The ideas of The Enlightenment still exist in Europe and America today.

1. Faith and Reason (a.k.a. Religion and Science) are incompatible (only science is trustworthy).

2. Religion is for stupid people.

3. God either doesn’t exist (atheism) or God doesn’t care about us (deism).
Bumper Stickers

Too Stupid To Understand Science? Try RELIGION!!

Science flies you to the moon. Religion flies you into buildings.

Science > god

Science doesn’t know everything. Religion doesn’t know anything.

Logic is my religion

I'm giving up Religion for Lent

Religion is like underwear: We know you got it. But we don't want to see it in public.
POPULAR BELIEF TODAY:

Agnosticism - “You can’t know anything for certain.”

What’s wrong with this belief?
POPULAR BELIEF TODAY:

Scientism - “Something is only true if it can be scientifically proven to be true.”

What’s wrong with this belief?
The Rise of "The Nones"

Long-Term Trends in Religious Affiliation

Source: General Social Surveys, 1972-2010. Other religious affiliations and those who did not give an answer are not shown.

Pew Research Center
RELIGIOUS BREAKDOWN OF U.S. ADULTS

- Protestant: 48%
- Catholic: 22%
- Mormon: 2%
- Orthodox: 1%
- Other Faiths: 6%
- Don't Know: 1%
- Nones: 20%
Books by some of the “New Atheists”

- Richard Dawkins
  - *The God Delusion*

- Christopher Hitchens
  - *God Is Not Great: How Religion Poisons Everything*

- Sam Harris
  - *The End of Faith: Religion, Terror, and the Future of Reason*

- Victor J. Stenger
  - *God: The Failed Hypothesis: How Science Shows That God Does Not Exist*
# Empty Pews

Percentage of adult Catholics who say they attend Mass once a week or more, for selected European countries

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Source: Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate
The Wall Street Journal
Former Roman Catholic Church of St. Joseph in Arnhem, Netherlands (now a skate park)