



WHY I'M NOT...



**WHY I'M NOT
AN ATHEIST**

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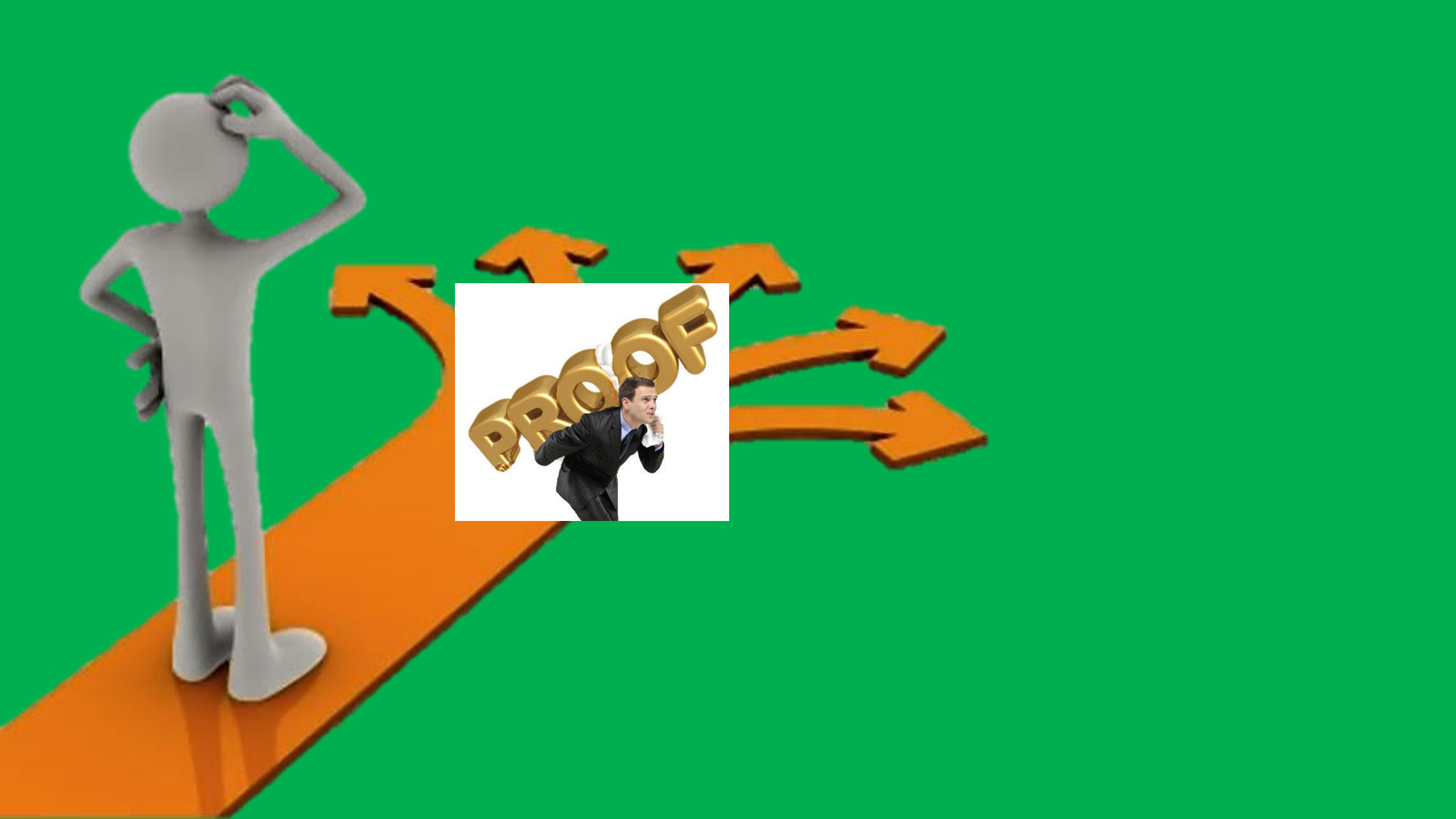


The “Burden of Proof”



**The Person Making the Claim
Bears the Burden to Prove It**





**What is the
proof there is
no God?**



"ATHEIST"

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There is
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There is
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**I DON'T KNOW
if there's a God**

The Four Horsemen of the New Atheism

Richard Dawkins, Sam Harris, Christopher Hitchens, and Victor Reppert

Why are they so influential? What are their arguments?

How do they compare to the old atheism?

What are the implications for religion and society?

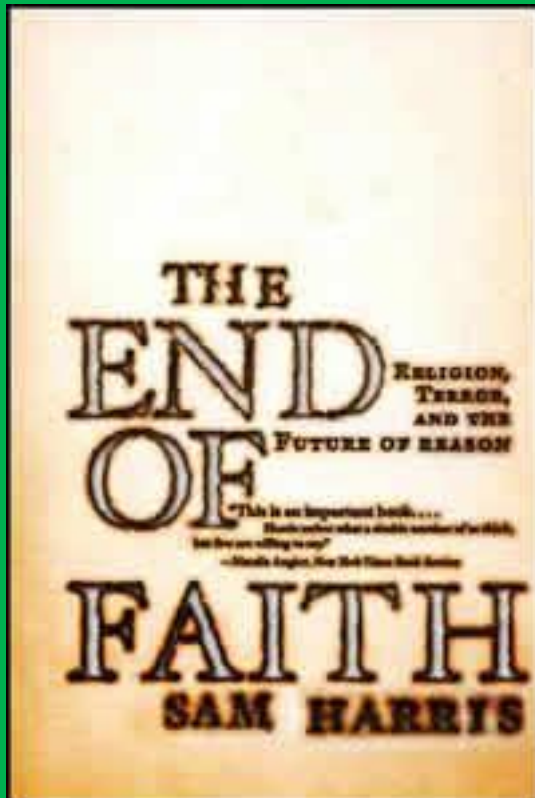
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What are the future prospects for the New Atheism?

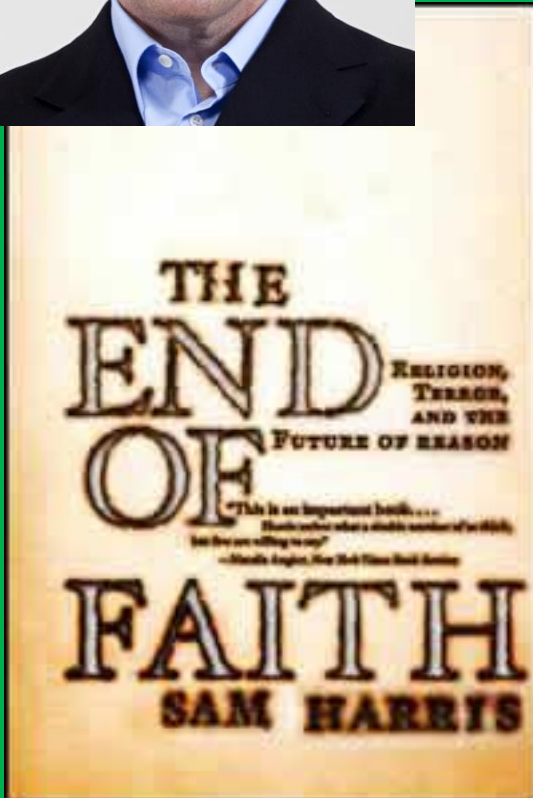
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What are the lessons learned from the New Atheism?

