

## Philippines president to resign if someone proves God exists

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The president of the Philippines, Rodrigo Duterte, has made people angry. He said he would resign if anyone can prove that God exists. President Duterte has a history of upsetting

people with his religious beliefs. He recently made many people in his largely Roman Catholic country angry by calling God stupid. On Friday, he questioned the principles of the Roman Catholic Church. In particular, he challenged what the Church says about sin. He asked why sin can only be removed from children by paying money to the Church. He said: "Where is the logic of God there?" The 73-year-old leader said that he wanted "one single witness" who has a picture or a selfie that a human was "able to talk to and see God".

Opponents of the president hit back at him by calling him "one evil man". Senator Antonio Trillanes said the president's comments showed that Mr Duterte lied, had no heart and was a ruthless leader. Despite his comments, President Duterte said he did believe in God. He said: "There is a universal mind somewhere which controls the universe." Duterte is very popular in the Philippines for his policies on drugs and crime. He has spent the past few years fighting a war on drugs in which hundreds of people have been killed. He also appeared at an event in which customs officials crushed illegally imported luxury cars. He has agreed to meet religious leaders at a meeting on Monday to ease tensions.

Sources: [foxnews.com](http://foxnews.com) / [cnnphilippines.com](http://cnnphilippines.com) / [philstar.com](http://philstar.com)

### Writing

How can someone prove that God exists?

### Chat

Talk about these words from the article.

president / angry / God / religious belief / stupid / sin / logic / witness / picture / selfie / opponents / evil / ruthless / universe / popular / crime / drugs / luxury cars / meeting

### True / False

- a) President Duterte will resign next month. T / F
- b) President Duterte often upsets people when talking about religion. T / F
- c) The president asked questions about the Catholic Church. T / F
- d) The president asked about the church's logic regarding sin. T / F
- e) An opponent of the president called him the devil. T / F
- f) President Duterte said he believed in God. T / F
- g) President Duterte said nothing controls the universe. T / F
- h) President Duterte has refused to meet religious leaders. T / F

### Synonym Match

(The words in **bold** are from the news article.)

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|----------------------|-----------------|
| 1. <b>resign</b>     | a. hard-hearted |
| 2. <b>prove</b>      | b. truths       |
| 3. <b>beliefs</b>    | c. arrived      |
| 4. <b>principles</b> | d. show         |
| 5. <b>logic</b>      | e. rivals       |
| 6. <b>opponents</b>  | f. ill feeling  |
| 7. <b>ruthless</b>   | g. quit         |
| 8. <b>popular</b>    | h. reason       |
| 9. <b>appeared</b>   | i. well-liked   |
| 10. <b>tensions</b>  | j. views        |

### Discussion – Student A

- a) What do you think about what you read?
- b) Are people who believe in God good?
- c) What do you think controls the universe?
- d) What did you learn about God when you were younger?
- e) What should leaders do about drugs and crime?
- f) Should religion be a part of a country's laws?
- g) What advice do you have for President Duterte?
- h) What questions would you like to ask God?

## Phrase Match

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| 1. Duterte has made                    | a. Roman Catholic Church |
| 2. Duterte has a history of            | b. leader                |
| 3. he questioned the principles of the | c. luxury cars           |
| 4. he challenged what the Church       | d. upsetting people      |
| 5. a human was able to talk            | e. back at him           |
| 6. Opponents of the president hit      | f. people angry          |
| 7. a ruthless                          | g. tensions              |
| 8. his policies on                     | h. says about sin        |
| 9. illegally imported                  | i. drugs and crime       |
| 10. to ease                            | j. to and see God        |

## Discussion – Student B

- Do you believe in God?
- How can someone prove that God exists?
- What do you think of President Duterte of the Philippines?
- Should President Duterte resign?
- What do you think of people calling God "stupid"?
- What is sin?
- What should we do about sin?
- What is God?

## Spelling

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### Answers – Synonym Match

1. g	2. d	3. j	4. b	5. h
6. e	7. a	8. i	9. c	10. f

## Role Play

### Role A – Lust

You think lust is the worst sin. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their sins aren't as bad. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): greed, sloth or wrath.

### Role B – Greed

You think greed is the worst sin. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their sins aren't as bad. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): lust, sloth or wrath.

### Role C – Sloth

You think sloth is the worst sin. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their sins aren't as bad. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): greed, lust or wrath.

### Role D – Wrath

You think wrath is the worst sin. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their sins aren't as bad. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): greed, sloth or lust.

## Speaking – Seven deadly sins

Rank these with your partner. Put the worst sins at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

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|------------|-------------------|
| • lust     | • wrath           |
| • gluttony | • envy            |
| • greed    | • pride           |
| • sloth    | • your idea _____ |

### Answers – True False

a	F	b	T	c	T	d	T	e	F	f	T	g	F	h	F
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Answers to Phrase Match and Spelling are in the text.