

The Natural Religion

A real choice in religion

Why a new religion?

Religions have been around since time immemorial, but now people are leaving religions. Why? Do we no longer want to know what our life is all about? Do we not need morals and ethics?

Connolly takes the attitude that: If it's broke, then fix it. This is a religion for those that don't like religion, this is a new direction that embraces our new information and leaves old beliefs behind.

What does it do?

- It gives real choice of religion that is genuinely different.
- It shows the relevance of our new information to each person's personal existence.
- It shows we can have a moral ethic that people globally can accept.
- It shows how reasoning can satisfy our psychological needs.
- It shows how we can have non-partisan idealism to help improve people's quality of life.

Agnostic not Atheistic

Is *The Natural Religion* atheistic?

No, *The Natural Religion* is agnostic. Supernatural beliefs cannot be proven or disproven so *The Natural Religion* reasons that we simply don't know - hence it is agnostic.

Why is *The Natural Religion* not a philosophy?

Religions are personal, philosophies are more theoretical, even academic. *The Natural Religion* shows the relevance of our knowledge for our personal lives.

Why call it *The Natural Religion*?

"Religion" because it addresses the questions that all religions address, and "Natural" because it is not a supernatural religion.

It is a set of ideas about our own lives and the world around us. It helps us make decisions, and explains our role on Earth and puts us in context.

Natural
not
Supernatural

Why no spiritual or supernatural beliefs?

Traditionally spiritual beliefs differ and often contradict each other, but religions all address the same basic questions: why do we exist, what is the meaning of our lives, why do we die, what is moral and ethical.

It is not possible to check supernatural beliefs, but we can check knowledge. So *The Natural Religion* uses verifiable knowledge to answer the basic questions, and does not use any beliefs.

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