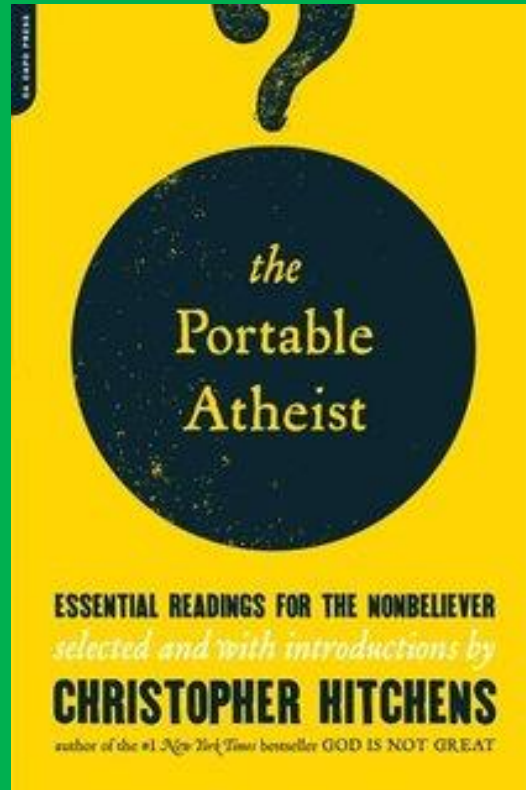
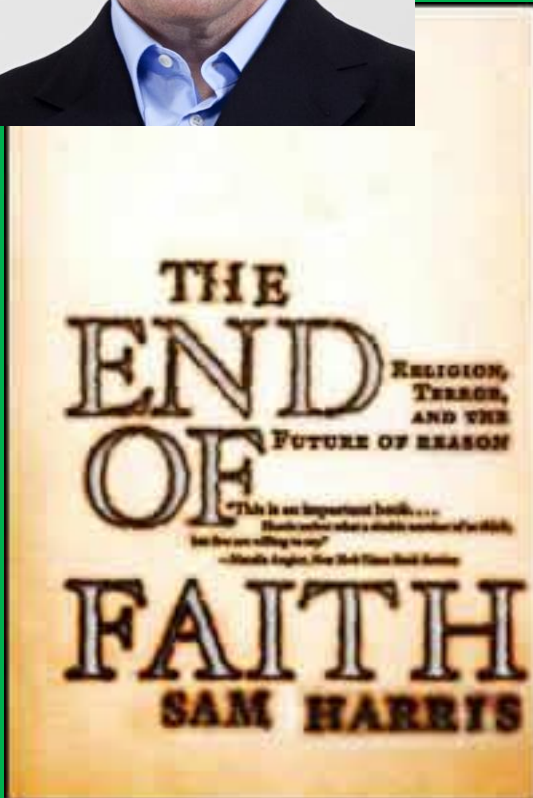
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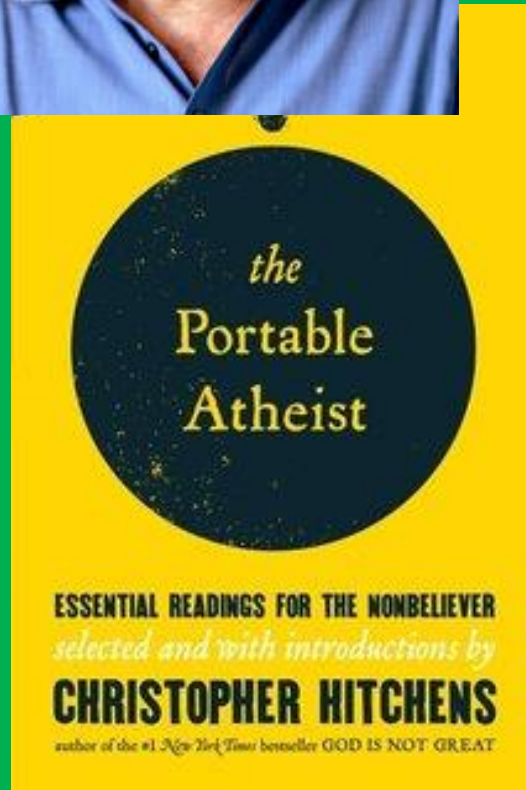
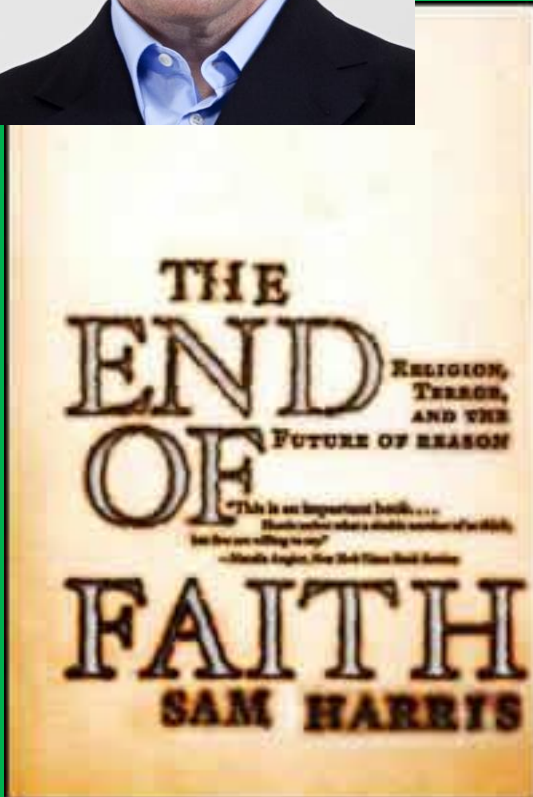
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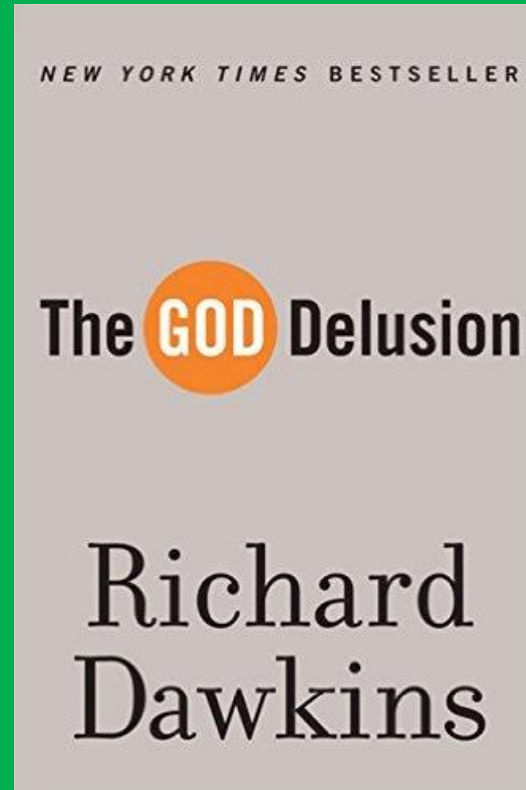
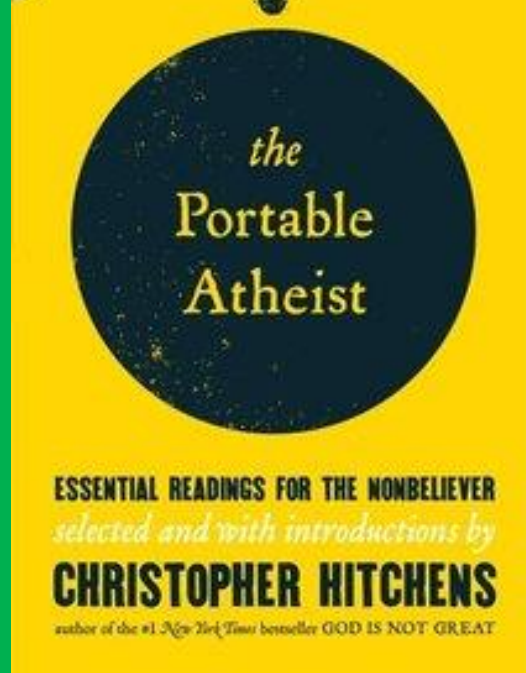
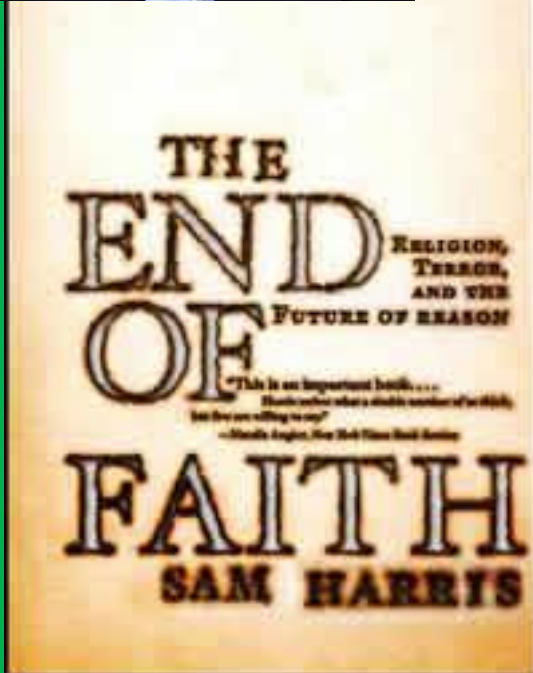
