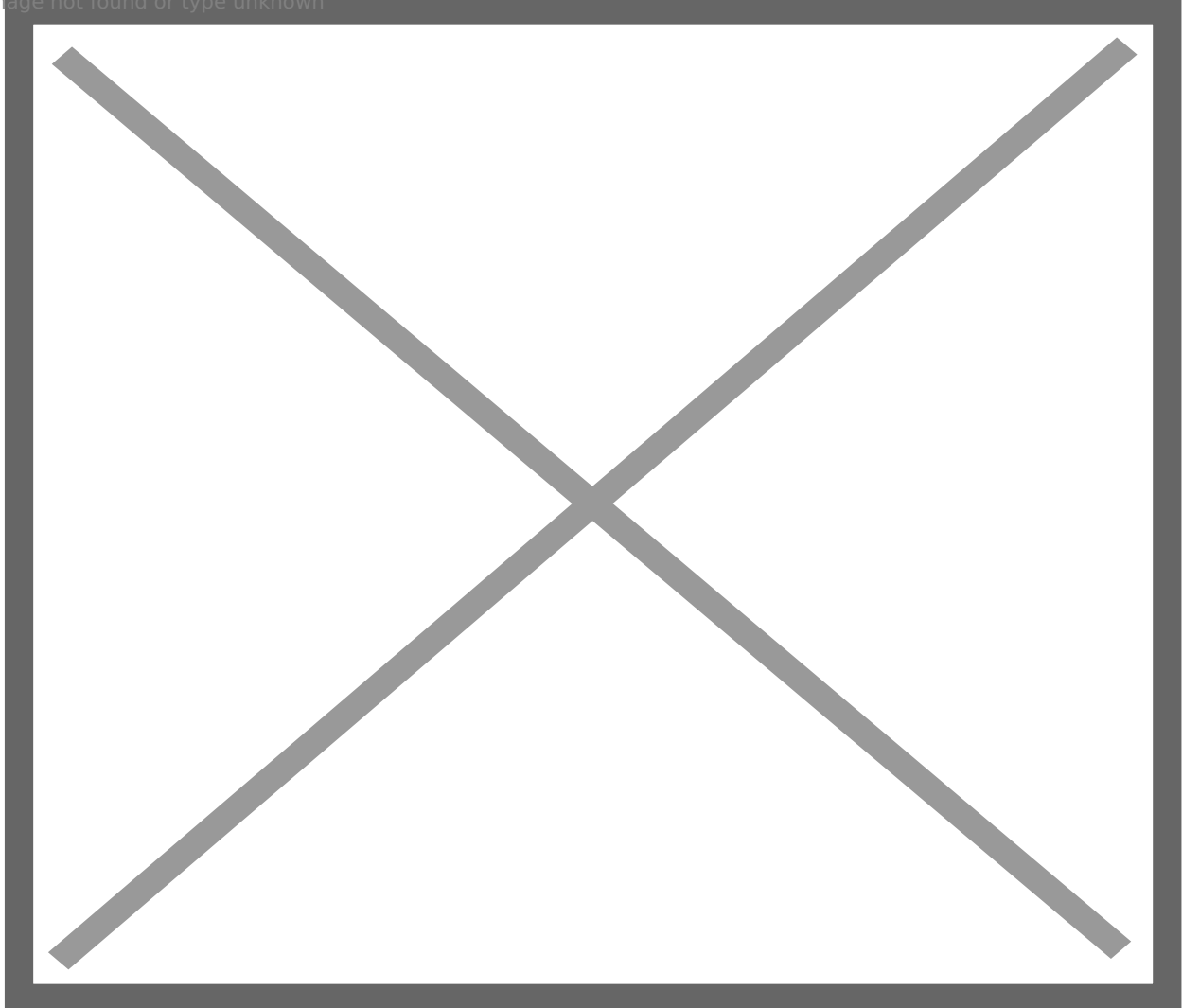


# The Passing of Prof. Daniel Dennett

Post by "Joshua" of April 19, 2024 at 6:20 PM

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[Daniel C. Dennett, Widely Read and Fiercely Debated Philosopher, Dies at 82](#)

Espousing his ideas in best sellers, he insisted that religion was an illusion, free will was a fantasy and evolution could only be explained by natural...

[www.nytimes.com](http://www.nytimes.com)

One of the less well-known among the so-called New Atheists, prof. Dennett has had a rich career working on problems relating to free will, evolutionary biology, and the origin of consciousness.

I actually haven't read any of his books, but I do pause to note his passing. When I was around the age of 16 and Youtube was then brand new, videos of him and others helped me navigate my way out of Catholicism.

Quote

Ὁ θάνατος οὐδὲν πρὸς ἡμᾶς· τὸ γὰρ διαλυθὲν ἀναισθητεῖ· τὸ δ' ἀναισθητοῦν οὐδὲν πρὸς ἡμᾶς.

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### **Post by “Don” of April 19, 2024 at 8:34 PM**

The last few interviews I've seen with him, I thought he was looking rough. That is sad news. I found his ideas thought-provoking and continue to wrestle with his views on free will. I found him compelling, common sensical, approachable, and down to earth. His voice will be missed, but his writings and videos will remain.

Well lived, Dr. Dennett.

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### **Post by “Don” of April 25, 2024 at 8:13 AM**

<https://youtu.be/wFQ4v9BZD8s?feature=shared>

This conversation between Dawkins and Dennett hits, probably inadvertently, a number of Epicurean themes. This seems to dovetail with the thread on what Epicurean philosophy offers in April 2024. We live in a time when Epicurus is present more often than not, often unacknowledged.

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### **Post by “Novem” of May 26, 2024 at 11:31 PM**

Here is a [quick overview of his views and possible book recommendations.](#)

For those interested.