

The Zetetic Path

TRANSFORMATIONAL THINKING TO ADVANCE HUMAN PROGRESS

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OUR MISSION

The Zetetic Path aims to provide a forum to share and discuss intelligent, well-reasoned, factually uncompromising truthful information on contemporary issues facing society. Zeteticism (or Zetetics) is a disciplined inquiry to ascertain the true nature of phenomena and to critically question attested claims. A special focus are the interface issues in the Science-Religion Dialogue and the Big Questions of Life.

- Arguments for the existence and nature of God/deities
- The reliability of scripture and religious texts
- Historicity of the Great Religions (Christianity, Islam, Judaism)
- Historicity of Jesus of Nazareth
- Frontier religion (Process Theology/Metaphysics)
- Interfaith dialogue
- Philosophy of Religion, Mind, Time, and Science
- Religious archaeology
- Neuroscientific mind-brain phenomena
- Cognitive bias, decision making, and critical thinking
- Bias in scholarly, academic, and popular literature
- Scientific theories for the origin of the universe
- Leading-edge inquiry into dark matter/dark energy physics and the discovery of physical and theoretical data that better define the nature of the cosmos.
- The nature of time and reality
- The meaning of life

The Zetetic Path's Mission is to:

- To challenge the claims of both traditional religious doctrine and the scientific community to establish the most well-reasoned answers to capital questions facing humanity.
- To challenge false or misleading claims in the political forum for issues that are pivotally-linked to the enhancement or degradation of human advancement.
- To educate people how to develop critical thinking skills to determine the truthfulness/falsity of information and the marketplace of ideas and agendas.

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Brian Goedken is an American multi-genre award winning author. His self-published nonfiction book has been honored with the rare distinction of having won top awards from different book award agencies in Science, Philosophy, Religion, and Spirituality.

He is the founder of modern Zeteticism—colloquially, Zetetics. Zeticism, a rigorous investigative method of inquiry to identify the truthful nature of ideas which are shrouded by a large, complex body of disparate views which are often biased and based on a narrow gathering of data. In simple terms, to access the best answer to questions of great significance we cannot rely on applying knowledge from one or several areas. Rather, all pertinent domains and their sub-disciplines must be counsel to our thinking and decision-making.

Brian is a degreed Aerospace Engineer who received training at Iowa State University (1986 – 1992, B.S. '91) and graduate studies at Wichita State University (1992-1993). He also received an MBA from Arizona State University (2003). He is a technology entrepreneur having founded/co-founded several tech-based firms and invented/co-invented dozens of state-of-the-art technologies in wide variety of industries. These industries include space, aviation/rotorcraft, military defense, automotive, and medical. His interest in the mind sciences took root in his undergraduate studies when he became exposed to cognitive psychology and philosophy. He has always been deeply-connected to space physics as an avid reader of popular and scholastic literature.

Brian was educated in his youth in the arms of the Catholic faith. He remained an ardent Catholic Christian for four decades of his life and was reasonably well-versed in its theological framework. He accepted most of the claims of Christianity at face value as fundamental truths. In more recent times, violent religious radicalism was on the rise in global society which lead him to question how people motivate themselves to such ends in the name of their God. Brian embarked on an arduous and intensive five-year long effort to question everything we think we know about God, religion, and science. The contemporary Religion-

Science dialogue has become impossibly convoluted and arcane that few people can access this debate and come to any comprehensively justified resolution. This endeavor resulted in his authorship and publication of *The Naked Truth about God*, published on Civil Rights Day (January 15th) of 2018. His opus tackles the hardest questions we can ask of our human existence in this awesomely beguiling and fantastically vast and beautiful universe. Brian boldly interrogates the works of the greatest minds—and many lesser known but eminently qualified researchers—in science, philosophy, spirituality, and theology. He diagnoses and articulates the fault lines of ill-fated ideas in this realm of debate and exits the vexing maze with the most rationally-defensible portrayal of God’s (or Source, God-Source) provisional existence. Ultimately, the chain of logic binds us to a solution that offers an effective compote to salve the wounds of religious tension and violent religious radicalism. An epic consequence of this discovery is a robust grounding for religious believers, spiritualists, and skeptics to co-exist in total equanimity if they were to align themselves to the Six Towers of God paradigm outlined in his award-winning book.

Brian is now sympathetic to aspects of Humanism, an attitude (not so much a philosophy) that embraces the freedom to inquire, challenge, and explore ideas. The source of ethics, morality and future success as a species are derived solely from humanity. Furthermore, the credibility of beliefs should be adjudicated by reason and evidence with qualified use of intuition, feelings, metaphysics, and speculation. Humanists are typically nontheistic and believe that superhuman/transcendent realities are erroneous until proven otherwise. Brian’s views are neither explicitly theistic nor nontheistic as explained by the Six Towers of God paradigm.

Brian grew up in Iowa and has lived in California (Silicon Valley), Kansas, Washington, Michigan, and several suburbs of Phoenix. He is now settled in Chandler, Arizona with his wife and rescue pets. He and his wife are involved in animal rights advocacy.

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