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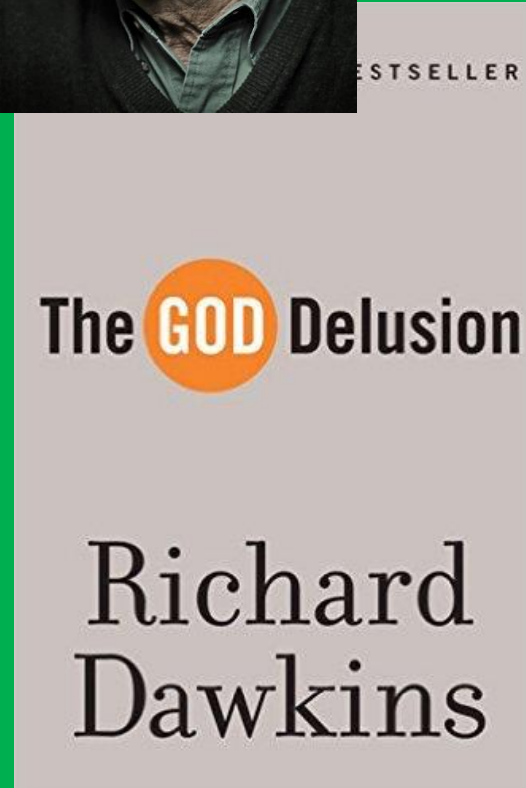
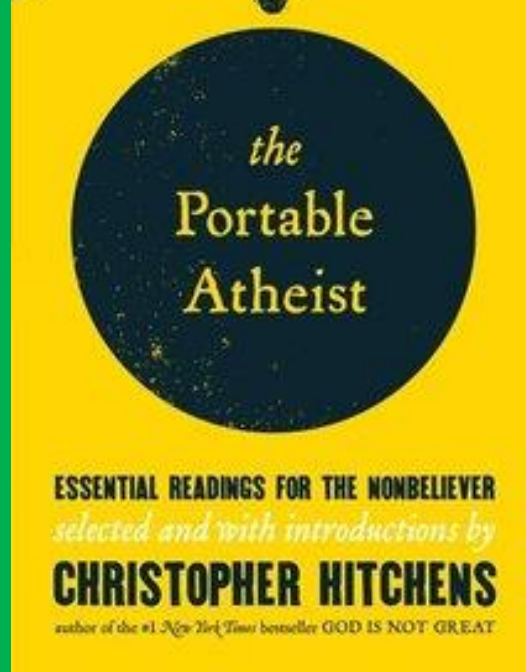
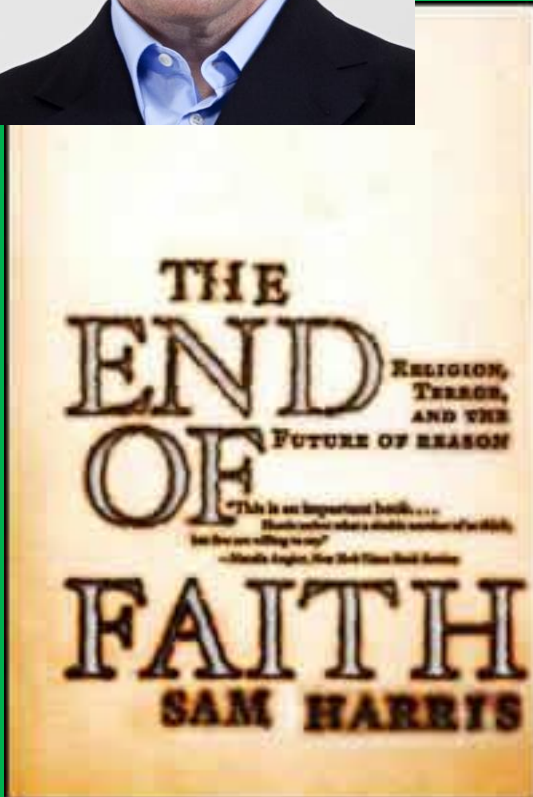
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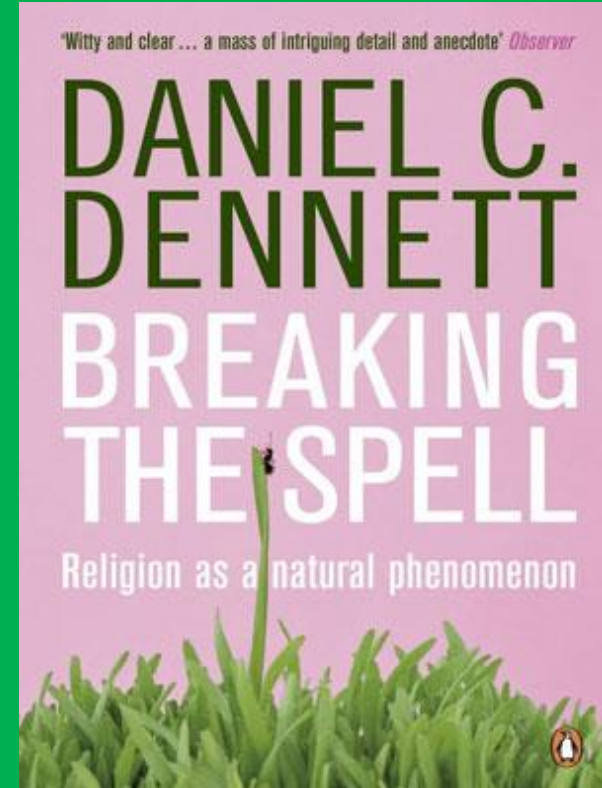
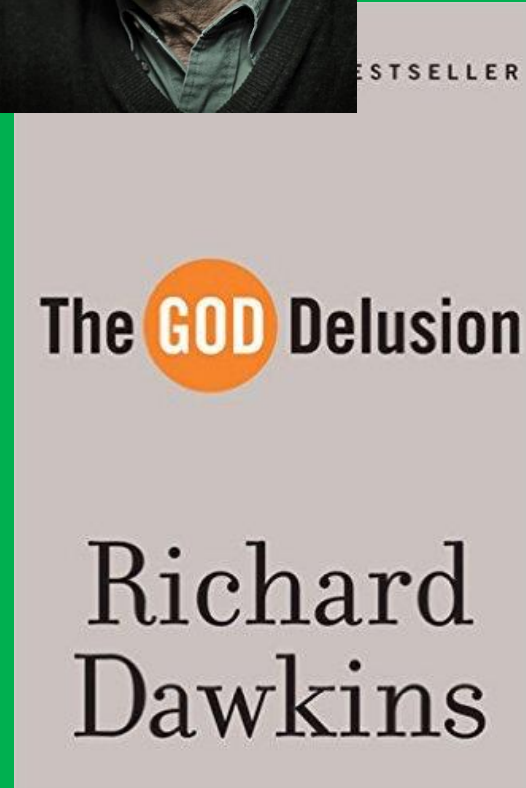
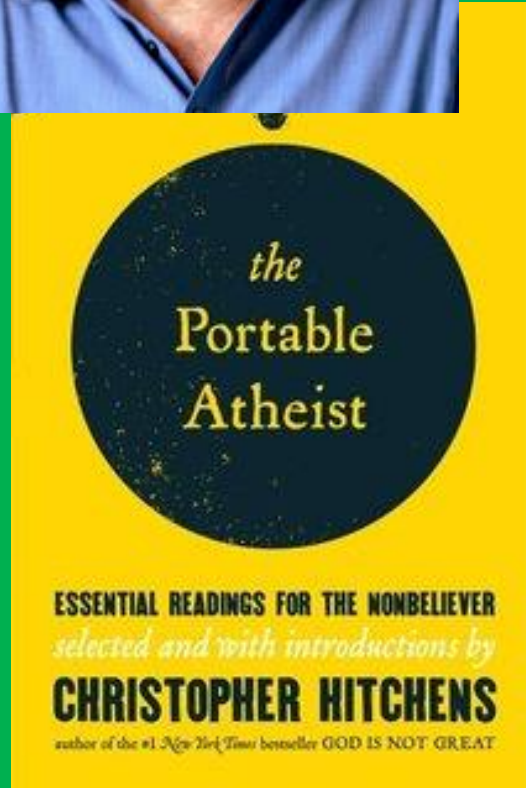
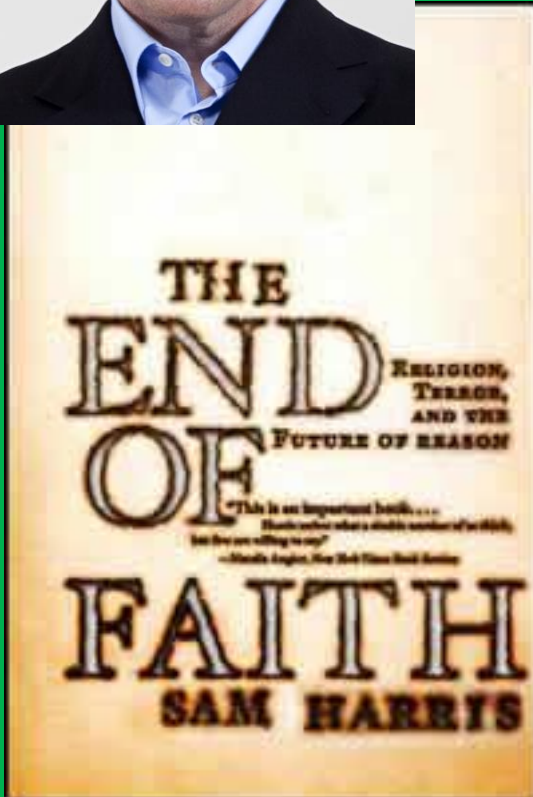
