Debate Inquiry

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I KNOW WHO YOU ARE

1 - RELIGION: Proving self-existance.

"Can you provide evidence of your own existence?"

> I do not believe you are real.

> Or that I am real.

> Prove me wrong.

You do realize that by targeting Atheists specifically, and questioning their existence you're merely conforming to disbelief of your own religion? - Its obvious that you don't think that said belief is fool-proof, but if you are aware of this why are you questioning it to the people who do follow the term?

Do you expect us to prove you wrong? Because we can say science all we want, we can say any word in the english dictionary, or any form of communication for that matter. We can even just point at things. - Right down to the bottom line of communication, nothing we say can prove that we exist, because the term is just like true/false.

How do you know I'm not lying? How do you know I'm not telling the truth?
How do you know I didn't post this question? How do you know someone else didn't?
How do you know I'm not really a girl? How do you know I'm not really a guy?

If you're making the subject "Prove me wrong, or I'll be proven right" you're making it obvious that you're asking a black/white, left/right, yes/no, kind of question. A question that would only be even the slightest bit useful for something more or less statistical, even at that. - Though it would only provide insight to people who are relevant to the statistics anyways.

Its all irrelevant to us when you're asking something that refers to everyone. Hence: EXIST
-- What's the point of asking us if we exist, when you put it into question by asking it already? - There is no point. You're not looking for an answer at that point, you're looking for 'opinions', however the opinions you're looking for do infact contradict the question as another poster stated before me. - You're looking for our opinions specifically, but put into question if we exist as the question.

Thusfourth, a contradiction with your logic and question. - If you just asked "Can you provide evidence of your own existence?" and left proving the question out of it, then people could answer with absolute value, not an opinion. But because you stated the question, following with disbelief you already have failed to successfully find any answer that will be true. - OPINIONS.

Its all about persuasion now, which doesn't have anything to do specifically with Atheist. You're just looking for an answer to a question we cannot answer 100% absolutely about. - And for me frankly, don't care about at that point. What's the point of voicing your opinion to something that can't even logically be proven valid? - There isn't any other then your own personal ones that will support and strengthen the

'Opinion' argument.

Whether you suddenly say you're really a Christian or do not conform to a religion is still not a valid argument, the quesiton a contradiction. - That's a fact. Like I stated earlier, this is a 2 sided case. And that's not going to just change because you make a (most likely) false conformity to try and win over a debate you started.

2 - RELIGION: No evidence of God?

There is no evidence for God, none at all?"

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I was once an Atheist myself but you never once heard me say there is no evidence for God. When I was seven years old I started my search for the truth. Not a search for God. Not a search for something in which I could believe as so many have very mistakenly assumed and then stated, but an honest and open-minded search for the truth. If God existed I wanted to know. If God did not exist, I wanted to know. I did not care one way or the other. Show me the truth and that is the road I take, smiling all the way to the end of the road, whether my end be in Heaven or in the grave.

But from the first day I started taking notes I had three columns on my pages. One was evidence that supported there being a God, one was evidence that went against there being one and then one column for evidence that could be used either way. From day one I had something to add to each column. If there is no evidence for God, just what do you propose I was putting in the "Yes" column or the column that could be argued either way? One example of evidence that could be argued either way is the fact that most Atheists have just as strong moral values as do most believers. Personally, I think that fact leans pretty firmly toward the "There is a God" column.

The fact the Yoruba religion exists is evidence for God. The fact the Avesta exists is evidence there is a God. The fact the Sabean religion existed so long ago is evidence of a God. The fact that Christianity is as widespread as it is now is evidence there is a God. The fact that Muhammad dictated the Qu'ran as quickly as He did is evidence there is a God. The fact there is a Bible is evidence there is a God. Even the fact the ancient Greek, Roman, Celtic and Norse myths exist is evidence there is a God. Is any of that proof? I will be easy on you and at least for now simply agree to agree none of it is proof. But there is no evidence? Come on, give me a break!

I am going to once again offer an asseveration, but for the purpose of this question it is not a matter of argument. Were there no God the Baha'i Faith could not exist. The Baha'i Faith exists therefore there must be a God, and one God only. If the Baha'i Faith is what it claims to be, then all people, regardless of religion, derive their inspiration from that one God and all are loved by God. That specifically includes even the most militant Atheist, Sam Harris included. Further, if the Baha'i Faith is what it claims to be, then world peace is beckoning from an ever-brightening horizon. If it is not what it claims to be, there is no God and world peace will forever remain an empty hope and an idle pipedream.

