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Subject: Re: Church of FSM

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Quote:Well, all I can say is that I was given the advantage of growing up without going to church. Many/most people are brought to church or at least raised with the "existence" of "God" from birth. If you are taught from birth that this deity exists and what he wants you to do, etc, then you are controlled. You live in fear of eternal punishment and you're more likely to behave even when no one is watching.

Not always so. Perhaps with some people yes. However, there are many people who take what they know and choose to believe, such as me. I don't do it because I fear eternal punishment, nor do I behave in private because I feel God is watching me.

I believe in God because I believe it is the right thing to do. I choose the Catholic religion because I believe they have the better understanding of the idea of God (the practice of the faith is a different question...), even though it is, in my opinion, not 100% correct.

I behave in private, not for fear of being caught doing something wrong (by some omnipresent being, or otherwise), but because it is the right thing to do. It is my own choice, not brought about by any reasoning other than it is the right thing to do.

Edit: just to touch on something that Mrbob stated, as he wrote that while I was writing mine.

Keep in mind that "love thy neighbour" does not mean you have to like them. So before the accusations that he LIKES Osama Bin Laden start, keep that in mind. You can "love" someone without liking them, or supporting what they do.

This isn't an accurate depiction of it, but to use it as an example: If any of you have been in a fight with a loved one, I'm sure you know what I'm talking about. You may not like them at that particular moment of the fight, but you still love them.

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