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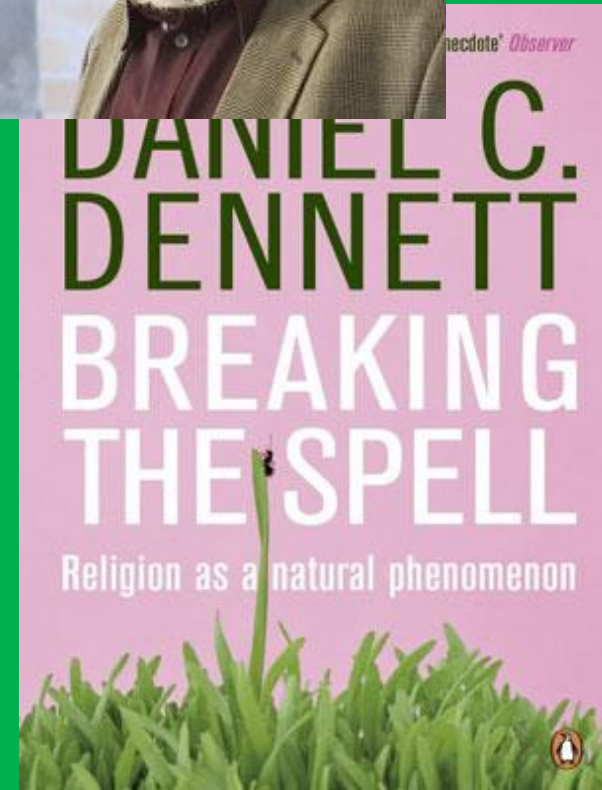
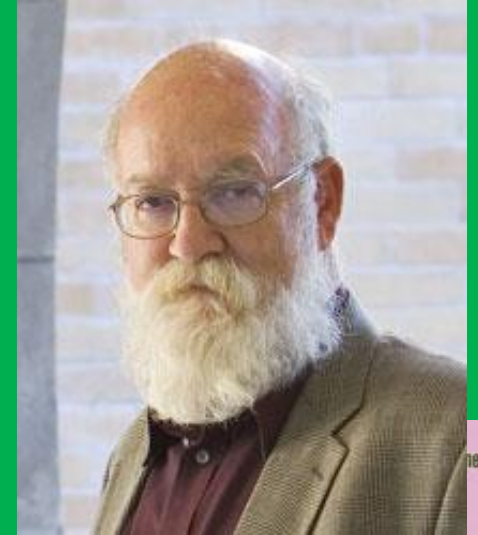
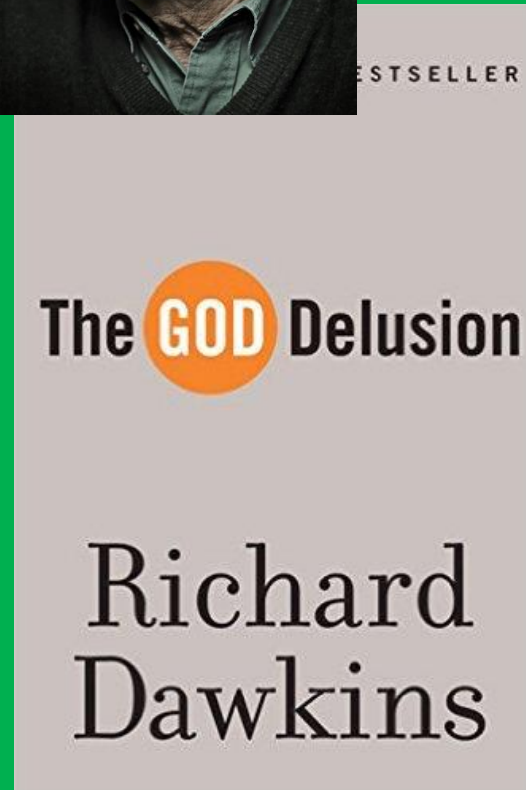
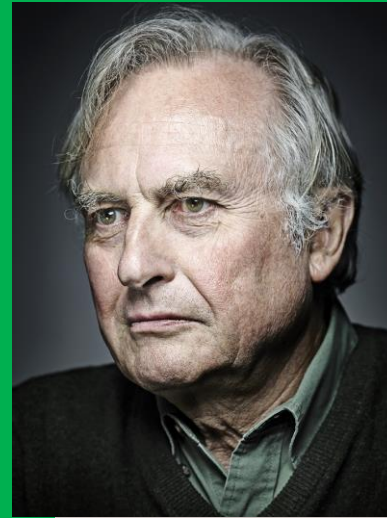
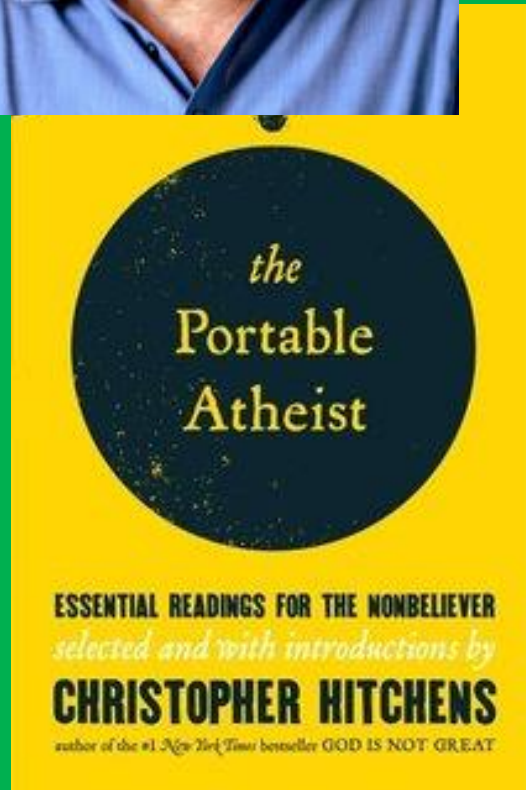
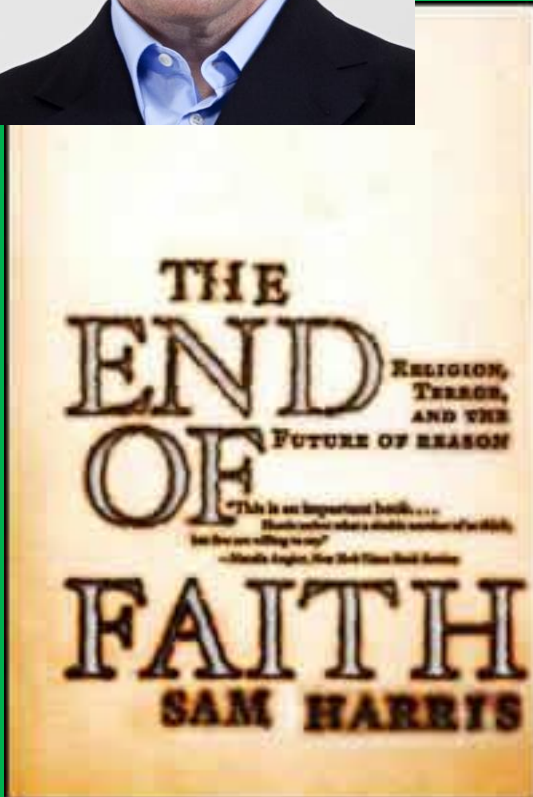
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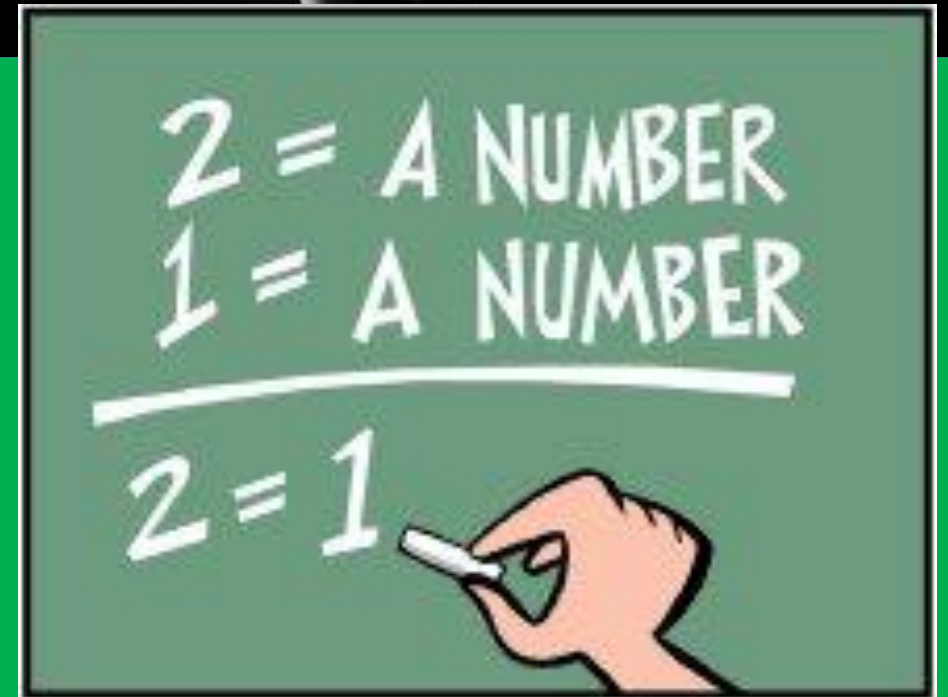