But once again, is there any weaker an intellectual argument for atheism than, "There is no evidence, none at all!"

The fact that I don't believe supports, the fact that I don't believe. - Its not about "GOD", or anything even close to being related. What I do decides what I am not conforming to for the people who do believe differently, but it doesn't state your evidence is true.

Its a black and white subject here. - One will be true until another one claiming something differently is brought about. Those who even acknowledge it, even let it get in their way frankly stop believing right there. They're already throwing what they believe into question. Less their religion/belief is questioning everything that doesn't support what they support. Does it mean they're not Christian, etc? Its not anyone's decision, so not exactly. Though it damn well shows a lot about them and their commitment to one belief already is the point.

Its not about me not believing in a god. You misinterpret the statement. The ideal thing I shoot for when explaining myself on this subject is, I'm not an Atheist, Agnostic, Christian, or anything you can pull out of a book. - My beliefs are what they are. Are you going to claim I'm Atheist by this and my past posts? How can you know? You can't. - This is the internet, and even if this were real. How do you know I'm not lying? You can't know for sure. So how can you say I'm not a Christian just because I said I don't believe in god? How can you say I'm an Atheist just because I made an accusation about the bible. - YOU CANNOT KNOW FOR SURE.

Our beleifs are unique to ourselves, everything else is just conforming to what we think - Not what we

believe.

3 - Internet Browsers

What browser should i use ?

im a bit confused about browsers please tell which one should i choose ?

Frankly its all about what you'll find as a preferance based on the features. - Though to help you with that I'll elaborate on the features you might like specifically about each browser.

Google Chrome, Firefox, Opera, Safari. They're basically the main stream ones you'll run into as I'm sure you know them all already. Safari is probably the worst one, plain and simple. - I wouldn't suggest it. However it was one of the most important browsers to be made for the reason being that it was the first one to integrate Java into the browser itself. - However Microsoft copied that with IE later on, so the rest of the browsers basically have followed obviously. Plain and simple, its no longer unique.

Google Chrome is a great browser, its got custom add-ons you can download into the browser somewhat like the idea of having Java integrated into the browser, but far more various things. And believe me, there's little to nothing that you can't find. - A lot of creative things people have made. (Though to stop myself on that note, Firefox and Opera both have add-ons as well. I'll get into that in a moment though.) There's a lot of rescent contreversy over Google Chrome though after a rescent public announcement by one of the CEO's of the program stating something around the idea that we'll have no privacy, and in basic terms; without knowing it the program will be scanning through your computer for illegal things, along with your history for things you may have done as well.

Firefox is one of the first browsers to be fully customizable, Open Source. - Google Chrome and Opera are as well, though to be frank about it Firefox has succeeded the most with its Add-Ons over both of them. It caught on much faster, and there's much more. The general idea of Firefox seperating it from other browsers was that basically, its a blank sheet. You can customize it, and do whatever the hell you want with it to your liking. - Its very easy to use, quite fast, and generally my preferance honestly. HOWEVER, I suggest you stick with Version 3.6. Firefox 4 BETA isn't that great and copied a great feature that Opera originally, and still has. - You'll notice if you look at them INSTANTLY.

Opera predates Google Chrome and Firefox, that being said along with my statement earlier of it having add-ons as well however is not so much connected. Because honestly I don't know when it developed its add-ons into the browser, though I assume somewhere after Firefox did it. It is a GREAT browser, very organized, though not as customizable - though you still have much you can customize. Its a very smooth rolling browser. Though to be frank, its probably the slowest of these browsers. - The Cache if you keep it at default from downloading it will make it run VERY slow after a while. So be sure to look into that if you choose it. Give this one a shot for sure before you choose Google or Firefox.

Internet Explorer obviously is another one, though to say the least. It copies most of its features from other browsers. The last time Microsoft released a new version of Internet Explorer was in 2009 if I remember correctly, and its not even that great. - Security was crappy, though its speed was actually fairly good. - Its got VERY POOR customization, and other obvious things you could think up I'm sure.

Though I'll focus more on the newer version that was released. Here's the first problem, its only Windows 7 compatible currently. So if you've XP or Vista, good luck with your old crappier one. The new one takes the general layout of Google Chrome, a few features from Opera as well like the Speed Dial function. A bunch of things. - Its not all that bad, but if you hear good things about it, they're full of crap.

4 - 2012.

Do you want 2012 to be real?

just wondering.

i do.

To be honest I don't really care. If it happens, so what. If it doesn't, so what.

What's the big deal with a natural disaster occuring? They happen every year, there's no connection to something else specifically like a calander that would explain its reason for happening.

