



ATHEISM

MAJOR BELIEFS

God

- God doesn't exist according to atheists; agnostics say it is impossible to know if God exists.

Jesus Christ

- Merely a man and possibly respected, but not divine.

Source of Authority

- Instead of relying on authoritative written texts, they rely on science, reason, and personal autonomy.

Human Nature

- Humanity is basically good, though this belief isn't necessary to be an atheist or an agnostic.

Basic Human Problem

- A lack of education, a bad social or physical environment, or a failure to consider the good of others in our decisions.

Solution to Basic Human Problem

- Become educated, change social environment, consider the good of others in decision.

Afterlife

- There is no life after death for atheists. An agnostic may hold that it's impossible to know if there is life after death.

WHEN YOU SHARE THE GOSPEL

- 1 Create humble dialogue and cause them to honestly question their beliefs.
- 2 Realize that objections are not only in a person's head but also in a person's heart.
- 3 Remember that the gospel has the power to save.

STATISTICS

Population

1.6 Billion

Countries

110

People Groups

287

Unreached Groups

198

QUICK FACTS

- Atheism is the belief that God does not exist.
- Agnosticism does not deny the possibility of God, but doubts that it is possible to know for certain that he exists.
- Secular humanism is the application of atheistic and agnostic beliefs to a formal ideological system.

READING

Timothy J. Keller, *The Reason for God: Belief in an Age of Skepticism*

Ravi Zacharias and Vince Vitale, *Jesus Among Secular Gods: The Countercultural Claims of Christ*