

Why do humans need religion?

The question of “why humans need religion (faith)?” has been extensively pondered and studied by many scholars, philosophers and scientists. Unfortunately, most of those who attempted to answer the question were individuals who chose to adopt their “own faith” of believing in no faith. This could overshadow their judgmental faculties and lead to biased conclusions.

No, we did not come into existence without purpose. There must be a purpose for our creation, our existence. A look around us reveals that everything humans invented serves a purpose, so why should humans be an exception? Why should we be without purpose?

The Large Hadron Collider (LHC) and its experiments cost more than 12 billion euros (13 billion dollars), and the Tevatron at Fermilab, IL, with its experiments, cost hundreds of millions of dollars. Both of these experiments, along with many others, were designed and commissioned to answer one question: Who are we? That is: Where did we come from? Where are we going? As a scientist and as a human being, I see

that these questions indicate one thing: our lack of knowledge. And this lack of knowledge creates fear inside us! Dread of the unknown? Humans detest ambiguity. They loathe stepping into the unknown unarmed. Humans are also consistently in a state of alarm. Just take a glance at defense budgets worldwide. They fear each other, and they doubt what they don’t know.

It is not curiosity that propels our spending billions of dollars on space exploration! It is our dismay of being alone in this universe. Worse, it is our fear of the existence of other intelligent forms of life that might be hostile and pose a threat to us in the future. Again, it is our dread of the unknown that drives us.

This fear is nothing but an indication of weakness. Humans know they are weak, and that’s why they always have this insatiable need for safety through all these military inventions.

Knowing that there is a supreme being (God) whose power is limitless and whose abilities are beyond our grasp may not be assuring! But if we are assured that this God is



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also The Most Gracious and The Most Merciful, that’s when we shall feel safe and secure—the feelings that we search for and long to achieve. If God, the almighty, is there and we know that He is The Most Able, The Most Generous, The Repeatedly Forgiving, the Source of Peace, and the Peaceful, The Bestower, The All-Hearing, The All-Seeing, and the All-Knowing, among other characteristics, that’s when we shall feel that we are not alone in this world, let alone being alone in this universe. This will satisfy the need for a supporter, a helper, a more powerful being we can turn to, seek refuge in, and lay our troubles and agonies upon.

The fact that some may not believe in the existence of a Supreme Being, that is: God, dismissing it as a mere myth because it lacks scientific evidence,

could be refuted from within scientific thinking itself. We only know about 5% of the matter in our universe, and the other 95% is totally “dark” to us. We don’t know anything about it. Does this make us ignorant? No. It simply means we need time to learn more about it. And I am sure we “will” learn more about it. What I cannot guarantee is that I will live long enough to learn what remains obscure to me.

Not only that (the previous point,) but the fact that we use the word “believe” is itself proof that we are not “scientifically” sure. When someone says, “I believe,” it means that they accept something that cannot be proven. Beliefs are all unseen. If we could prove them, they would become facts, and we would be obliged to abide by them, to live by them as rules and facts of life, just like when I say, “Earth has an atmosphere.” I cannot say, “I believe Earth has an atmosphere” because it does.

The above point contradicts any attempt to prove God’s existence. God, the almighty, is The Most

Merciful, The Forbearing, The Indulgent. If we, humans, could “scientifically” prove God’s existence, then God would be a fact, and we humans would lose our freedom to choose to believe or not believe, and the whole idea of having a Day of Judgment would become meaningless. That is, we would have an interesting situation where we would have God (a God) and yet no freedom toward the obligations or duties ordered by this God!

Islam, the true path to Allah (Allah is the name of God in Arabic and Aramaic, just like Gott in German, and Dieu in French), offers this depiction of a world that has the almighty as The One and Only God. Islam states that God (Allah) is The Creator, The Initiator. He is always there for those who seek refuge in Him. He is always there to help those who ask for His help. He is always watching us, so we must always watch our deeds and our speech. If the world has God, then there must be a manual for the life that we were given. God, The Merciful, will not let us live this life without guidance. Guidance

came to us in the form of prophets and messengers from God. They were given scriptures that contain everything we need to lead a good life. This means that all prophets and messengers came with one and only one message: There is a Creator for this world. He (Allah) is the One and the Only worth worshipping. Scriptures may have been altered or lost. This is why the last message from God was promised to be preserved through preserving the last scripture: The Quran. All make perfect sense.

With Allah, the almighty, we have assurance, we’re not alone. There is a Powerful God who is more powerful than anything in life that may harm us. He is the One to go to when one has troubles or difficulties.

Islam came with the message of submitting ourselves and our lives to the Creator. He knows better than anyone else.

This, I believe, is why humans need religion.

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‘He Gets Us’ ads featuring Jesus stand out for change-of-pace message

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For the second year in a row, a religious Super Bowl ad campaign promised viewers that Jesus “gets us.”

Two commercials shown Sunday night centered Jesus’ message to love your neighbors — even across ideological divides. In one, people of different races, classes and gender expressions have their feet washed, including a woman outside a family planning clinic.

“Our goal is to really show that Jesus loved and cared for anyone and everyone,” He Gets Us campaign spokesperson Greg Miller told The Associated Press on Monday. He said the campaign’s website received 715,000 views in the previous 24 hours.

On social media, the ads drew criticism across the ideological spectrum. Some conservatives contended they were overly “woke.” Other critics noted that the campaign’s welcoming and progressive messages

seem at odds with some of its Christian funders, who have also supported anti-LGBTQ+ and anti-abortion causes.

Last year’s ads were overseen by the Servant Foundation, also a donor to Alliance Defending Freedom, a prominent conservative legal organization that helped overturn Roe v. Wade — the ruling establishing a nationwide right to abortion — and has represented clients challenging same-sex marriage and transgender rights.

The family behind

Hobby Lobby also contributed to “He Gets Us.” They previously won a Supreme Court case challenging requirements to cover some birth control for employees on anti-abortion grounds.

The “He Gets Us” campaign is now under a new charitable organization, Come Near, meaning the Servant Foundation is no longer overseeing it. The nonprofit says it is “committed to sharing the life and love of Jesus in thought-provoking new ways.”

On its website, the

campaign notes that “probably the most common questions” received are about its stance on the LGBTQ+ community. “So let us be clear in our opinion. Jesus loves gay people and Jesus loves trans people ... No matter who you are, YOU are invited to explore the story of Jesus and consider what it means for your life.”

The “He Gets Us” campaign says it plans to advertise during other major cultural moments over the next year, including the Paris Olym-

pics, the NFL draft, and the Republican and Democratic conventions.

Other faith-based ads at this year’s Super Bowl included a spot from Scientologists, inviting viewers to “see for yourself who we are.” An ad for the Catholic prayer app Hallow, featuring actor Mark Wahlberg, also broadcast in select markets during the game.

This is the 12th consecutive year the Church of Scientology has premiered a new ad during the Super Bowl, said spokesperson Erin Banks.

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