
Subject: Re: Church of FSM

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warranto wrote on Wed, 02 November 2005 08:08Let's look at the reasons WHY people stop believing in Santa (though I assume you mean the marketing-gimic Santa as we use it today and not St. Nicholas, because he WAS a real person).

1. You parents admitted they were the ones who bought you the gifts.
2. Failing (1) occurring, the gift magically stop appearing when you are no longer in immediate contact with your parents.

These are two physical evidences that Santa (as the marketing department would want you to believe in) does not exist. This proof does not hold for the idea of God. You can't equate God to Santa. One has physical evidence to disprove the existance of, and the other has no proof for or against it.

Of course I mean the Santa who lives in the North Pole in the stories. I fail to see much different in the fanciful notions between these two stories:

Story 1# There is a man who lives at the North Pole.

He lives there with his wife and a bunch of elves.

During the year, he and the elves build toys.

Then, on Christmas Eve, he loads up a sack with all the toys.

He puts the sack in his sleigh.

He hitches up eight (or possibly nine) flying reindeer.

He then flies from house to house, landing on the rooftops of each one.

He gets out with his sack and climbs down the chimney.

He leaves toys for the children of the household.

He climbs back up the chimney, gets back in his sleigh, and flies to the next house.

He does this all around the world in one night.

Then he flies back to the North Pole to repeat the cycle next year.

Story 2# God inseminated a virgin named Mary, in order to bring his son incarnate into our world.

Mary and her fiancé, Joseph, had to travel to Bethlehem to register for the census. There Mary gave birth to the Son of God.

God put a star in the sky to guide people to the baby.

In a dream God told Joseph to take his family to Egypt. Then God stood by and watched as Herod killed thousands and thousands of babies in Israel (see Chapter 16) in an attempt to kill Jesus.

As a man, God's son claimed that he was God incarnate: "I am the way, the truth and the life," he said (see Chapter 18).

This man performed many miracles. He healed lots of sick people. He turned water into wine. These miracles prove that he is God.

But he was eventually given the death sentence and killed by crucifixion.

His body was placed in a tomb.

But three days later, the tomb was empty.

And the man, alive once again but still with his wounds (so anyone who doubted could see them and touch them), appeared to many people in many places.

Then he ascended into heaven and now sits at the right hand of God the father almighty, never to be seen again.

Today you can have a personal relationship with the Lord Jesus. You can pray to this man and he will answer your prayers. He will cure your diseases, rescue you from emergencies, help you make important business and family decisions, comfort you in times of worry and grief, etc.

This man will also give you eternal life, and if you are good he has a place for you in heaven after you die.

The reason we know all this is because, after the man died, four people named Matthew, Mark, Luke and John wrote accounts of the man's life. Their written attestations are proof of the veracity of this story.

Both of these stories are filled with things that seem impossible to we us mere mortals, and yet as children, both are expressed to us as equally true.

Quote:Infact, please stop referring to "proof" and "faith/belief" in the same sentence. The two are exclusive of one another. You can not claim to have faith in ANYTHING if you have proof of it. The reason it is called faith if because there is NO proof of it's existance.

Though I do admit you're being a bit hypocritical here. I'm sure you beleive in the existance of atoms, electrons, bacteria, etc. But tell me, have you ever seen them with your own eyes (unaided by any devices)? If you haven't then you have no PROOF of their existance. Yet you chhose to believe the person that says they exist. I'd think-follownig your request above= that you'd want some proof before acknowleging that those things exist.

At least these other things make SENSE. I can look at diagrams of atoms and learn how they work and it all makes sense. Bacteria is in fact something I have seen through a microscope. I have seen no evidence of this "God" character.

Quote:Quite interesting how a countries education system starts around the same time.... I suppose the education system is just as evil as you seem to be implying the church is...

I wasn't saying the Catholic Church was evil for saying their can make a Catholic for life if the child is available to them until the age of 5. It was a reference to the sentence directly before that quote where I said: "Religion aside, I have been very interested in quantum theory lately and it's interesting to see the behaviors and thoughts that become so natural and conditioned to us."
