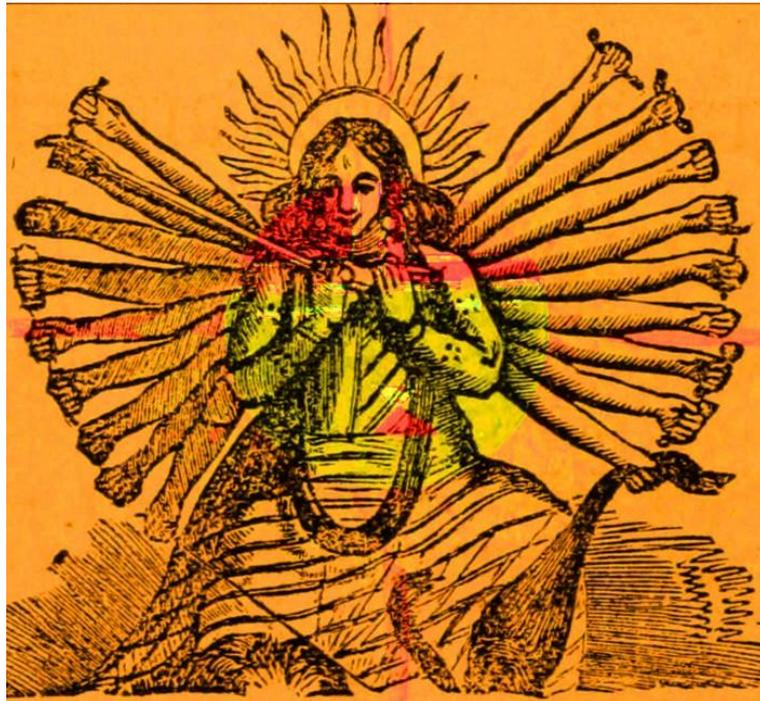


Does God exist?

A simple exercise in sceptical spirituality

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It shouldn't be beyond the wit of human beings to come up with a few clear thoughts on this topic. If nothing else, we can treat this as a basic exercise in sceptical spiritual exploration.

But how exactly do we 'take a look'? What 'capacity' do we use to do this? In other words, and to put it more crudely, which of our organs do we deploy in this (presumably important) quest for (presumably important) facts and answers? Do we use our hearts, or our minds, or some other capacity? If not our hearts, or our minds, then which 'bit' of ourselves? Maybe something we haven't yet thought of?

Invariably, in a discussion like this, there are going to be a number of twists, turns, dead-ends and open-ended question marks along the way, but as far as can be intuited right now, they're all going to have 'good value'.

Full article here:

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More on this way of approaching spirituality in [‘Advanced Buddhist Metaphysics: Exercises in Sceptical Spirituality’](#) from Amazon. (Don’t be intimidated by the title — it’s an easy read for anyone capable of a sceptical and objective analysis of religious topics.)