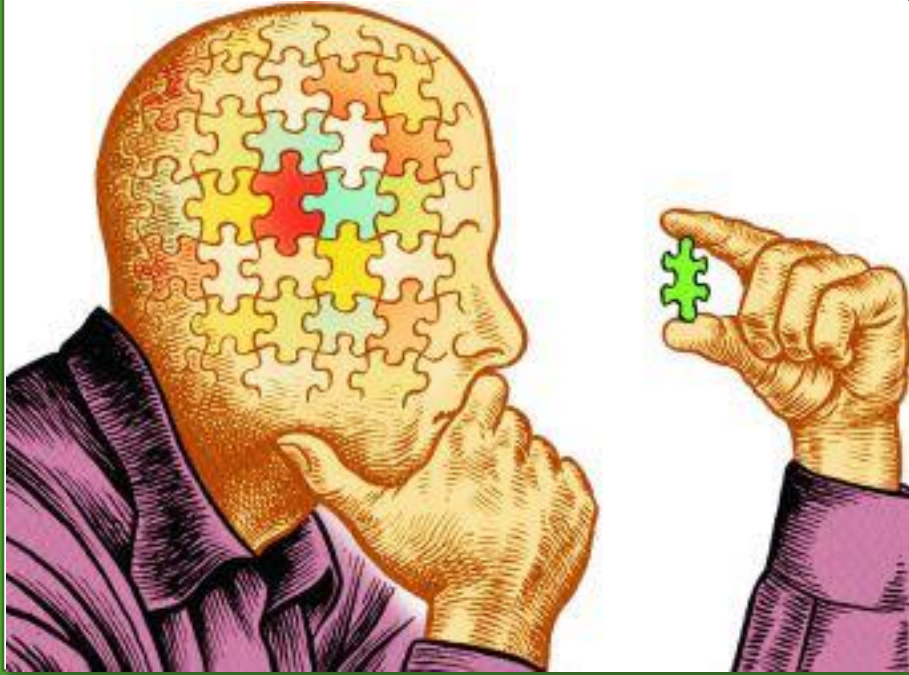


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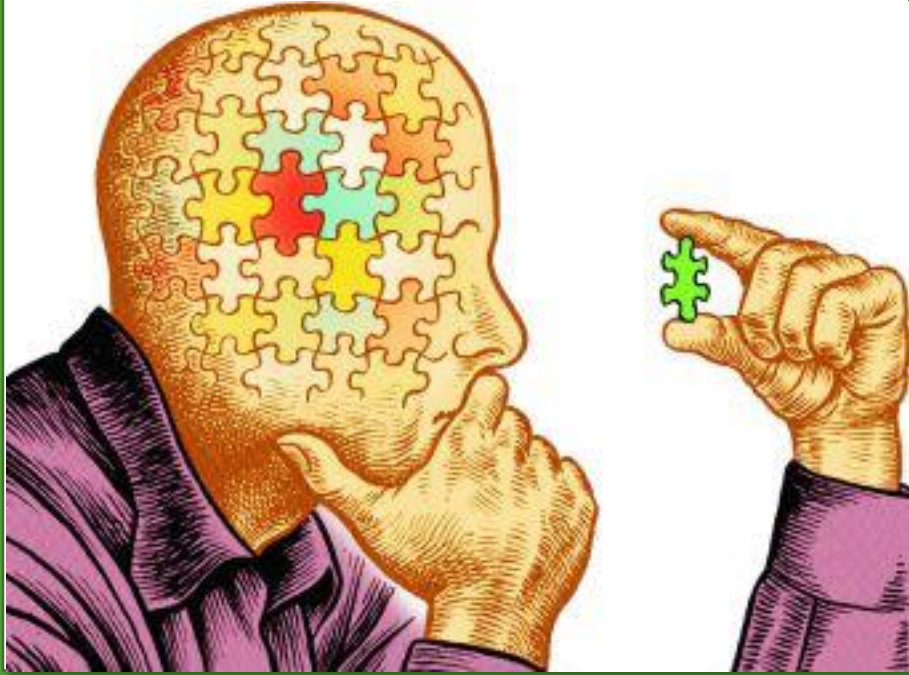


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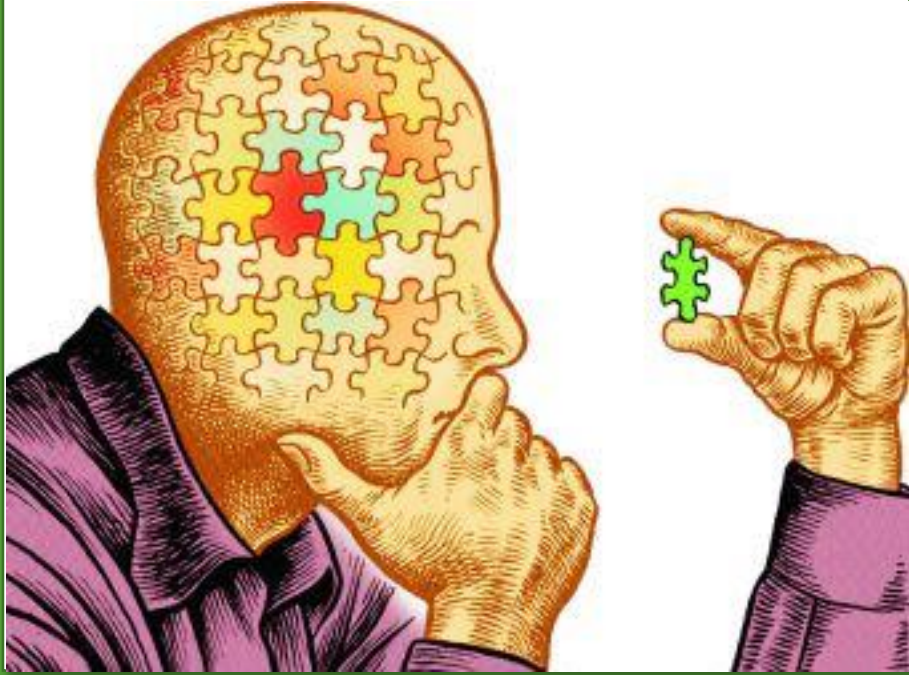
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**I need to understand
