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Subject: Re: Church of FSM

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Everybody has a religion. That religion doesn't, necessarily, need to include supernatural beings that create and govern. Religion is a set of beliefs and morals on which a person relies for guidance- especially when the rules of society do not or can not apply.

Considering the vast number of religions all through history, all of which have claimed to represent the ultimate Truth, I just cannot subscribe to the belief that any one of them is in any way superior. Religions have a tendency to evolve and adapt to societies as they, in turn, grow and adapt. For all the millions of people that have believed in any one of today's major religions, there have been billions more that have not. It simply makes no sense to say ANYONE has the keys to the universe, let alone one faith in particular.

That said, it is unthinkable that so many billions of people could ALL be wrong. I propose that no one religion, no one set of beliefs has, or could ever have, all the answers.

On a related note, I highly doubt science will ever uncover the deepest mysteries of the universe, either. There's only so far back in history we can look back with our space telescopes and dating systems- and death remains a curtain beyond which we cannot see. The "Unknown" personified would be a Hydra- the more we discover, the smaller the sum total of our knowledge becomes (compared to the Truth, that being all knowledge that could ever be known).

I have a hard time believing that there ever was an absolute beginning of time, and I likewise cannot believe that there could ever be an ending. Likewise for life and death- for all its complexity, life cannot possibly end with the destruction of the shell of matter in which it is contained. What lies beyond bodily death, I could not begin to guess. Compared to the infinity that is existence, each person is the tiniest particle, an invisible speck with no influence whatsoever (and yet our power grows with each passing day). We can never know everything, because that "everything" will keep right on getting bigger and bigger, far faster than we will ever be able to learn.

When I say that I am an Atheist, I say so because I do not believe that there is one class of beings that is superior to all others- as I have said before, for every creation there is a creator- nothing can be wholly responsible for its own existence, for it could not exist if there was nothing there before it to set events in motion. Therefore, there is no such thing as a god in my mind. Only differing levels of forces that could be viewed as godlike when viewed by those of a vastly lower level.

And just to make one thing ABUNDANTLY clear, I have plenty of doubt in myself- I harbor no delusions of being some kind of prophet who can see everything while everyone else is blind. That would be hypocritical to an extreme, not to mention arrogant and stupid. It might very well be that I'm bound for Hell on the 6:00 express and don't even realize it- I just don't believe that to be the case.

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