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Subject: Re: When did you become a Insert-Religion-Here?

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My dad was raised a Catholic and my mom was raised either Catholic or Christian (I'm not sure which, but she's a Christian now). However, for some reason we didn't attend church regularly and at some point when I was probably around 10-12 years old, I started to think that this whole "God" thing seemed not so dissimilar to "Santa Claus"... he knows if you've been bad or good and gives you presents or coal. Sounded all too familiar.

Then I came across a pamphlet of my dad's for some Atheist group. I think my dad only went through a several-year period of being an Atheist and is once again religious, but seeing that pamphlet made me realize I wasn't the only one who thought that way and that there was a name for what I was believing (or not believing). I believed in the Christian "God" while I was young because I didn't know there was any other option but as I got older, without the constant brainwashing of weekly church sessions, I was able to have an open mind and come up with my own thoughts.

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