

Atheism - Linguistically Impossible

By definition, it is impossible to be an atheist. The functional, working definition of God is “the one who makes the final, ultimate decisions.” An atheist is one who has decided that there is no God. That is the ultimate, final decision; therefore, an atheist has not determined that there is no God, rather the atheist has determined himself to be God, the final, ultimate decision-maker.

A) Definition/delineation.

What does it mean to be an atheist? Wikipedia tells us that atheism is the “rejection of belief in the existence of deities. In a narrow sense, atheism is specifically the position that there are no deities.” On the other hand, to be a deist, one who believes there is a god, is to believe there is a someone other than I (self) who makes the ultimate, final decisions.

The struggle, mental, emotional, and spiritual, is, therefore, a struggle not to determine if there is a god, but who he is, and how, on what basis, and who makes that ultimate decision.

B) Examining the claims of atheism.

The atheist’s personal ‘rejection’ of the existence of God is not logical, nor is it demonstrable. Whether in the realm of religion or any other pursuit, it is impossible to prove a negative, logically. For logic to prove anything, there has to be the existence of something as a basis or contact point. So logically, if A equals B and B equals C, thus A equals C, there has to be an A, a B, and a C, existing points of contact. For the atheist, no such contact point is possible, much less two or three. The only point of reference for the atheist is what he or she thinks and has concluded. An illustration of that nonsensical approach may be the many times I have asked someone who was having a knee jerk reaction to being called a name, “If someone says you are ten feet tall, does that make you ten feet tall?” An unfounded claim is just that, an unfounded claim, and atheism, because it has no contact point or basis in reality, is just that, an unfounded claim. A fool can believe any claim he or she wishes. “*The fool has been saying in his heart, “There is no God”* (Psalm 14:1).

For the claim of atheism to be demonstrable, that which they wish to demonstrate has to exist. It has to be empirically experienced, touched, felt, seen, and heard. As there is nothing in existence when you claim that something does not exist, what you have claimed is logically impossible. No evidence equals no decision. James approached that bit of nonsense by writing/challenging, “*Show me your faith without works, and I shall show you my faith by my works*” (James 2:18). It is entirely natural for human being to want to have empirical evidence where they are asked to believe or accept something. Atheism does not stand the test of demonstrability.

C) The Hypothesis Stands. Atheism is NOT possible.

Since the atheist has determined that there is no God without any available evidence from logic, and since the claim is not able to be supported by anything demonstrable, atheism is not possible. You cannot prove the non-existence of something, neither by logic or empirical evidence.

One is left, then, to determine what has really taken place in the thinking/imagination of one who claims to be an atheist. Since the atheist has no evidence on which to base this decision, it rests only on the determination/decision of the person making that decision. If the ultimate decisions are the property of God, and that there is no God is the final ultimate decision, and the atheist has made that decision by him/herself, he or she, then, becomes God insofar as they are the ultimate decision-maker.

Thus the atheist has not determined that there is no God. He/she has pushed God aside as the ultimate decision-maker in favour of self. They have taken the place of God. They have made themselves God.

D) Conclusion

Atheists have struggled, apparently since Old Testament times (Ps. 14:1), to find legitimacy for their claim. This they cannot do on the basis of logic or empirical evidence. Upon examination of their claim, after putting their claim to the test as it were, one would conclude that the atheist is either a fool, or that his claim is presented deceitfully, lying to others and self, or that under the surface, the atheist knows he/she has determined themselves to be God, and just doesn’t want others to know, and hopes they won’t find out.

Briefly put, in order to claim to be an atheist, you must lie to me, to others, and most importantly, to yourself.