

Atheism's Truth Claim

Many atheists claim a “lack of belief” in God, as opposed to an active *disbelief* in God. They claim that, as they move through life, they are simply not confronted with any evidence that would compel them to conclude that he exists. Since these atheists appear to make no positive truth claims, they believe themselves to be free from any burden of proof.

However, there can only be two possible explanations for the foundation of reality: personal forces or impersonal forces. Therefore, there are only two basic kinds of worldview: theistic and non-theistic. These basic categories are mutually exclusive and jointly exhaustive. Each person comes down on one side or the other, with no room for middle ground and no room for indecision.

Before we can interact socially and form moral or political values, we must first decide *why* we are here and, in light of that answer, *how* we should live. Regardless of what the atheist may claim, he is making a positive truth claim concerning “why” people exist. He is claiming that impersonal forces are responsible, thus he carries a burden of proof.