Is anyone else having second thoughts about 2012?

when everyone was freaking out about the world ending in 2012, i thought it was a bunch of BS. but now that 3 things have happened to japan. and an earthquake in quebec (today). idk im geting a little worried-ish... anyone else thought about this?

This earthquake has you thinking about it? Ok, let's look back. Around 1940 or so there was an earthquake in Japan as well that killed over a million people. This recent earthquake was an even higher magnatude than that one was, and not even 20,000 people have died. - Seems like the world is going to start shootting out gold more than dying if you ask me.

5 - A Logical Opinion on Sociology.

What is growing up? What is acting mature? It all goes into sociology and it really doesn't make sense. (as far as I can see# Tell me to grow up, or mature, rather than just specifically just tell me what I'm doing wrong. Its a fool's argument and an idiots wording.

There is no "state" of being grown up, just standards that others make themselves. As a society some might agree to a specific standard, idea, 'level' of maturity, etc. Though it doesn't matter if the world agrees to one thing or not. It doesn't make it true, right, wrong, etc.

Sociology is one thing I've begun to despise because its basically like saying society is a cult, and they make the decisions to what means what, why we do what, and what is 'what' exactly?. In reality, that's what it is, this is just how I tend to view some aspects of it. Overall its got a lot of highlights and light on it apart from that. When someone says that 'this' is weird, dumb, or just general opinionated things like what I spoke of about 'growing up' and judging someone's level of "maturity" with their opinion; I can't stand it. Its when people are more arrogant as a society than anything.

Its not to say that things like insults can't mean what society defines, e.g "noob", or just inside terms. Though when it brings up something that doesn't exist, but they're using it to refer to something else, just because its grown in popularity as a society #see; "Growing up"# than it becomes a pattern that shouldn't be repeating itself. Its like if I started saying "Go away", or for that matter, anything. Just because you don't meet an ideal or standard that reflects or impacts my emotions in some shape or form. e.g,

You say you're good at Black Ops.
I've been playing longer and infact are better than you.
The competitive nature impacts me and I become offended at the insulting of my ability to play better than you.
I say "X" which is the "Grow Up" statement because you haven't met my standards, which is being better than me.

Its like adults, parents, teachers, anyone who says this are merely saying it because you haven't done what they want you to. Or that you're not doing as good as they want you to, some standard that they've mentally had set. Which is very selfish, and debatably is a contradiction in itself. You're requesting that they meet your standards, while also its their reaction due to you not meeting their standard that makes them feel that they've got that power to make you or expect you to meet said standard. With parents its the most understandable, though at the same time if a parent says you need to grow up, or do better, improve, change, most negative things generally; they're using the 'power' Now to elaborate on the note of the 'power' its merely a form of intimidation.

So for example, when teenagers turn rebellious they're running from that intimidation that the parent has tried to use against them. There is more than likely mixed feelings about why they're doing it depending on their story, but in many cases they may feel threatened by the idea of improving, or really be offended by this sudden sense of insecurity that has been laid upon them. Their reaction will also vary, I can't give any general response that will always happen with this. Its just a psychological experience that can differ in many situations. So they might listen and heed the parent's lecture, they may avoid meeting their standard, it can be countless things.

Then there's things like the Black Ops example, where in reality a lot of fights and arguments happen; this is why some people like to refer to games as 'friendship killers'. Because in reality due to this scenario I've described, people commonly are frustrated from the games already in their failure or just overall irritation. Then someone tries to step all over them, it doesn't end well commonly. It really depends on said peoples' anger control and how easily they're irritated. It may not always lead to physical fights, but it usually doesn't end well.

That's just my example and opinion on what I don't hate about society though, don't get the misinterpretation that this is what I enjoy in society. I'm just saying that when it comes to society acting this way for these reasons #though I did go somewhat into the psychology of it#, I can understand this and its appropriate for the situation because the psychology behind it when the people in society are making these acts happen. To conclude however, there are many pros and cons to Sociology. But the studies go into depth at points on subjects that can just really tick you off. And in my opinion its mostly just because of today's society turning to shoot for the most part. Modern people have only gotten dumber as technology has grown, while another portion has gotten smarter on the brighter side. There's a lot to say about everything changing in general, but it all leads back to society's acceptance and passing of everything. Causing one thing to rise to the top, and letting one hit rock bottom. The decisions and power that society holds is just a frustrating matter, while it can be tampered with by one person, or stopped by 10, it really is just controversial and has too much of a negative impact on my life.

