

Try this exercise with a friend who would be open to a challenging exercise!

What is the difference between an agnostic and an atheist? (An agnostic will acknowledge the possibility of a God; an atheist denies that there is even the Possibility of a God.



C.S. Lewis's "Dot-in-the-circle" diagram.²

The circle represents all experience and all knowledge from all **time here** on earth. Ask a student to role play an atheist and to mark on the circle **showing** how much knowledge he has as compared to all knowledge, wisdom and truth for all time. This is usually noted by a small dot in in the circle. Then ask, "Might there be some truth that is beyond your own personal experience and understanding?" The idea here is to have the atheist see that there are occurrences, perhaps even truths and realities that exist beyond his own personal understanding and experiences.

This opens the door to plant a seed of doubt in his mind that might cause the person to question his godless faith. Hopefully, as a result of this open dialogue, more discussions about the possibility of the existence of a personal God that loves them and has a plan of purpose for their life can take place. Then the questioner should tell the atheist that he would be happy to share with him about what he has experienced in his search for truth.