
Subject: Re: 45% of Americans believe that humans did not evolve

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Heh, actually that Family Guy episode is a good analogy to all of this.

A belief in God (any God) may seem foolish to some, and I will not condemn them for thinking that. What I WILL condemn, however, is those who claim that they "know" about the truth of the matter one way or the other.

It is very much a huge leap. It's is a question of faith after all... belief in the absence of proof. It's not naïvety to always use reason, just don't fall into the trap of "what is reasonable now" by automatically crying falsehood at something that counters it. It's sometimes quotes in religious arguments that if we simply followed religion we would still think that the earth was flat. Well, at the point in time that such a belief was held, it was through the use of reason. Flawed reason, yes... but still reason. Otherwise you may end up like William K. Clifford who thought that you have no right to believe in something that can not be proven.

Quote:It is wrong in all cases to believe on insufficient evidence
(Bold added by me for emphasis)
