

Statistics on "supernatural" beliefs (Gallup poll article)

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"There is a cult of ignorance in the United States, and there has always been. The strain of anti-intellectualism has been a constant thread winding its way through our political and cultural life, nurtured by the false notion that democracy means that 'my ignorance is just as good as your knowledge'." Isaac Asimov

"Question with boldness even the existence of a god; because, if there be one, he must more approve the homage of reason, than that of blindfolded fear." Thomas Jefferson to Peter Carr, August 10, 1787

"The way to see by faith is to shut the eye of reason." Benjamin Franklin

"We keep on being told that religion, whatever its imperfections, at least instills morality. On every side, there is conclusive evidence that the contrary is the case and that faith causes people to be more mean, more selfish, and perhaps above all, more stupid." Christopher Hitchens

"If there are any gods whose chief concern is man, they can't be very important gods." Arthur C. Clarke

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That last (Clarke) quote seems quite in the Epicurean spirit.