
Subject: Re: hope none of you are them
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Here's one other quote I agree with and love immensely, also from the same essay by Mark Thomas:

Quote: Many religious people ask how Atheists can be happy without God. For me and for many Atheists I know, the realization of our Atheism has been extremely freeing and has opened us to our own happiness.

- # Atheism helps us to see reality as it actually is, without the mental filters of superstition preventing us from directly experiencing it.

- # Atheism opens us to experience our selves, without the debasing idea that we are innately sinful.

- # Atheism allows us to experience true interpersonal love, without any imaginary supernatural intervention.

- # Atheism gives us the freedom to think for ourselves, to construct our own meanings. We each can choose what we think has value.

- # Atheism shows us that we can gain meaning by seeking to make our world a better place, for ourselves and our posterity.

- # Atheism teaches us to take responsibility for our behaviors in the here and now, not in an imaginary afterlife.

- # Atheism lets us see that we have to make choices about our future. No big daddy god is going to protect us from bad decisions.

- # Atheism teaches us to treasure this moment, this life, and this world — because we realize that it's all we have.

Atheism also can work well for free societies. Free nations with high levels of Atheism — such as Sweden, the Netherlands, Australia, Switzerland and Japan — are among the healthiest, wealthiest, most educated, and most free societies on Earth.
