

# New Religious Landscape Study from Pew Research

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## [Quote from Cassius](#)

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I would argue that both statements can be true. Both worldviews can lead to a life filled up with pleasure and enjoyment.

The difference is Epicureanism is reaching out for a straightforward understanding of the world. It offers in simple terms everything we can ever hope to learn about the mechanisms of the universe and their implications for how to live a good life.

(Supernatural) Religion is a mechanism of life that very often benefits the people pursuing it. In a functional way of understanding it can make sense, as it helps people to connect with each other, giving an ethical framework and trust in the world.

We all know there are side effects, but there is a reason why people put their trust into systems of supernatural religion.