

# A Reddit Exchange With Comments

Post by “Eikadistes” of September 30, 2019 at 12:45 AM

I received a terse reply:

*I said you sound like one [a religious fanatic] not that you are one, important distinction.*

*Also, do you know history? Do you know the importance of Christianity? It built the western world. It is anything but irrational. I recommend you do some research on the impact of Christianity. You seem to be one of those internet atheists that knows no respect and continously bash other peoples faith, the same faith their ancestors had.*

*You saying that having a faith means you are unable to reason, are superstitious and have a risky sort of thinking? It seems like you truly don't know what you are talking about. The greatest scientists, philosophers..you name it, was man of faith.*

*What can a person, a normal person do besides "thoughts and prayers"? Oh a hurricane happened? you want them to send their entire savings to that cause instead? what would you do? donate \$10? oh please. For those saying "thoughts and prayers" it actually means something for them. Of course you wouldn't know that with your 200IQ God of Reason mentality.*

I took this as a teaching opportunity, and responded without taking the sarcastic bait:

Quote

*"I recommend you do some research ..."*

*"... you truly don't know what you are talking about."*

*"Of course you wouldn't know that with your 200IQ God of Reason mentality."*

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*It sounds like you're having a really rough time in life. I'm sorry if that is the case! I can certainly empathize. **No worries, though!** Let's turn this into a learning experience!*

*Typically, when I start throwing insults at complete strangers, it's because I am dissatisfied with my own circumstances, and am acting irrationally. I think you can benefit from digesting Epicurus' 39th Principle Doctrine. He recommends:*

*"He who best knew how to meet fear of external foes made into one family all the creatures he could; and those he could not, he at any rate did not treat as aliens; and where he found even this impossible, he avoided all association, and, so far as was useful, kept them at a distance."*

*Life is about **pleasure**, and instigating conflict with a complete stranger is a sure way to distance yourself from happiness. If you cannot treat me with decency, then, like I respectfully requested before, "**keep it to yourself**".*

*There is no benefit to making enemies, and even less benefit to instigating conflict with them. If you have decided that I am your antagonist, and cannot treat me with respect, then, like Epicurus suggests, keep me at a distance.*

*Peace.*