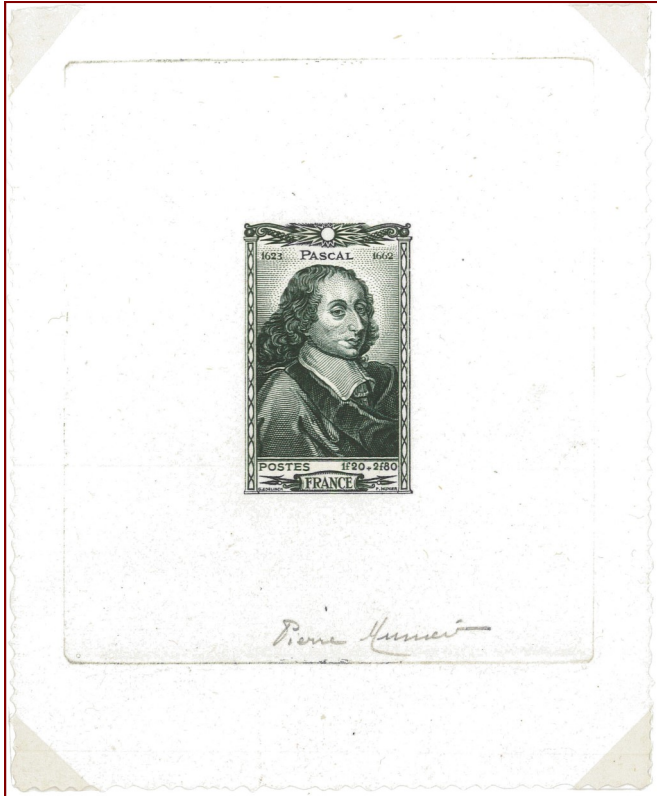


Blaise Pascal (1623 - 1662) was always drawn to the gaming tables in the Parisian salons at night. There he studied the laws of probability, the mathematical rules of luck. Maybe it was one of those nights when he got the idea to bet on God. He offers a pragmatic reason for believing in God:

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You Bet - post office in California (1869—1903),  
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Pascal's Wager: Even under the assumption that God's existence is unlikely, the potential benefits of believing are so vast as to make betting on theism rational.

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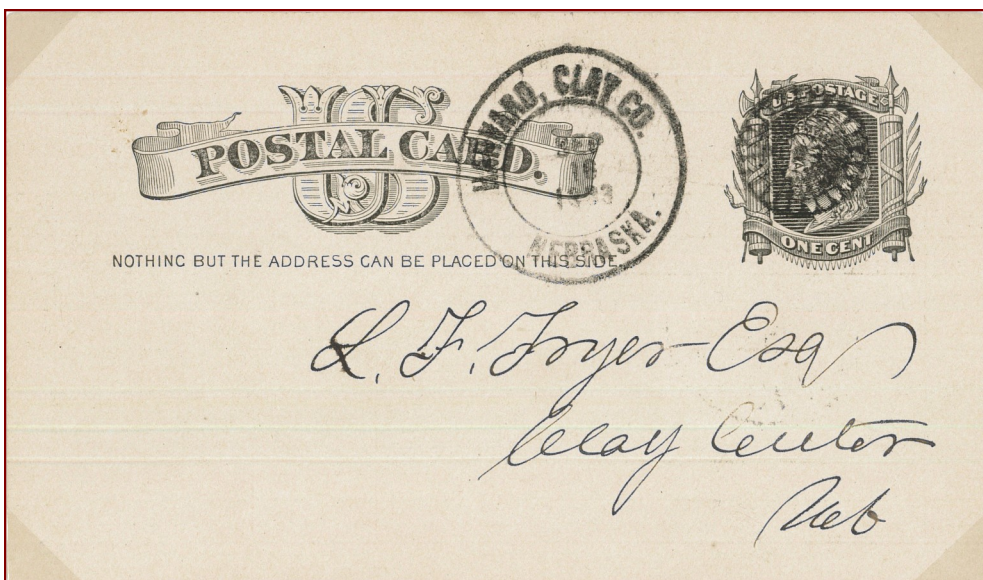
If God exists, then ...



Vatican 1942, error:  
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... theists will enjoy eternal bliss („Himmel“ means heaven) while atheists will suffer eternal damnation.



If God does not exist, then theists will enjoy finite happiness before they die, and atheists will enjoy finite happiness too,

And the moral of the story: when the wheel of fortune stalls on a win, we win EVERYTHING. If it stops at a loss, we lose in comparison very LITTLE.

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