

WHO NEEDS GOD...?
(2) Gods of the No Testament

*You cannot move **AWAY** from something
without moving **TOWARD** something else!*

Maybe...

*The “**GOD**” you originally believed in...
was the wrong “**god**” to begin with!*

*A Few **DE-CONVERSION** Story-Lines...*

- 1. You grew up in a **RELIGIOUS** Environment!*
- 2. You experienced some sort of Childhood **CONVERSION**!*
- 3. You transitioned to an **IRRELIGIOUS** Environment!*

*You began to **ASK ADULT QUESTIONS** about your **CHILDHOOD FAITH** and
you received **FAITH-BASED ANSWERS** to your **FACT-BASED QUESTIONS**!*

- 1. You grew up in a **RELIGIOUS** Environment!*
- 2. You experienced some sort of Childhood **CONVERSION**!*
- 3. You experienced a **FAITH-CRUSHING EVENT**!*

*You began to **ASK ADULT QUESTIONS** about your **CHILDHOOD FAITH** and
you received **FAITH-BASED ANSWERS** to your **FACT-BASED QUESTIONS**!*

TWO COMMON CHARACTERISTICS from most **DE-CONVERSIONS**...

- 1. A “SOMEBODY-told-me-so” god...**
 - 2. A “BIBLE-tells-me-so” Jesus...**
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Karen Armstrong (The Case For God)

*“... many of us have been left **STRANDED** with an **INCOHERENT**
concept of **God**. We learned about **God** about the same time as we
were told about **Santa Claus**. But while our understanding of the
Santa Claus phenomenon evolved and matured... our **THEOLOGY***

remained **INFANTILE**. Not surprisingly... when we attained **intellectual maturity**... many of us rejected the **God** that we **INHERITED** and denied that he existed.”

Our Growing Up “gods”...

1. BODYGUARD god

Our Growing Up “gods”...

2. ON-CALL god

Our Growing Up “gods”...

3. FEEL-GOOD god

Our Growing Up “gods”...

4. GUILT god

Our Growing Up “gods”...

5. GAP god

BODYGUARD god

ON-CALL god

FEEL-GOOD god

GUILT god

GAP god

The “SOMEBODY-told-me-so” gods... DO... NOT... EXIST!

They’re actually...

The “gods” of the No Testament!
