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God on the buses

Use of word 'probably' in Atheist campaign raises questions

Sir, The Rev Tim Storey rather misses the point when he interprets the inclusion of the word “probably” in the atheist bus adverts as indicating a lack of conviction (letter, [Jan 9](#)). It simply reflects the fact that we understand the principles of science and logic, and realise that you can never prove a negative (ie that God does not exist). We have, however, assessed the evidence for the deity’s existence, found it lacking or absent, and therefore arrived at a sensible conclusion based on the balance of probabilities. This is not equivocation, it’s honesty — and I feel sure that, somewhere in the Bible, that must be listed as a virtue.

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