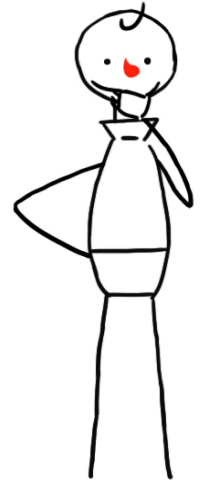


Is it still possible?

If the following events happened...

- a) Is it still possible that a god exists?
- b) Is it still possible that a god doesn't exist?
- c) Do you think it would make it more or less likely that a god exists, or neither?



Events

- 1) A celebrity says that she is thankful to god for her success.
- 2) An earthquake kills thousands of people.
- 3) Someone in your family is cured of a serious illness when you did not think she would recover.
- 4) You pray and ask for a sign that god is there, but nothing happens.
- 5) A friend tells you he can hear god talking to them inside his head.
- 6) A street preacher tells you that you will go to hell if you don't believe in god.
- 7) We discover an alien species on another planet and they tell us they don't believe in a god.
- 8) Archeologists discover a historic text containing evidence that contradicts what it says in the Bible.
- 9) A man claims to be the second coming of Jesus and appears to be able to cure the sick.
- 10) Everyone else in the world stops believing in a god.

Extension questions

- a) Would *any* event make it certain that a god exists?
- b) Would *any* event make it certain that a god does not exist?
- c) Is it possible to be certain about the existence or non-existence of god?

Some people claim to be certain that a god exists and some claim to be certain that one doesn't. **Agnostics**, however, believe that we can't know for certain whether a god exists or not. Many **atheists**, who don't believe in a god, accept that they can't be 100% certain that there isn't one. They will therefore also be agnostics. While they accept they can't be certain, they see no good reason or evidence to believe in a god, and will live their lives as though there were no god.



'Even though there's no scientific evidence at all for God's existence, it's also impossible to prove that God doesn't exist (or that anything doesn't).'

Ariane Sherine, writer and patron of Humanists UK