

## The evolution of (ideas about) God

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Need a quick refresher on God? Andrew Pessin, author of a new book called *The God Question*, manages something few philosophers can pull off: he speaks in lucid, plain English! On this week's *Interfaith Voices*, he describes the evolution of Western ideas about God from Plato and Aristotle to Augustine and Thomas Aquinas to Maimonides and Marx? all the way up to atheist Richard Dawkins. It includes a discussion of female images of God in the 20th and 21st centuries.

Then, we host a debate on the Supreme Court case of the Mojave Cross with Rev. Barry Lynn of Americans United for Separation of Church and State and Luke Goodrich, an attorney with the Becket Fund for Religious Liberty. If you wonder about the arguments on both sides of this case (a cross as a national memorial), it's a great review.

Finally, you can hear about a blessing of the animals that St. Francis of Assisi would love, and a chant from Soka Gakkai Buddhism. Here's the link to the show:

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