

When God "Does Not" Exist

Universities are increasingly home to students who are atheists. More than 300 campuses now have atheist student organizations....And now there will be a "Reason Rally" in Washington D.C. this month. God is using many Christian professors to share the Gospel with them by words and deeds. Here are two of their stories.



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Engaging Atheists... In The Arts

Tom is a visual arts professor recently hired by one of the universities where we minister. He is also a committed Christian.

Tom was a fulltime artist in Arizona until he took a position in academia. He told me that he felt called to work with students and have a positive influence in their lives. He was involved in Campus Crusade when he was a student, and over the years has looked for ways to help others.



"I have never known students who openly declared themselves to be atheists," he told me last week. "It's a new experience for me."

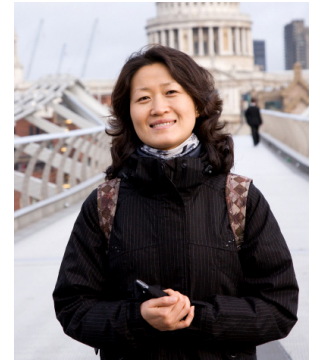
Tom let his students know that, as a Christian, he would be glad to pray for them — and they could share their requests anonymously.

"A student emailed me and said that, while she doesn't believe in God, she thinks it is great that I am willing to pray for students," Tom explained. "Her email has opened a door for us to discuss spiritual matters and to show her that Christians are willing to dialogue about God's existence, and what a spiritual journey entails."

Engaging Atheists... In The Sciences

Su Ling is a professor of biomedical engineering. Like Tom, she also recently took a position as a professor on a nearby campus.

Su Ling is from China, and was an atheist until she came to the United States as a graduate student.



I sat in her office last week and talked about her own relationship with Christ.

"I came to the West Coast and was converted and became a Christian," she told me. "Now, I want to see other Chinese know about Jesus."

"There are many Chinese here — both as students and professors. I want to give them the opportunity to study the Bible with me in a group setting."

"So, I am working with another professor to lead an investigative Bible study. I want them to be able to discover for themselves who Jesus is. Being a Christian is wonderful."

Thank you for making this possible

— Steve & Sarah

Resources

Talking to a friend that is an atheist, or has doubts about God's existence? You may find these helpful:

Books:

Mere Christianity, C.S. Lewis
The Journey, Peter Kreeft
The Language Of God, Francis Collins
The Reason For God, Timothy Keller

Websites:

Veritas.org
Reasonablefaith.org
Iamsecond.org
PowerToChange.org