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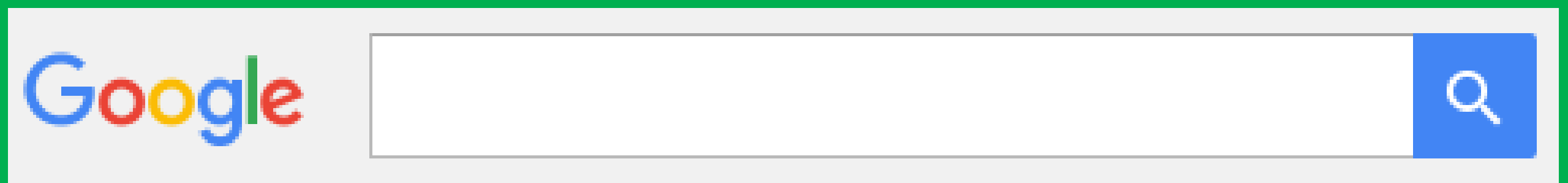
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And this isn't just some flimsy bit of rhetoric thrown together to fill a logical gap in a debate, it's irrefutable evidence that proves beyond any doubt that there simply are no gods in the universe (or outside it, if that means anything). Atheists pride themselves on clear thought and high standards of proof because we're dealing here with, literally, a life-and-death issue.