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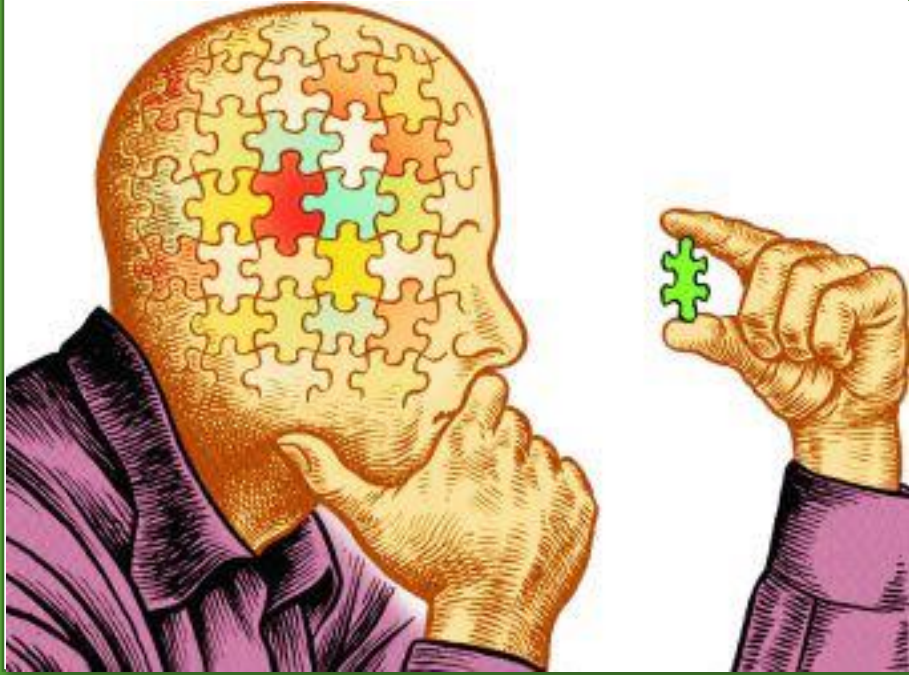
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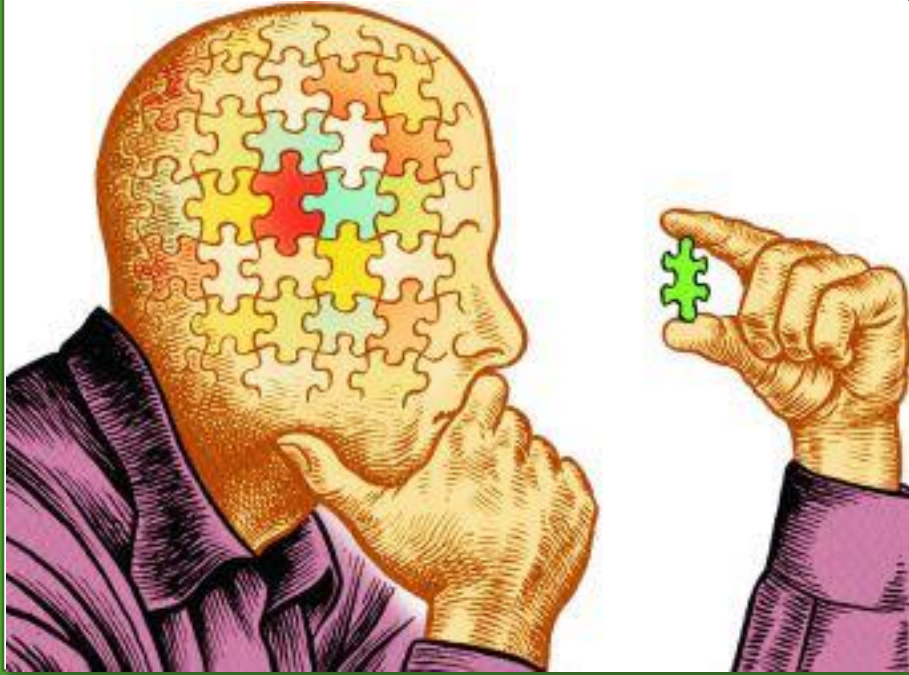


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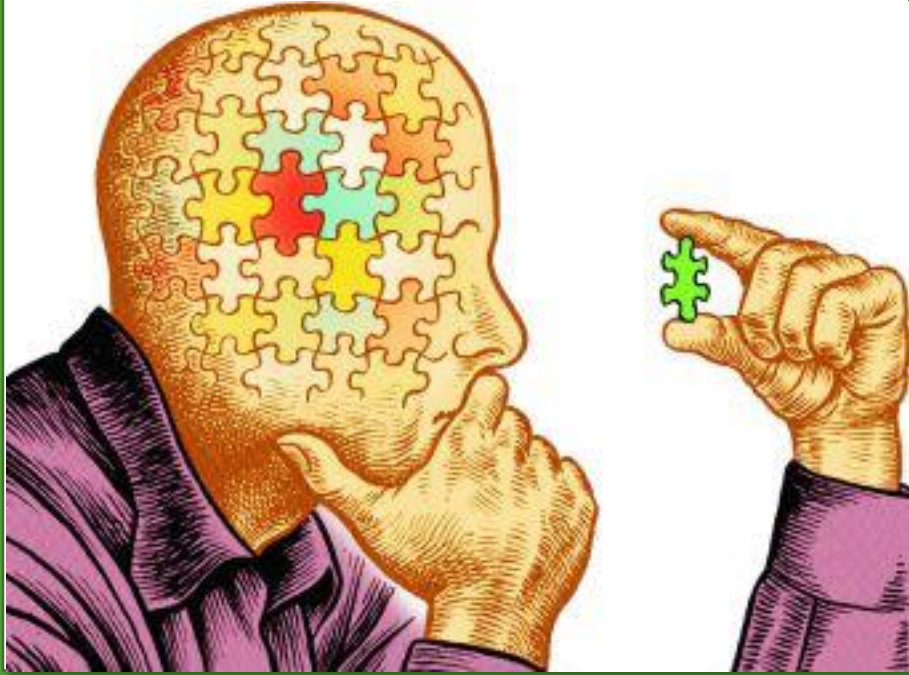
