

FAITHEISM - reclaiming my only true power: owning myself

Mission Statement

To realise you are self-created and entirely self-owned. That is your identity and you affirm it by sharing the truth and your joy and your good deeds with others and thus find meaning in your life in a universe without a higher power. You are the only god you will have and you must be a god to yourself and to them. We offer method not doctrine or ideology.

The Serenity Affirmation

“I aim for the serenity to accept the things I cannot change. I aim for the courage to change the things I can. I aim for the wisdom to know the difference. I am grateful that I alone have made myself the kind of person that is capable of all this.”

Atheism is Faith in the Human Heart

Atheism is not a view but a summary of views.

Only five atheistic attitudes are essential in life. It is wisdom to keep atheism simple and not go beyond these points.

- Nature is not about me and is a threat to me even if it is not bothering me now so defiance is necessary. I define myself by my defiant choices.

- If I have free will, any action of mine is in some way entirely my own creation and has nothing to do with God. I own my acts and I alone. I own myself.

-If I have free will, I cannot be judged as bad for misusing it. Misuse is merely a mistake.

- I affirm that I must do good acts instead of praying - action is to be the replacement for and opponent of prayer to any deity or higher power. I must be so good in the sense that if God hypothetically told me not to feed the starving baby that I would still help.

True confidence in human nature demands that you act for the other not pray and that you find the suggestion that you need prayer offensive.

Every denial has a positive side. To oppose praying for help is to affirm that you can and will try to take care of it yourself. To oppose divine commands is to affirm that we will do the right thing for it is the right thing and not because we are told or commanded. This is not about mere defiance but about self-affirmation and self-compassion.

As you deny the power of prayer and deny any duty to obey the divine, you affirm that it is up to you to be god or goddess to others and work for human wellbeing. The positive side of the coin is what this book is all about. Help - don't pray.

- Atheism in its essential form is being independent of what any God thinks or commands. It is intentional defiance even if there is a God after all.

It's justification is that no divine being can have the right to command us. Wants and needs are different things. Rights are based on what you are owed because of your needs. Wants give grounds for privileges and gifts not rights. A being with magic power can have no needs and therefore has no rights. And it should not need obedience from us. Not only should we ignore divine rules but we should find the very concept objectionable.

- Moral outlooks are unavoidable. If you say there is no morality then you end up arguing that its immoral to say morality is real.

We deny that moral right and wrong are mere opinions. They are real and real to us in our heads so we will suffer if we try to fight the real for the real does not care what we think and should not care. It does not matter why love and justice are right and good. What matters is that we have to go along with them. Arguing that you need to believe in God to know why you must be loving and just denies that truth and is paradoxically proof that the argument is anti-moral.

Atheism is really faith in human potential without the need for an outside higher power or magical force or supernatural/paranormal being. This amounts to saying there is no God but we prefer to use a more positive and encouraging definition of atheism. There is something within you that can help you to be patient when you cannot cope or gives you hope when you are in unspeakable suffering. It is okay to not cope but what is not okay is to do anything to make it no better or to make it worse.

To sum up, we advocate atheistic self-actualisation - I put my choices in the place of God and discard God for that reason. I dethrone God and that means I enthrone myself. Let us sum this up, "Nobody owns me or makes me but me."

