Subject: Re: The meaning of life?
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Religion (ie. the belief in a god) does not dictate killing. Heck, even Satanism does not permit outright killing, and that is a religion aimed at the worship of "evil"

Religion, however, makes a great target to get people to do what you want them to, not because religion is wrong, but because people use it for the wrong reasons.

The ultimate culprit here is beliefs. The only reason religion gets all the "credit", is because it is based entirely on a belief structure. People, regardless of who it is or what it is based in, will not give up their beliefs... for anything.

Just take a look at the thread about the possibility of people being implanted with microchips that can track their location... people are quite ready to revolt because of their BELIEF that their right to privacy is paramount. That has nothing to do with religion, but yet, it would not get nearly the same kind of treatment as someone coming up and saying "my religion says I can not have it implanted in me". People would be all over that claiming that religion is just something evil that the person is using as an excuse.

Religion is not evil. The people who use it for evil are evil.

It's the same argument people have to support the right to bear arms. It's not the gun that kills people, it's the person holding the gun who kills people. Therefor, they say that the gun should be left alone and the punishment should only happen to the person who used the item for evil.

Religion does not cause violence.

The same argument as before... it's the person who uses religion as the excuse for violence. However, for every person who uses it for violence, there is someone who uses religion as an "excuse" to not cause violence. There are many people who would take violent actions, but don't only because their religion says it is wrong.