

**GOD 3.** God is good - or so the scriptures like to tell us. But when in the hands and minds of fundamentalists, God is anything but good - in fact God turns into the devil. Then he will send his followers to do atrocious things: Non-believers will be tortured and killed, homosexuals will be vilified, women disempowered, children indoctrinated. This God is the manifestation of depraved human minds: Warped, intolerant, controlling, bigoted, rigid, cruel, evil. Beware the God of the pious, fundamentalist believer.

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*That children will be indoctrinated is a most despicable aspect of religions; as Richard Dawkins says in The God Delusion: "Children are too young to defend themselves against religious falsehoods and indoctrination."*

*People must be sixteen to drive a car, eighteen to go to war, twenty one to drink alcohol ... children should be at least sixteen years old to join a religion; they are just not mature enough to make an educated decision any earlier.*

*Furthermore, while it is crucial that religion and state are separated, religion shall be removed from public schools, and private religious schools shall not receive any government funding. There shall be no scripture lessons at schools, instead ethics classes that deal with all religions in their curriculum. Scripture should be taught exclusively at Sunday schools.*

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