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Subject: Re: hope none of you are them  
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j\_ball430 wrote on Tue, 18 July 2006 12:57 Would you care to not generalize about Christianity's view on the secular world? That's only the extremists' views.

Extremists?

In a 1999 poll, 48% of Americans said they would not consider voting for an Atheist. Some dictionaries offer an alternate definition of Atheist as "wicked." The Boy Scouts membership form says, "no member can grow into the best kind of citizen without recognizing his obligation to God."

How are people supposed to know that Atheists in fact do grow up to be the best kinds of American citizens every day — if we aren't visible? Atheists of Silicon Valley is reclaiming the A-word in our community by encouraging local Atheists to come out of the closet and be open with friends, co-workers, neighbors and family. We're standing up and speaking out. 14% of Americans and 19% of Californians identify themselves as some kind of non-believer. We may be a minority, but we're sizable and growing. According to the American Religious Identification Survey, Americans who answered "none" when asked to identify their religion numbered 29.4 million in 2001, more than double the 14.3 million in 1990.

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NeoSaber You keep talking about how you're better than the rest of us, but you don't even know what you're saying.

I never said better. I guarantee it. Better is far to general a word for this situation. I can't remember when I wasn't an atheist (except when I dabbled in agnosticism). And I never said my "level" and specified that it's a level above or below yours. It's just my level. The amount of time, effort, and thought I put into it. I define a supreme being/deity as a variable in my equation, whereas you guys seem to want to define him as a constant, and anything that doesn't fit that constant is simply rejected rather than considered. I believe that's the very definition of closed-mindedness if I'm not mistaken.

Like I said before, I have been to churches. I've heard the sermons. I've felt very uncomfortable and embarrassed as people bowed to their knees and made a scene of themselves in the pews, because whatever they felt or pretended to feel just simply wasn't there for me. I have never read the bible and probably never will. But I have had one experience that challenged my lack of faith. It will just take more of them to change my mind. I'm not holding out hope.

NeoSaber Your generalizations keep betraying your ignorance on these subjects every time you post. When you say something like "I just believe in one less god than you" to a Christian you are claiming to believe in -1 gods. Christians don't believe in any god at all. That's a polytheist concept, not a monotheist one.

I'm not sure how I can "betray my ignorance" but you are missing the point. The funny part is that I

know you are smarter than that, so you're just picking apart my words because you can't refute the actual argument. Care to try again? Let me make this really really clear for you so that you can comprehend, ok? You do not believe in the ancient Greek gods. You know that Helios doesn't cart the sun across the sky. You know that Thor doesn't throw lightning bolts down. You disbelieve in all these other gods that have been created by man. I just disbelieve in a little bit more than you disbelieve. Is that clear enough for you? I hope I didn't leave any other lingual oddities in there for you to pounce on to dodge the issue.

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