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**I need to recognize
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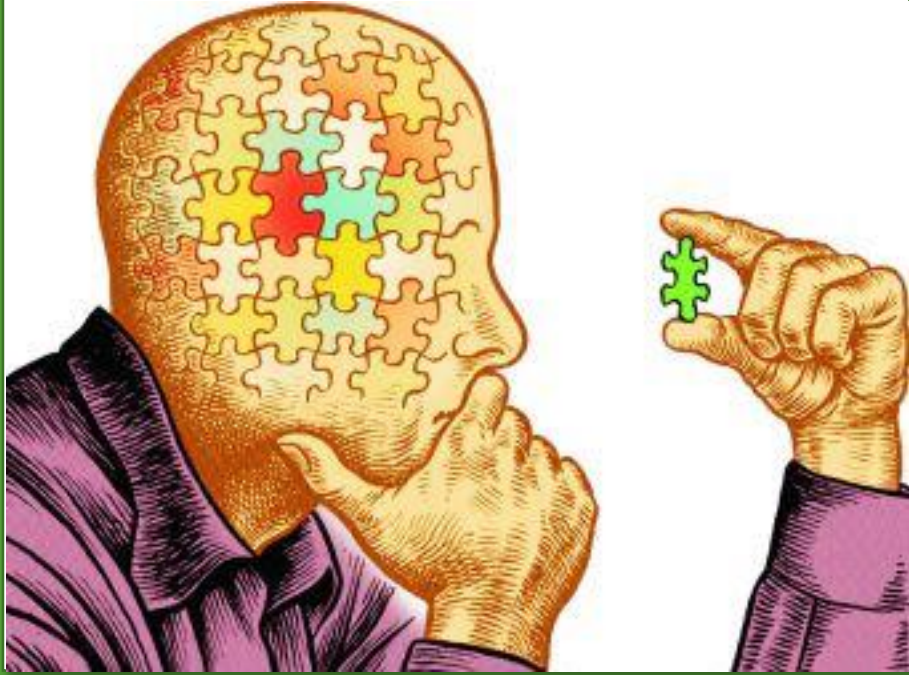


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**I need to remember
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