Most atheists have been schooled in both the religious and the scientific modes of thought, and the evidence we're talking about that proves the non-existence of gods transcends these philosophical frameworks in a way

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In order to understand this evidence, it's necessary to open oneself to the possibility that there is no god – and not just intellectually, but honestly and fervently, with one's entire being. The religious claim that the evidence isn't visible, but we simply can't show it to someone who doesn't want to see it. It can't be deduced from the laws of logic or through the use of any style of rhetoric, nor can it be seen or detected by any man-made instrument.

Atheists know this evidence to be true as certainly as the sun rose this morning. Rejoice, because we have the evidence required to free ourselves from the petty dogma of religious belief, the sophistry, the lies and the false doctrines (and the praising – oh god, the endless praising!).

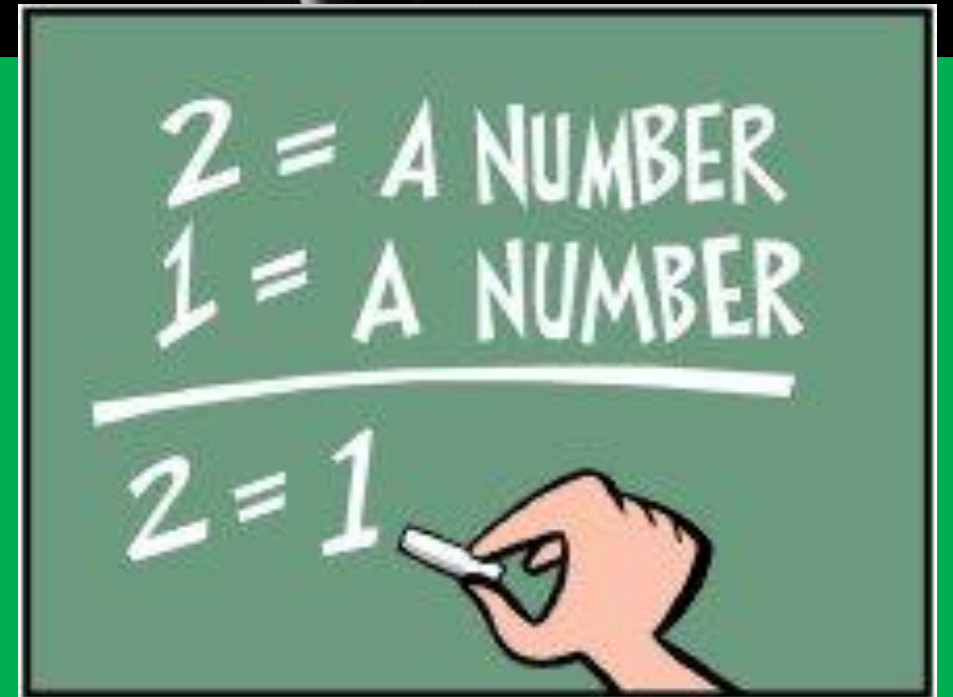
To believers who challenge us and accuse us of not having this evidence, I say – prove that we don't!

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How might we prove that God is imaginary? One way would be to find a [contradiction](#) between the definition of God and the God we experience in the real world.

What would happen if we get down on our knees and pray to God in this way:

Dear God, almighty, all-powerful, all-loving creator of the universe, we pray to you to cure every case of cancer on this planet tonight. We pray in faith, knowing you will bless us as you describe in Matthew 7:7, Matthew 17:20, Matthew 21:21, Mark 11:24, John 14:12-14, Matthew 18:19 and James 5:15-16. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

We pray sincerely, knowing that when God answers this completely heartfelt, unselfish, non-materialistic prayer, it will glorify God and help millions of people in remarkable ways.

Will anything happen? No. Of course not.

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What would happen if we tried to pray and pray?

Dear God, I am your creation. I pray to you every day. I have faith, knowing you will answer my prayers. I describe in your name we pray, Amen.

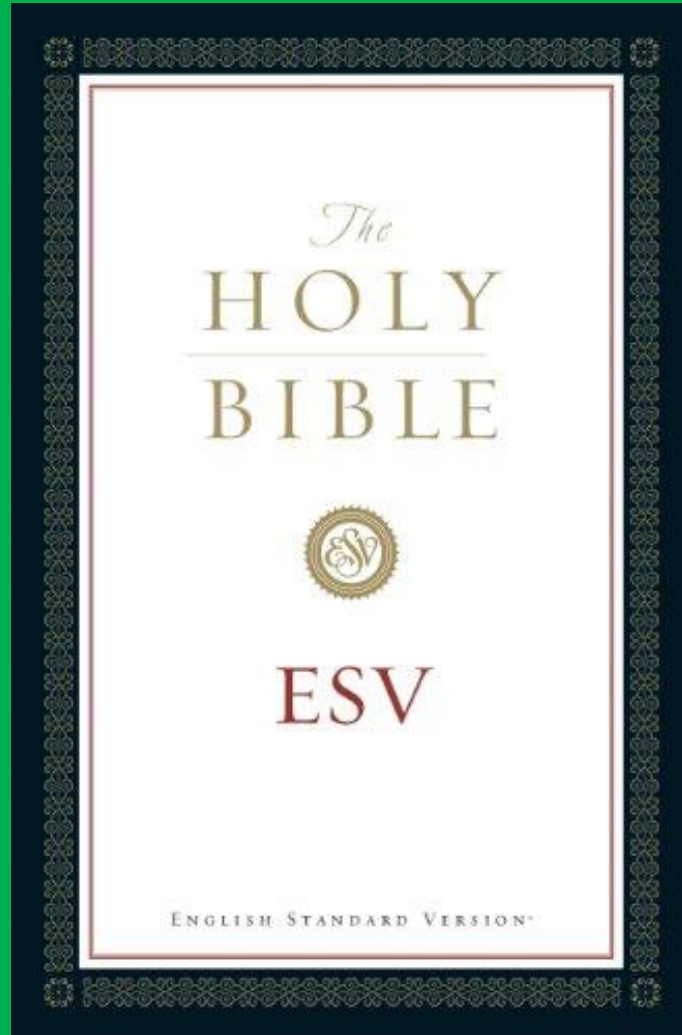
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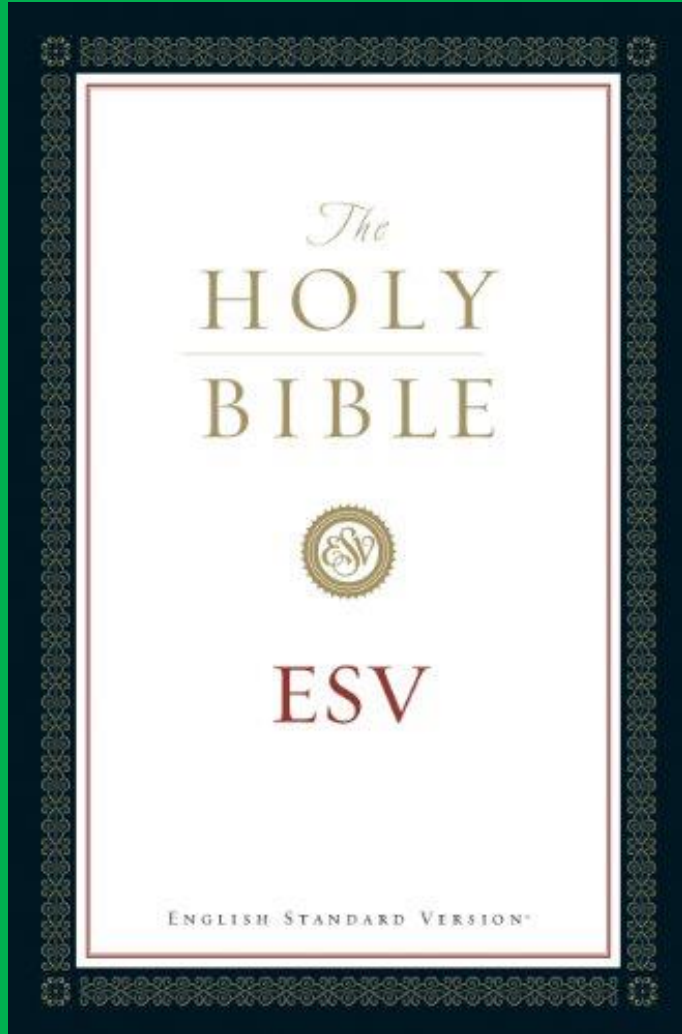
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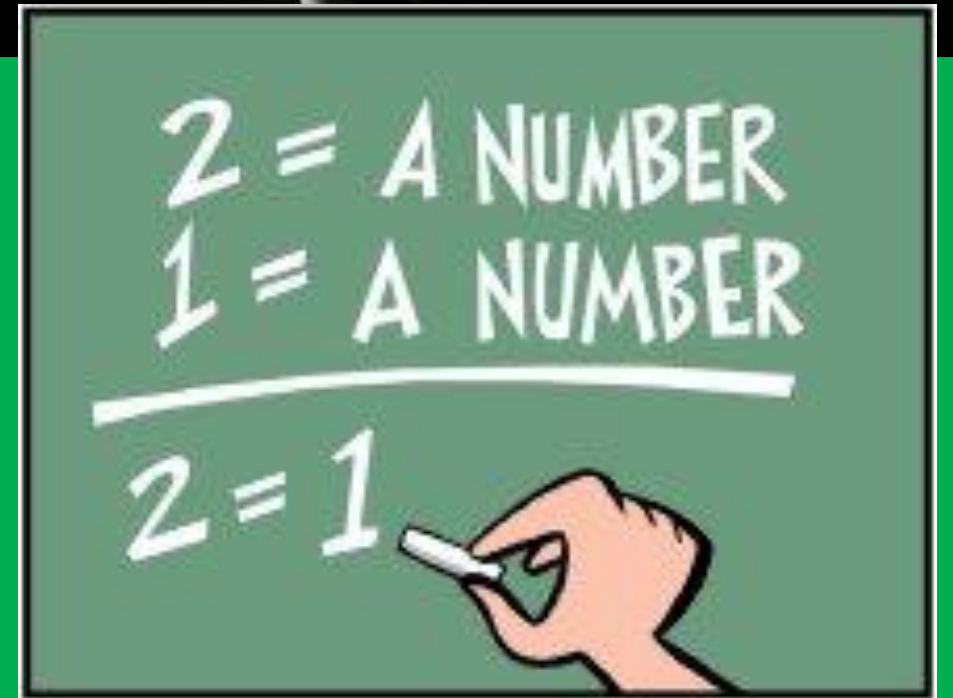


