

What is Atheism?

Atheism is a lack of a belief in a god or gods. Some atheists choose to interpret this actively as meaning "I believe there is no god", while others simply do not have a belief. Most atheists accept there is a slim possibility that there may be a god, whilst maintaining that it is very unlikely, therefore the terms atheist and agnostic are fairly interchangeable.

You may also hear the terms humanism, which means you recognise the possibility of living a good and happy life without religion. Humanists take a positive stance saying there probably isn't a god but that doesn't mean we can't live fulfilling and happy lives - indeed, it's even more important to because this is the only life we have!

Secularism is also an important term, this refers to the belief that there should be a separation of church and state. Secularism says that religion should not interfere with government or politics as it is unfair to subject the non-religious to the whims of believers. Currently the UK still has a state religion - Church of England and is therefore not constitutionally secular.

Upcoming Events

Event	When? Where?
Intro meeting Come find out more about the society, sign up and join us for karaoke.	Meeting Room 3, LUU Tuesday 29 September 7pm
Intro to Atheism Want a whistle stop tour in less than 60 minutes? This talk is for you.	Meeting Room 3, LUU Tuesday 6 October 7pm
One Life A free course about the meaning of life - and dinner is provided too!	Meeting Room 8, LUU Every Friday 7pm (starts 9 Oct)
Redemption Co-hosted with the Assassins Guild and the other faith societies.	Leeds University Union Saturday 10 October 12 noon
Debating the Theists A talk on the popular arguments for gods and how to counter them.	Meeting Room 3, LUU Tuesday 20 October 7pm
Interfaith panel Representatives from different faiths form a Q&A panel.	Meeting Room 3, LUU Tuesday 24 November 7pm
Weekend Away Our annual weekend in London. 3 days of partying, learning and culture.	London! Friday 27 November... ...Sunday 29 November



Hi, I'm Sophie Stringfellow, President of Leeds Atheist Society for 2009-2010 and I'm very excited about the year ahead! This handout will provide you with a quick introduction to the society as well as a bit about what we believe and some of our upcoming events too!