

Frederick the Great Quote On Christianity

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I have only been able to trace this attribution to the same source (Niall Ferguson's "Civilization, the West and the Rest")

That being said, Frederick II of Prussia provides us with a few fun quips:

"I think it better to keep a profound silence with regard to the Christian fables, which are canonized by their antiquity and the credulity of absurd and insipid people ." (*Letters of Voltaire and Frederick the Great* [New York: Brentano's, 1927], trans. [Richard Aldington](#), letter 37 from Frederick to [Voltaire](#), June 1738)

"Neither antiquity nor any other nation has imagined a more atrocious and blasphemous absurdity than that of eating God. — This is how Christians treat the autocrat of the universe." (*Letters of Voltaire and Frederick the Great* [New York: Brentano's, 1927], trans. Richard Aldington, letter 215 from Frederick to Voltaire, 19 March 1776)