

The Good Atheist Skit

(A re-telling of the Good Samaritan)

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Performers 7

Or 3

If the Bishop and Sommers
play all the standing roles.

Or 2

If they only pretend
There's a victim

- Victim

- Bishop/Narrator

- Sommers

- Musician 1

- Musician 2

- Atheist 1

- Atheist 2

(The Bishop and Sommers walking together).

Sommers "So what are you going to preach about on Sunday, Bishop?"

Bishop "The Greek language. The greatest lack there is in the Churches today is the lack of sound New Testament Greek."

Sommers "Absolutely. Yes it is sorely needed."

Bishop "How can you have an intelligent conversation with some Moron who doesn't know the difference between a 'Sta-di-on' and a 'Sta-di-os'?"

Sommers "I was just wondering that myself, Bishop."

Victim "Help" (Weakly)

Sommers "There's a man on the ground."

Bishop "He's probably drunk"

Sommers "No! His clothes are torn, he's been in a fight." (Leaning over).

Bishop "Don't touch him...He might have Bird Flu or Aids or something."

Sommers "Oh yes, he might...but we must do *something*"

Bishop "We'll put him first at the Prayer meeting tonight."

Sommers "No, that's tomorrow night."

Bishop “Oh, yes it is. You’d better write that down or I’ll forget it by then”

Sommers “I have that problem myself.” (Both laughing)

Bishop (To the victim). “Don’t worry we’ll pray for you and God will come along here and help you.”

Sommers “Do you really think He will?”

Bishop “I’m not entirely convinced there is a God actually.”

Sommers “Me either! But there must be something in the Bible about prayer?”

Bishop “Yes there is. “Our Father who art in Heaven” I think it’s the Twenty third Psalm.....or something. I’m not that familiar with the Bible myself.”

Sommers “Nor am I....I saw this really funny T.V. programme last night. It was a crack-up.”

Bishop “Really? Oh, I missed it. I went to the Casino for my birthday.”

Sommers “The Casino?....You lucky devil!..What did you do there?”

Bishop “That would be telling” (They both laugh together)

Bishop “*This* (Pointing to the victim) is *why* I always say we need more Churches in this City....It’s beginning to look like a Third World country....People lying half-dead on the footpath...It’s terrible...what next?”

Sommers “Yes what?”

Bishop “What were we talking about before Sommers?”

Sommers “About what you’re preaching on Sunday”

Bishop “Oh yes! What was it? I’ve forgotten.”

Sommers “Me too. But I’m sure it will be *very* noble and uplifting.”

Bishop “Yes!”

Sommers “Bishop?...Ah....what *is* the difference between a Sta-di-on and a Sta-di-os?....It seems to have slipped my mind.” (Walking away)

(Two musicians walk on, carrying guitar cases)

Musician 1 "So what's the first song we'll sing on Sunday?"

Musician 2 "Awesome God."

Musician 1 "Yeah, that is Awesome!....that brings the Presence of God just like *that!*"
(Snapping his fingers)...And what about the second?"

Musician 2 "In my life Lord be glorified."

Musician 1 "Perfect....Yes we *do* need to glorify Him in everything we do"Hey, there's someone lying down there!"

Musician 2 "He's been robbed and beaten...he's in bad shape....what can we do?"

Musician 1 "I'm not sure...Call an Ambulance or something."

Musician 2 (Looking at his watch) "But,....we're late again...they told us if we're late again that's it..."

Musician 1 "Umm.....Sorry, but we're in a hurry...we'll call an Ambulance as soon as we get to the Church...God bless you."

Musician 2 "C'mon...hurry."

Musician 1 (Walking away) "What was that First song again?"

Musician 2 "Awesome God."

Musician 1 "Oh yes!...And the Second?"

Musician 2 "Be Glorified"

Musician 1 "Yeah, great!" (They walk off).

(Two Atheists walk on)

Atheist 1 "I get sick of these Christians telling me everything was Cre-ated"

Atheist 2 "Yeah, I'll tell them God created *this* (Holding his fist out)...And I'll show them *why* He created it....I'll punch their lights out."

Atheist 1 "Yeah...me too....look there's someone on the ground." (Kneeling down).

Atheist 2 "Are you okay?....what's your name?...what happened to you?"

Atheist 1 "He can't talk...Quick, call an Ambulance and the Police...He's been beaten up..."

Atheist 2 (On cellphone) “Yes, we need an Ambulance and the Police....it’s on the Garden Park track. There’s a man here he’s been beaten up...Yes...thank you.”

Atheist 1 “They’ll be about five minutes....How is he?”

Atheist 2 “Breathing...just...He’s lost a lot of blood”

Atheist 1 “Don’t worry friend...The Ambulance is coming..You’re not alone, we’ll stay with you” (Takes off jacket, rolls it up and places it under victim's head) “Here give me yours” (He lays it over victim).

Atheist 2 “Hey,...There’s a Bible here.”

Atheist 1 “He must be a Christian...He doesn’t look much different than us.”

Atheist 2 (Stroking victim's forehead) “No!..I’ve never touched a Christian before.”

Atheist 1 “Me either....Do you think he’d do the same for us?”

Atheist 2 “Yes,...they have to.”

Atheist 1 “Have to?”

Atheist 2 “Yes...My Grandmother used to tell me the Golden Rule...”Do unto others as you would have others do unto you”...She said it was in the Bible...They *have* to do good to everyone.”

Atheist 1 “That’s not such a bad thing”

Atheist 2 “No.”

Atheist 1 (Urgently) “I think he’s stopped breathing.”

Atheist 2 “You sure...Check...quick”

Atheist 1 “There’s no pulse....He’s stopped breathing...He’s dead.”

Atheist 2 “Oh, no!...It’s a pity we didn’t get here sooner.”

Atheist 1 “Yes,..This bloods dried on him...He’s been lying here for ages....It’s a shame no-one else came along before us....He might have lived.”

Narrator “In Matthew 7 v 12, The Lord said, “Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them.” Or, as the world quotes it “Do unto others as

you would have others do unto you.” It *is* a Golden Rule, and it should rule our everyday affairs.

The Lord also told us to “Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you.” In Matthew 5 v 44. Why should we do that? Because that’s what He does. “He makes His sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust.” So, it seems that the Atheist was right, Christians *do* have to do good to others. And Galatians 6 v 10 tells us to “do good unto *all* men.”

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