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Life Lesson

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### Atheist Commentary

Atheists are people also! Theism is a huge part of every society because it's a socially acceptable thing; after all, most people in the world are theists. On the other hand atheists are not so lucky in this aspect and are often viewed in wild ways. More often than not, people who reject or have negative views of atheists are religious or at the very least are theists. The problem is that when an average person thinks of any specific religion they are somewhat familiar with, they will assume that most everyone in that religion has the same beliefs and operate the same under those beliefs, which isn't true. The same can be said for atheists and then some.

Many people will have a preconceived notion about who an atheist is and how they operate. People, whether religious or not, should not be viewed, or assumed to behave, in a specific way just because of a label they may carry. Now, most of the people who will have these negative views are religious, which is understandable, considering they hold an opposing stance, but such immediate disdain for atheists isn't right, or very charitable. Often, people will look down on atheists and say they don't have morals, or they don't believe in things, which is just crazy! Beliefs are not reserved for theists and neither are morals. People may become uneasy around atheists because there is nothing uniform among them other than the fact that they don't have a belief in a deity.

Belief is a huge thing the religious clamor about and quite frankly, it's complete nonsense to brand that the reason behind why something exists. Belief isn't what proves something true, that's done with compelling evidence. Asking one of these believers why they don't believe

Santa exists, given there is as much evidence for his existence as there is for any deity, will almost always yield a funny, yet baffling response which is, “Because my god is real.” and they will continue on about these so-called “miracles” citing them as evidence. This is absolutely horrible and makes any rational person wonder what other things you might believe without evidence, not to mention the things you might do.

If a person is an atheist, let them be one without trying to evangelize them. Throw out those preconceived notions about that word and don't scrutinize them for their beliefs. Views and positions will vary among atheists and theists, but don't pretend to know everything just from hearing what label a person carries; and please stop saying atheism is a religion.

