Subject: Re: hope none of you are them Posted by reborn on Mon, 24 Jul 2006 10:47:20 GMT View Forum Message <> Reply to Message

mrpirate wrote on Sun, 23 July 2006 21:46The statements "believe in no god" and "do not believe in god" seem to logically imply each other, to me. Further, theism is defined as the belief in a god or gods, so, naturally, atheism is not believing in a god or gods. I don't know why you think that atheism implies having no beliefs whatsoever.

The fact that he believes no God exists means he is acting on faith.

If he simply "did not believe in any Gods", then it would of meant he had a lack of faith in the their existance.

The difference is subtle, but quite important. There is a big difference between positively believing that a thing does not exist, and simply lacking belief in it's existence.

Because I am saying he is acting on faith, I am saying he has a religion, he has positive belief in the non-existence of God. I am implying he is a theist at heart, not that atheism means having no beliefs.