

# **“I Need a Response to ‘The God Delusion’”**

My atheist friend is a tough atheist to talk to, because he’s read so much philosophy and anti-God literature. He’s really into *The God Delusion*. I wondered if you are familiar with it, and if you know a good response to its assertions.

We don’t have an article on our website, but I can recommend several online responses to Richard Dawkins’ book:

## **Is God a Delusion?**

[www.gotquestions.org/God-delusion.html](http://www.gotquestions.org/God-delusion.html)

**William Lane Craig’s Q&A: “What do you think of Richard Dawkins’ argument for atheism in *The God Delusion*?”**

[www.reasonablefaith.org/site/News2?page=NewsArticle&id=5493](http://www.reasonablefaith.org/site/News2?page=NewsArticle&id=5493)

**Flew Speaks Out: Professor Antony Flew reviews *The God Delusion***

[www.bethinking.org/science-christianity/flew-speaks-out-professor-antony-flew-reviews-the-god-delusion.htm](http://www.bethinking.org/science-christianity/flew-speaks-out-professor-antony-flew-reviews-the-god-delusion.htm)

**Who’s Afraid of the Big Bad Wolf? Richard Dawkins’ Failed Rebuttal of Natural Theology**

[www.arn.org/docs/williams/pw\\_goddelusionreview2.htm](http://www.arn.org/docs/williams/pw_goddelusionreview2.htm)

(this one is long but thorough for a web-length article)

To treat someone like your friend with respect, this means familiarizing yourself with the responses to Dawkins’ arguments so you can speak to him personally about specific issues in the book rather than handing him an article or a book. (I put myself in your friend’s shoes: if a committed atheist wanted to disabuse me of my silly belief in God and the Bible and handed me *The God Delusion*, telling me to read it, I wouldn’t do it. I have enough to do without reading something I’m not motivated to do. And in fact I have books on

my shelf still unread because that method doesn't work! But if this person met me for coffee and talked to me about specific issues, that would make a difference. I'd make sure to do my homework to be able to "give an answer for the hope that is within" me [1 Peter 3:]).

Hope you find this helpful. The Lord bless you and keep you today!

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