

Notes

INTRODUCTION

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CHAPTER 1

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CHAPTER 4

1. <http://elizaphanian.blogspot.com/2008/06/meaning-suffering-and-integrity.html> (accessed October 2, 2010).

2. Karen Armstrong, *The Case for God* (London: Bodley Head, 2009), p. 293.

3. *Ibid.*, p. 307.

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5. *Ibid.*, p. 246.

6. *Ibid.*, p. 34—also see p. 314.

7. Denys Turner, “How to Be an Atheist” in his *Faith Seeking* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2002), p. 10.

8. *Ibid.*, p. 13.

9. *Ibid.*

10. *Ibid.*, p. 19.

11. See A. J. Ayer, *Language, Truth and Logic* (Harmondsworth, UK: Penguin, 1971).

12. Nicholas Lash, "The Impossibility of Atheism" in his *Theology for Pilgrims* (London: Darton, Longman and Todd, 2008), p. 34.

13. Lash, incidentally, then goes on to argue that the latter sort of atheism is *impossible*, as "effective refusal to have anything to do with God can only mean self-destruction, annihilation, return to the *nihil* from which all things came" (p. 35). Lash's argument for the impossibility of this kind of atheism contains two obvious flaws: (1) Lash here just *assumes* that there is a God from which all things came, and (2) in case Lash muddles up two senses of "refusal to have anything to do with." I can refuse to have anything to do with my mother in the sense that I can ignore her, etc., but of course I still have *something* to do with her, and indeed do so necessarily: it remains true that if she had not existed, then neither would I. Atheists might similarly refuse to have anything to do with God even if there is, as Lash here just assumes, a God on which their existence depends.

14. Lash, "The Impossibility of Atheism," p. 34.

15. *Ibid.*, p. 35.

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17. *Ibid.*, p. 15.

CHAPTER 5

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3. Ron Suskind, "Faith, Certainty and the Presidency of George W. Bush," *New York Times Magazine*, October 17, 2004, <http://www.nytimes.com/2004/10/17/magazine/17BUSH.html> (accessed October 5, 2010).

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