

ATHEISTS HAVE THE RIGHT TO SEE PRAYER AS AN EVIL ACTIVITY

If you see evil the way the religious person might or see it as just a threat from nature which is ruthlessly based on natural selection or both you can call prayer evil.

Atheists have a right to see prayer as an evil activity. It conditions people to prefer God's rights to human rights and to deepen the religious hold on the world with all the terrible disasters that brings. You have no right to tell yourself that if you get a after asking for it that prayer was answered for what about the prayers for your sick neighbours that were ignored? You have to take credit for not helping the neighbours by prayer or if prayer works you can blame it.

Nothing gives you the right to say that the suffering of another must be God's plan for it is not your suffering to treat it like that to make a religious point.

Prayer insults people. The view of God that it proposes for us is unacceptable and has resulted in the hypocrisy that is so common in people of faith. One wonders if people who are unaffected by its danger really believe or only imagine that they believe. Prayer implies God should let good people suffer for he has the power to save them and won't. It can only lead to trouble. If people didn't see the need for praying they wouldn't see the need for believing in God so prayer must be exposed.

The benefits of prayer do not come from prayer at all which is why we should destroy people's faith in prayer and have no regrets. The benefits are nothing compared to the damage that is done. Prayer puts the thinking man and woman of prayer in danger of fanaticism. The pleasures of some people who pray cannot be used as an excuse for failing to deal with the issue.

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