

WHY ARE ATHEISTS SO ANGRY? – Dr. Rubel Shelly
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1. Some atheists are principled people who take offence at what has been done in the past in God's name (e.g., the Crusades, the KKK, pedophile priests, etc.).
2. Some atheists realize that atheists are losing the intellectual battle over the issue of theism.
 - a. Design is evident in nature – the teleological argument
 - b. A noted proponent of atheism, Dr. Antony Flew, recently published There is a God, a book in which he explains the evidence has convinced him that a creator of the universe must exist.
 - c. The anger of atheists from this perspective is borne of insecurity in their intellectual position.
3. Some atheists are angry that their belief system does not provide an answer to the set of personal experiences all people have to navigate in life involving issues of good and evil, pain and suffering.
 - a. Atheism provides no hope
 - b. The groups that provide help in the midst of suffering (e.g., Hurricane Katrina, the South East Asia tsunami, etc.) are almost universally Christian –based groups, including churches; there are no “rational thought” societies providing help to those in need.
 - c. Christians find peace and comfort in the midst of life's problems.

What can We Do?:

1. Work to avoid the historical blunders of the past atrocities committed in the name of God.
2. Engage in serious intellectual dialogue with atheists.
3. Be people of compassion.