

"God"

(Warning: this was written when I was still an atheist ... I am no longer an atheist)

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I feel it necessary to explain myself. I am an atheist. I do not believe in heaven, in hell or in some being of supernatural origins who runs everything. I do not believe in 'transcendent' reality. Reality is the cold truth of itself - there is no super-reality and there is no supernatural.

I am not afraid of the word God and I do not hold grievances against religious folk. I believe a real atheist can escape the trap of 'hate' towards those who believe. A true atheist can go one step further - he/she can recognize that 'religious people' have done good in this world and probably more good than harm (on balance). Sure, religion gets corrupted (but then so does politics). It is doubtful that Karl Marx envisioned the 'Gulag Archipelago' nor is it likely Jesus saw or believed that there would be wars and campaigns of death carried out in his name. I am not saying Marx == Jesus, but I think that they both had ideas that they believed to be more than 'harmless' - they actually believed their ideas would make the world a better place.

I use 'God' interchangeably with the 'Universe' -- a couple of concepts which represent infinite incomprehensibility.

Simply put: when you transcend your fear of God and religion, then you are an Atheist -- haters live in fear.