6 - Social Networking: Last Resort

In our time today, due to the popularity and success of social networking and the internet overall as a whole; we now use it to communicate with almost everyone, for anything, at anytime, and so on. Because of how most trends are started by dimwitted people, the rest usually follow and then the public begins to change their image and claim 'its the way of the future', 'its better', etc. While this isn't always true. Obviously new things aren't always better, lets take Miley Cyrus and Rebecca Black for examples. People just don't like to hold on to old things because they feel like they're getting too far behind or caught up in the past. This is one reason to why lots of people from the 90s are still obsessed and discuss the shows from the 90s because no one enjoys the current shows today, leaving them only to reminisce about what they all know they enjoyed. Its not so much nostalgia, but merely what they have left.

Social networking in the last 5 years has gone up tremendously, as hard as it may be to believe. From the year 2006 when Myspace was the most popular site on the internet, to 2008 when Facebook walked all over it. Its a mandatory fact today that social websites are now where almost all communication is happening at. This leaves people like myself to be able to keep in contact with long lost friends, best friends, family, and generally everyone you could find in a phone book. This is good and bad for some, but to me personally its just overwhelming. Its not a bad thing that I can contact anyone, at any given moment but giving everyone in the world this power really just makes communication for me drop down a level in interest. It makes me not even care anymore for the most part. I was never one to call my friends every time I had something to say, but now a days when anyone contacts me at all, its nothing special. It takes my social interest in anyone, and anything, down a level because of how common it has become.

Though its not the communication aspect entirely, but more so things like the media. Whether it be on TV, or the internet, social networking is what companies are slowly becoming involved with. But this goes far beyond the media alone even now because of its popularity. I could buy almost any random food at a grocery store, and the odds are its going to have a Facebook or Twitter Logo on it, possibly with a link too. Things like this are what really take it over the top to the point that I don't care anymore. Advertising a Facebook or something of that notoriety isn't bad, but when it becomes as common as stars in space, what's the point? What could there possibly be that would draw you in to actually 'Like' the advertised product on Facebook, when what they're doing is advertising the exact same thing the exact same way as everyone else.

Companies and people in general I feel try to abuse the growing population of social networks like Facebook, they're only advertising it to there because of how its a modern trend. Its where people are, and where people are active at. Not because its on the internet or its a website, but just because its one more place other than TV, Newspapers, Planes, Billboards, etc., that they can advertise on to help bring in funds for themselves. Its not a bad business tactic, but it really brings a message about business tactics in general. When will they realize that going with the most popular thing is not the best way to advertise or get your product across the best way for the best results? Television ads are fine and all, but do people get really tired of seeing the same product they're not going to buy everyday? I know I do. So why don't they ever get creative with public advertising? That's not hard to paint a picture for, so I

won't go into detail on it. Though there's just a lot to be said in my opinion about Social Networking today, and how its impacted itself, not how it impacts everything else because of how most modern day activists just choose to move from one popular thing to the next, etc.

7 - The Media's Junkyard: Advertisements.

From the newest product on TV or the nerdiest thing on the internet. I'm sick of products attempting to corrupt my needs daily, no matter where you go. frack billboards, frack commercials, and frack internet ads.

Even if I may hate having unrelated things being shoved in my face, I understand it fully and in many cases I've done it myself. Though now its pushed its limit in my book. To the point that it really makes me realize how bad the advertising is. Great, I wanna watch a Youtube video now but for the first 30 seconds I've got to deal with some unrelated sponsorship that is completely irrelevant to the website, and the video itself. I'm completely interested. Oh, wow. A commercial about gardening tools, specials markers, and whatever the world may bring while I'm watching a dramatic movie? Oh wonderful, its exactly what I was thinking of.

Advertising no matter, on a monitor, behind a plane, is pathetic now days. The only thing companies are looking at are, the most visited places, and the most overused techniques. Statistics in business I'm sure show that its the best option, but that's only for results and not necessarily the companies image. Which has large potential to change the results if thought out and invested well enough.

You know what I would prefer when advertisements happen? Relevance, not only to what I was doing, but more. Do I really care about the new Captain America movie coming out when I'm drinking a soda? Or do I care about the newest things that the soda company is doing? When I'm drinking, playing, watching, being active in things I enjoy in general I don't want random information that was seemingly thrown in a hat picked to what's put on it.

But no, because modern day advertising is made up of companies selling out to other companies there will never be relevance will there? For the rest of our lives all we'll see is Coca-Cola advertised on Dr. Pepper while Microsoft ads will appear on Mac computers, and everything else parallel to the opposites.