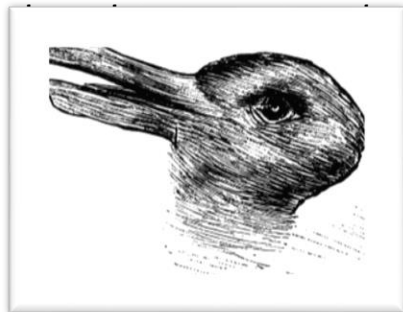


5.1 Is believing in God reasonable?

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Key Vocabulary

Word	Definition
reasonable	having sound judgement / having good reasons for our beliefs and being open to changing our minds
humanist	a follower of the world view of humanism
Christian	a follower of Christianity
atheist	someone who does not believe in God/gods or supernatural beings
agnostic	someone who is undecided about the existence of God/gods
faith	strong belief in something, often religious
theist	someone who believes in God/gods
reason	a cause, justification or explanation for events
evidence	facts or information which show if something is true
rational	



What do you see? Is there one right answer? Can two different answers both be right?



William Bayley

Humanist views on God

Humanists believe that people don't need a god to be good or to find meaning in life. Instead, they think we can decide what's right or wrong by caring for each other, being kind, and using our own minds to make fair choices.

AGNOSTIC VERSUS ATHEIST

Agnostic does not believe that the existence of god can be known or proved

Neither a believer nor a disbeliever of god

Atheist does not believe in the existence of god

A disbeliever of god

Key Questions to ask yourself

- Is it possible for a Scientist to believe in God?
- What makes an argument reasonable?

Christian Beliefs about God

Christians believe in God because of the Bible.



A watch is carefully designed but the world is even more complicated than a watch, so it makes sense to think that someone—God—must have designed it.

I think it's safer to believe in God. If God is real, then believing means you can go to heaven; if God isn't real, nothing bad happens for believing.



Blaise Pascal