

"Alan the Atheist"

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If you are a regular reader of my bulletin articles, you already know that Twitter is often an inspiration for what I write. This week's motivation began when a Christian I follow retweeted:

I am #atheism, and the behavior of the most fanatically devout is so often my best argument.
#islam #catholicism #christianity

I responded to the original tweeter:

Legit embedded criticism of religion acknowledged *****. However, do misbehaving rabid atheists equally disprove atheism?

What ensued was a conversation that continued long enough to mean I was a wee bit tired the next day. Initially it was painful—and I ultimately I found out why:

I started suspicious of you because you are a minister. I have found your profession to debate dishonestly in the past.

Ouch...but mostly because I suspect it is true.

The conversation improved after that, although he no more ended as a Christian believing in our resurrected Lord than I ended as an atheist believing in evolution. At best, we laid a foundation for future interactions. We will see what the future holds.

However, what I especially found interesting is something in common between the four atheists that crossed my path that night. Here is the Twitter bio of the original gentleman:

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gise. The original fight between religion and science is a shipwreck. The



PhD. Biologist. Delusion-free. Abusers & time-wasters blocked. This rationality and prejudice.



And the battle is splitting with debate on the front lines from the evening, pro-choice, anti-theist,

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the atheist believes that the world is not a place for anyone to stay, changing your harmful thinking, and

challenge the religious and challenge the irrational. Geeky side. The world is not a place for anyone to stay, and the atheist believes that the world is not a place for anyone to stay.