

DAWKINS. The evolutionary scientist and atheist Richard Dawkins (born 1941) is outspoken about the effect delusions have on us and outspoken about the detrimental effect religion has on society. **D**awkins defines religion as derived from something supernatural: “you get your beliefs not from evidence but from faith, revelation, scripture, authority ... all of them bad reasons to believe anything.” **D**awkins abhors supernatural and mystical religious delusions.

*Richard Dawkins is the author of The God Delusion
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DELUSION. Delusion and ego are two of our greatest enemies. They prevent us from seeing the world as it really is - hence our wrong decisions, everyday calamities and worldwide disasters. **D**elusion leads us to consider others as inferior; to demand advantages we're not due; to grant unwarranted importance to religions; to enforce irrational cultural rules and unjust laws. **D**elusion & ego cause aggression, oppression, destruction & war.

EGO. Ego is the other side of the delusion coin. Our mind is dualistic. There is the subtle mind, versus the gross mind. Higher consciousness ... soul, versus lower consciousness ... ego. **E**go is the aspect of our mind that is employed to run our day to day exploits; it motivates us to achieve, but also burdens us with limits: Our actions may be imbued with egotism, i.e. lack of consideration. **E**go & delusion cause aggression, oppression, destruction & war.

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