

"ATHEIST, COMBED DOWN"

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A man went to a barber shop to have his hair cut. As the barber began to proceed on his hair, they began to have conversations about many things and various subjects.

When they eventually touched on the subject of God, the barber said "I don't believe that God exists." "Why do you say that?" asked the man who had a Ph.D.. "Well, you just have to go out in the street to realize that God doesn't exist. Tell me, if God exists, would there be so many sick people? Would there be abandoned children? If God existed, there would be neither suffering nor pain. I can't imagine a loving God who would allow all of these things."

Then the educated man thought for a moment, but didn't respond because he didn't want to start an argument. The barber just finished cutting his hair and he left the shop. Just after he left the barber shop, he saw a man in the street with long, stringy, dirty hair and not groomed at all. He looked grubby and unkept.

Then the educated man turned back and entered the barber shop again and he said to the barber: "You know what? Beauticians and barbers do not exist." "How can you say that?" asked the surprised barber. "I am here, and I am a trained Barber. I just cut your hair!" "No!", the man exclaimed. "Barbers don't exist because if they did, there would be no people unkept and with dirty long hair, like that man on the street standing outside your barber shop."

"I contend that barbers do exist! What happens is, people do not come to me." "Exactly!" said the educated man. "That 's the point! **God, too, does exist!** What happens, is, people don't come to Him and do not look for Him. That's why there's so much pain and suffering in the world." ***** If you think God exists, give this article to other people--If you think God does not exist, you do not understand about "Free Will".

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