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The fact is, God never answers any prayers. The entire idea that "God answers prayers" is an illusion created by [human imagination](#).

How do we know that "answered prayers" are illusions? We simply perform scientific experiments. We ask a group of believers to pray for something and then we watch what happens. What we find, whenever we test the efficacy of prayer scientifically, is that prayer has zero effect:

- It does not matter who prays.
- It does not matter if we pray to God, Allah, Vishnu, Zeus, Ra or any other human god.
- It does not matter what we pray about.

Proof #2 - Statistically analyze prayer

If we perform scientific, double-blind tests on prayer, and if the prayers involve something concrete and measurable (for example, healing people with cancer), we know that there is zero effect from prayer. Every single "answered prayer" is nothing more than a coincidence. Both scientific experiments and your everyday observations of the world show this to be the case every single time.

For example, [this article](#) says:

One of the most scientifically rigorous studies yet, published earlier this month, found that the prayers of a distant congregation did not reduce the major complications or death rate in patients hospitalized for heart treatments.

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Scientists Attempt to Measure the Healing Power of Prayer

**By Alice Dembner,
Boston Globe**

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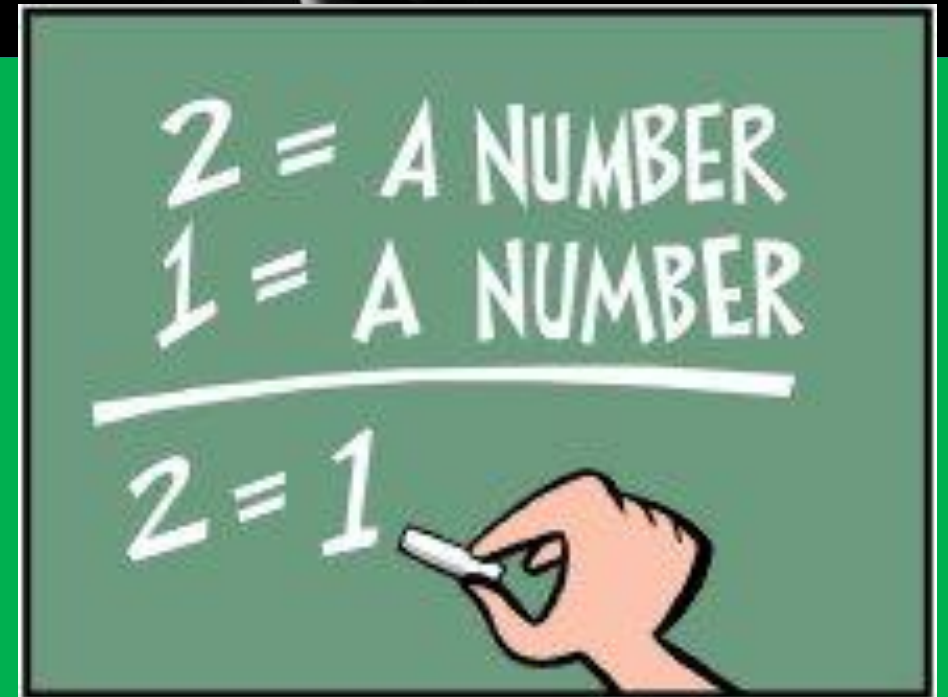
Krucoff cautioned against concluding that prayer doesn't work based on his study. Nearly 90 percent of all the patients participating said someone was praying for them separate from the prayers commissioned by the researchers. So the study, in effect, measured whether distant prayer provided an added benefit to personal, local prayer, he said.

The study offers no evidence about bedside prayer by patients themselves or their loved ones. Krucoff said he did not attempt to look at that question because of ethical and logistical problems.

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Institutional Issues: Articles

Should Academic Medical Centers Conduct Clinical Trials of the Efficacy of Intercessory Prayer?

Halperin, Edward C. MD

A recent article in *Time* described a clinical trial conducted in the cardiology unit of a Veterans Administration Medical Center.¹ Patients undergoing invasive procedures were randomized into two groups. Some patients were prayed for by Buddhist Monks in Nepal, at a Roman Catholic Carmelite Convent near Baltimore, at an interdenominational Christian prayer center in Missouri, by Jews at the Western Wall in Jerusalem, and by supplicants at several other sites. The remaining patients served as controls. The study was designed to determine "whether prayer by strangers might influence the medical outcomes of 30 patients" in the cardiac catheterization laboratory. The magazine report indicated that "the outcomes of those prayed over were 50% to 100% better than those of a control group." The primary investigator felt these results were "sufficient ... to be intriguing." A larger-scale study is planned.

