

## The Logical Deception - A Letter to an Atheist

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You may think that I am deceived to believe there is a God. But if I am deceived, what have I lost? In fact, I have gained much more by this apparent "*deception*", than I would were it not there. As a result of choosing to believe in God, I have obtained peace and joy that I didn't have before. I have a changed life for the better. You will find that the same results have occurred in the lives of millions of other "*deceived*" people like me throughout the world.

Undoubtedly, I will want to share my source of peace and joy with other people because I would want them to experience it too. Soon, a chain reaction would follow. If they choose to believe, chances are they'll experience the same results and be compelled to share it with others as well. Soon, the peace and joy would spread.

While the personal benefits of faith are evident, what are some of the inevitable societal results of this "*deception*"? If I am Christian in the true Biblical sense of the word, I will be more honest, more sensitive, more charitable, more aware of the needs of others, and more compelled and inspired to help them out of love. The poor will be fed. The lonely will be loved. The hurting will be comforted. Is there something wrong with the benefits of my "*deception*"?

If I am deceived, I am glad! Yes, my ignorance is bliss! I will, in the very least, have had a positive impact on those lives I've touched, and will have found a purpose for the short time I existed. More likely, however, I will have impacted my society for generations to come. If I am deceived into believing there is a God, what has been the ill effect? On the contrary, when I die, there should be more good than bad left behind because of my faith. Yet, if I am not deceived, I will be with the God I have served while here on earth for eternity. And hopefully, because I shared my faith, others who have been "*deceived*" will join me there as well. Yes, hopefully there will be a caravan of others to follow. If there is no God, I will still have lived my life to the fullest and simply ceased to exist - nothing lost. Yet, if there is a God as I believe, I will have surely gained everything.

Either way, it's a 100% satisfaction guarantee.

In turn, what if your belief that there is no God, or that Jesus isn't who He claimed to be, is true? What will have been your motivation for improving your life and that of society? What benefit will your "*deception*" inspire? Let's just assume that you will have lived your life the way you think you should have out of some standard of decency you created for yourself. In the best case scenario, the remaining society may be a little better off because of your existence for that short period of time. Perhaps you will have even considered your life "*fulfilling*" in comparison with all those "*deceived*" people.

But I challenge you to consider for one moment that perhaps you are the one who is deceived. What then? What will you have gained? More importantly, what will you have lost? How many people will have bought into the lie that you believed and endorsed so strongly, and view life as a meaningless temporary existence? Is that a responsibility you're willing to take? If you're wrong, you'll have to face the God you've spent your life denying, and then spend an eternity separated from Him. Sadly, because of your influence, there may also be a caravan of others to follow you as well.

If you're right, your life's mission of convincing others of a temporary existence will have had no lasting purpose and you will have ceased to exist just like all those "*deceived*" people. Even more disheartening, you will never even feel the satisfaction of knowing you were right. Nothing gained. And if you're wrong? Yes, if there truly is a God, you will have surely lost everything.

Either way, it's a 0% satisfaction guarantee.

Think about it. If I buy into the "*deception*" of the Bible, there's nothing to lose. If I buy into the "*deception*" of atheism, I risk losing everything, including my soul. When you really think about it, faith is the logical choice.

I choose the logical "*deception*".

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