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@TheJimMajors @smutterbutter41 @FaithlessPheas1 @GoblinQChesh @MorganHanne @retep57 @amca1975 @EboiLeon1 @ardenking55 This grew out of control but here it is...

I grew up with a fundamental Christian mother and a "Catholic" father who didn't practice. We rarely went to church except for a couple of years when I was 10-14. During that time I accepted Jesus as my Lord and Savior (11) at a

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[@LordBryant454](#) [@TheJimMajors](#) [@smutterbutter41](#) [@FaithlessPheas1](#) [@GoblinQChesh](#) [@MorganHanne](#) [@retep57](#) [@amca1975](#) [@EboiLeon1](#) [@ardenking55](#) secular music. I read my Bible with some help of fundamental websites to get through the tough parts but never gave up my scientific knowledge. After a divorce and a career change to pharmacy school, a new wife and job my faith faded again.

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@LordBryant454 @TheJimMajors @smutterbutter41 @FaithlessPheas1 @GoblinQChesh @MorganHanne @retep57 @amca1975 @EboiLeon1 @ardenking55 like "what is God" and "is there a God". I started watching religious debates on youtube because I figured I should hear what the experts are saying instead of reinventing the wheel. I started to consider myself and atheist about a year after that child die that day.

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