

Stories for lipreading



AN ATHEIST WALKING IN THE WOODS

[This text is read aloud at the beginning of this video:]

Welcome to Stories for Lipreading. If you haven't used our website before, we suggest you look at our 'How to Use' page before you begin. We hope you enjoy this joke, which is called 'An Atheist Walking in the Woods'.

An Atheist Walking in the Woods

One day an atheist was walking through the woods. He ambled along the paths, admiring the beautiful trees, when suddenly he heard a rustling noise in the bushes behind him. He turned to look and saw, to his horror, a huge grizzly bear charging towards him.

Well, he ran as fast as could but every time he looked over his shoulder, he could see the bear was even closer. He ran and he ran. His heart was pounding, his lungs were bursting and still the bear was coming closer.

Then suddenly he stumbled on a tree root and fell to the ground.

As he rolled over and tried to scramble to his feet, the bear pinned him down with his left paw and raised his right paw, claws out, ready to strike.

At that moment, and in total terror, the atheist cried out 'Oh My God!'

Time stopped. The bear froze, the whole wood fell silent. A bright light shone upon the man and huge voice came out of the sky.

'You've denied my existence for all these years. You've told others that I don't exist. You've even claimed that creation was just an accident,' boomed the voice. 'Do you really expect me to help you out of this predicament? Am I now to count you as a believer?'

The atheist peered up into the light and said, 'Well, I suppose it would be hypocritical of me to suddenly ask you to treat me as a Christian, but here's an idea: perhaps you could make *the bear* a Christian?'

'Very well,' said the voice.

The light went out. The sounds of the woodland resumed. And the bear dropped his right paw, brought both paws together, bowed his head and spoke:

'For what I am about to receive, may the Lord make me truly thankful. Amen'