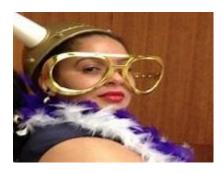
## **AETHEIST FESTIVALS**

Atheism (derived from the Ancient Greek  $\check{\alpha}\theta \epsilon o \varsigma$  atheos meaning "without gods; godless; secular; denying or disdaining the gods, especially officially sanctioned gods") is the absence or rejection of the belief that deities exist. The English term was used at least as early as the sixteenth century and atheistic ideas and their influence have a longer history. Over the centuries, atheists have supported their lack of belief in gods through a variety of avenues, including scientific, philosophical, and ideological notions.



Philosophical atheist thought began to appear in Europe and Asia in the sixth or fifth century BCE. Will Durant, in his The story of Civilization, explained that certain pygmy tribes found in Africa were observed to have no identifiable cults or rites. There were no totems, no deities, and no spirits. Their dead were buried without special ceremonies or accompanying items and received no further attention. They even appeared to lack simple superstitions, according to travelers' reports.[citation needed] The Vedas of Ceylon[clarification needed] admitted only the possibility that deities might exist but went no further. Neither prayers nor sacrifices were suggested in any way.

## **Every Day Is A Holiday**

Every single day of the year, someone somewhere is celebrating something. Almost everything that could possibly be celebrated has its own holiday.

Of course, there is no reason to limit peace, love, or connection to several days spread across the year. There needn't be just one day for Earth, one day for love, and one day for ice cream. Every day can be a holiday, which we can celebrate in our own special way. The aim of the Aetheist is to tickle your brain, and inspire creation of your own claims to fame.