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Subject: Pat Robertson and his ilk

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yesterday was a day that was, all things considered, so bad that i'm currently writing a song about it.

i was at my parents' house for dinner, watched the news. we were talking about haiti. towards the end i said - as an aside - that what always sickens me is that every time some huge catastrophe (or atrocity) happens, there's always some religious lunatic presuming to know why it happened, i.e. it was god's punishment for something. we heard it after 9/11, the boxing day tsunami, even the floods in the UK the other year.

he made the claim that the haiti people made a deal with the devil to help them overthrow french colonial rule, and as a consequence... haiti's sad history (he's presumably talking not just about the earthquake but also its dictators, some of them theocratic)

well, haiti did indeed get free of french rule, round about the same period in history america got free of british rule (incidentally, i put myself firmly in america's camp in that one, since i don't see it as america vs britain so much as secular democracy vs christian theocracy). perhaps he's not so happy to see democratic movements free themselves from christian tyrannies as an american probably ought to be. but aside from that, just how morally bankrupt do you have to be to say this sort of thing at all? it's unbelievably arrogant to claim you understand "god"'s mind at all, not to mention fantastically evil to blame the victims of a distaster like this.

but hey, let's assume the great-great-great-grandparents of haiti really did make a deal with the devil. what better way to punish them than by smiting their innocent descendants? of course, the punishment of innocent people for someone else's crime is not exactly un-christian...

but hey, he's probably rich enough to buy the entire island anyway.

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