

### **Michael Shermer God does NOT exist (≈ 13 min)**

<https://youtu.be/0pOI2YvVuuE?si=4VINBkDPvdLnwlm4>

The OxfordUnion has several Youtube videos entitled either *God does NOT exist* (Shermer, Millikan) or *God DOES exist* (Lennox)

In this video, Dr. Michael Shermer (Author and Founder of the Skeptics Society) begins by saying that 84% of the world's population believe in some kind of organized religion. He asks - how do those who believe in a particular religion know that they have chosen the right one and everyone else is wrong?

He proceeds to explain two pieces of evidence that proves that humans made up God and religion and not the other way around. He starts with evolutionary theory saying that we are all descendants from cautious creatures who create false positive rather than false negative thoughts in response to situations that they experience.

The creation of an agency (an omnipotent being) within a religion is a powerful force of social control. (shadow of enforcement (regulating behavior by creating an invisible observer such as God))

The second line of evidence is that we would be exposed to the dominant religion in that environment i.e. India -- Hinduism, Europe – Christianity depending on the social environment into which you were born. Filmed on Thursday 8th November 2012

the opiate of the masses

### **The existence of God: why I Am Not a Christian by Bertrand Russell (1927) (≈ 36 min)**

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What Is a Christian? :05 The Existence of God [2:58](#) The First-cause Argument [4:05](#) The Natural-law Argument [6:16](#) The Argument from Design [10:30](#) The Moral Arguments for Deity [13:32](#) The Argument for the Remedy of Injustice [16:13](#) The Character of Christ [18:23](#) Defects in Christ's Teaching [21:10](#) The Moral Problem [23:24](#) The Emotional Factor [28:15](#) How the Churches Have Retarded Progress [31:10](#) Fear, the Foundation of Religion [32:59](#) What We Must Do [34:24](#)

### **Michael Shermer - Fallacies in Proving God Exists?**

[https://youtu.be/d-Tlsj4i-k?si=E6XLK1WMgvVB\\_8Am](https://youtu.be/d-Tlsj4i-k?si=E6XLK1WMgvVB_8Am)

### **Michael Shermer - Atheism's Best Arguments? (≈ 7 min)**

<https://youtu.be/uL3oRFvOkSw?si=mA5Inb-fykiC17oN>