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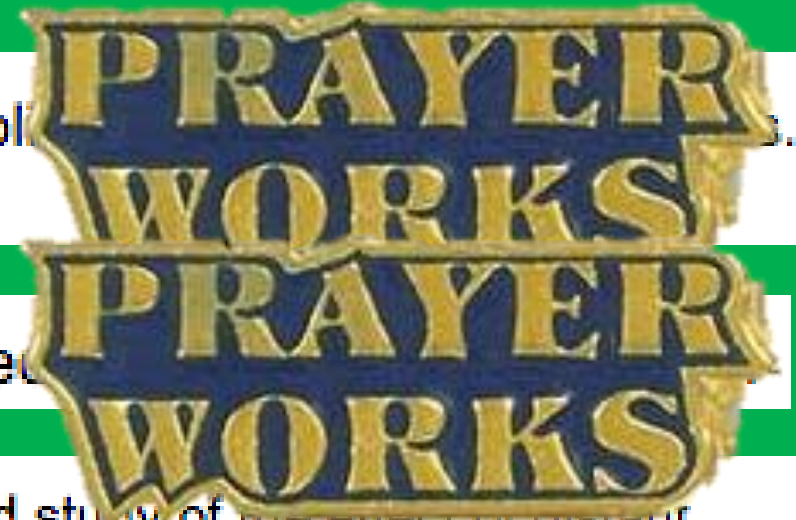


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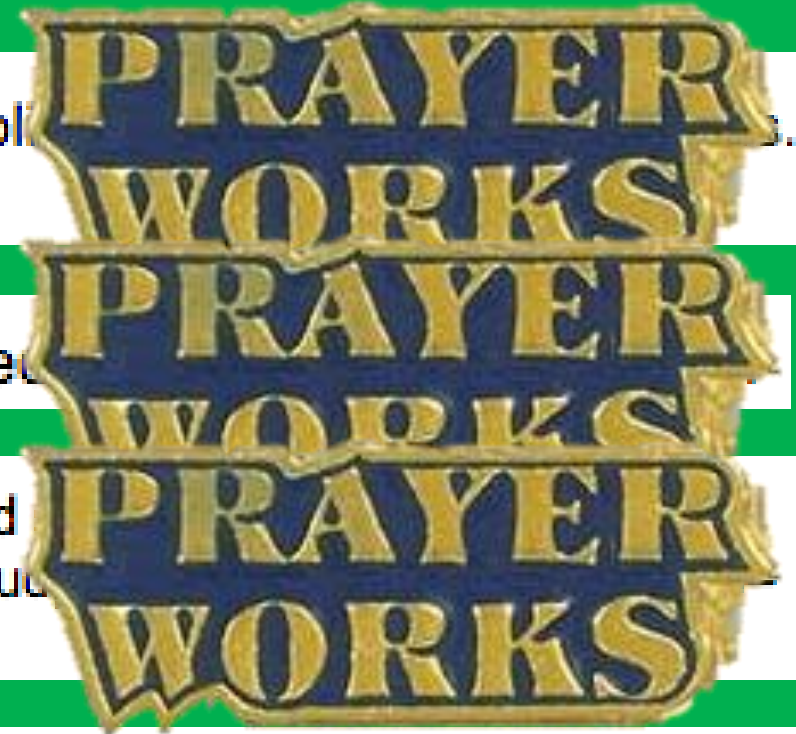
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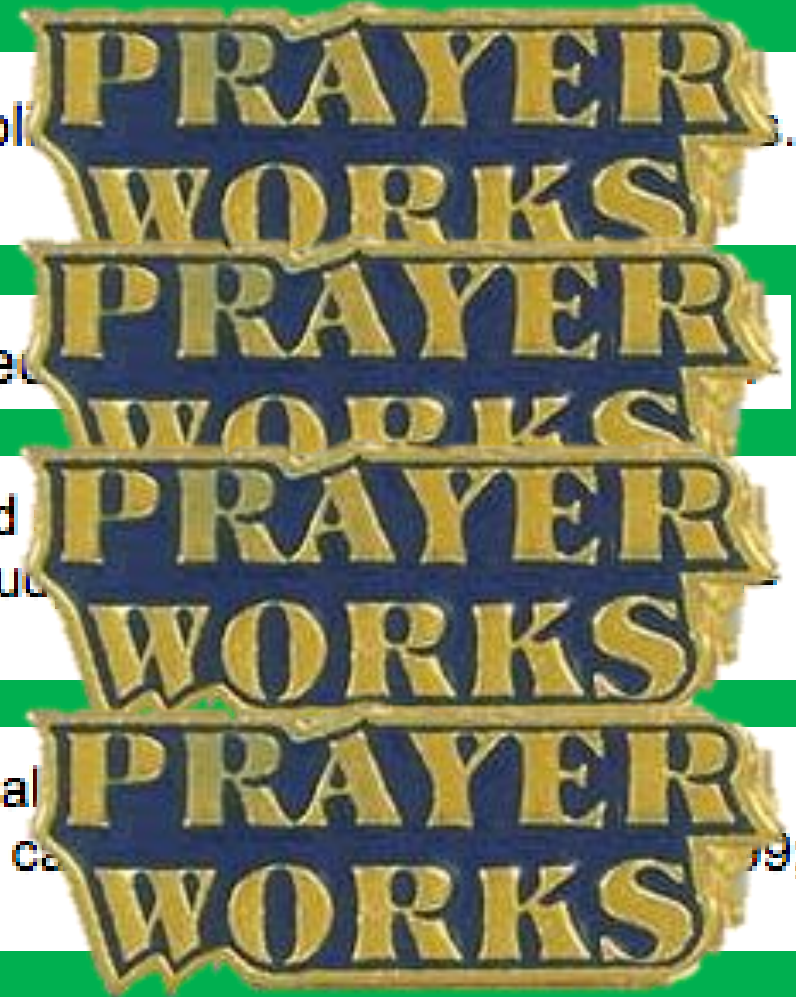
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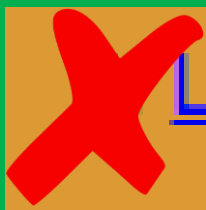
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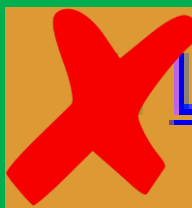
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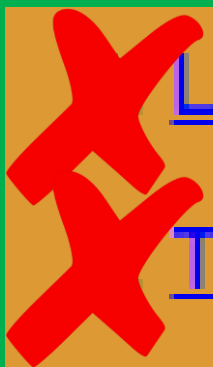
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Let's imagine that you have cancer and that you are a believer. You pray to God for a cure, you undergo surgery and chemotherapy, and the cancer does in fact go into remission.

What cured you? Was it the chemotherapy, or was it God?

In other words, is there any way to know whether God is playing a role or not when we pray?

The problem is that, in this imagined case, there is ambiguity. The Christian believes that God answered the prayer, but it could also be a simple coincidence.

All scientific evidence clearly indicates that it is, in fact, a coincidence. Whenever we do a scientific experiment on the efficacy of prayer, the data shows no effect from prayer (see this proof). Scientific evidence indicates that "answered prayers" really are coincidences every single time.

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