
Subject: Re: Catholic adoption agencies and homosexuality

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The christian argument is so weak that only "misinformed" people who fell prey to its "intellectual dishonesty" would even think of upholding and defending the religion. And of course, the majority of christians today are christians because they were raised in a christian home and therefore indoctrinated and thereby lacking the "intellectual bargaining power" to deal with their brainwashing.

I want to say something about being "misinformed" and "intellectual dishonesty" and the "intellectual bargaining power". These are the roots of the religious question imo.

btw, I am basically talking about myself and my experience here:

The first one of being misinformed starts at birth. A christian child is going to be told that Adam was the first human being and that everything began with a "Let there be light" command. For example, the child is not going to be told that early humans in those ancient tribal groups first hunted, then foraged, then later grew their own crops in their search for food. The child is not going to be told about exciting things such as continental drift or the science behind earthquakes ("its god's judgment" I heard). If you were in a religious family and you were told this, count yourself very lucky.

So moving on, a whole false history of our origin is impressed upon the child while real history and science is ignored. I want to stress here that COMMONSENSE is ignored and dogma is upheld. But children are not easily fooled; fresh off the human production line, they have sharp senses, fresh memory, and a keen sense of curiosity. They begin to ask questions that makes the adults around them look like idiots.

For example, in my case when I was kid, I always wondered about the concept of the soul. This was an actual conversation I remember very clearly sometime in the early 90's when I was around 8 years old.

Marc: what is the soul grandma?

Grandma: its a spirit inside us (how the fuck did she know?)

Marc: does everyone have them?

Grandma: yes, dear

Marc: do animals have souls? wow birds! do birds have souls?

Grandma: no they don't

Marc: how do you know they don't grandma

Grandma: ...

I got a stunned silence on that one. I also had other questions like why grandpa and grandma go to the doctor all the time and take 5 different tablets each night when they could pray and get healed cheaply.

This leads me to the next part: intellectual dishonesty. EVERY religious parent have been intellectually dishonest to their children...no exceptions. To be fair, I understand that the blind

cannot lead and parents are only going to indoctrinate the kids based on what they themselves were indoctrinated with. But still, we see how this is a huge problem; instead of admitting that she has no idea what the soul is and whether it is even real or not, a silence is maintained or some change-the-subject bs answer is given.

And how do the religious counter this awesome force of curiosity and yearning to learn from their children? Prepare to be disgusted: by teaching them about their god and their hell. This is the part religious folks in debates and arguments get wrong: you can be born into any religion and you are taught only that religion. Just look how asinine it is to claim your religion is the right one then!

So moving on, oh yes, there is a reason they have 2 separate services for adults and children. The adults brainwashing is reinforced in the sunday worship service while the children are freshly brainwashed in the sunday school simultaneously. Nice.

The idea of hell is introduced to children here. In my case in India, a very horrific movie about hell was shown to us. Remember we were cute little children who should be taken to stargazing trips but here we were **FUCKING SCARED SHITLESS**. (The short fictional movie was about a good christian and an "immoral businessman" in a 747 jumbo jet going to Australia; the plane crashes into the Indian ocean and while white costumed angels descend and take away the good man, red costumed demons grab and chain/shackle the businessman and drag him into a black hole in a red cardboard wall...smoke effects and screams and all.) Religious folks love this type of judgmental violence to fall upon "sinners."

Along with that, biblical teaching is upheld, bible verses are made to be memorized, and there are short biblical plays and such in sunday school.

So the child at this point is basically a christian drone; his internal hard disks filled with obscene religious bullshit with a religious OS installed. The young mind is corrupted at this point dangerously past the point of no return. The doctrine is firmly rooted in, i.e. "God is real, Adam is the first man to walk the earth, hell is real" among many other beliefs. Sadly, this is game over for many children. A vast majority of them never recover from this brainwashing because, surrounded by other drones, no one is able to talk sense to them as they automatically reject anything that is contrary to their doctrine. With their worldview defined thru the teaching of their religions, they are stuck for the rest of their lives. It took me 3 whole years to come out and jettison this shit off my mind (the last 2 years were basically dealing with hell fear...am glad it is a piss in the wind!)

Therefore, they lack intellectual bargaining power and repeat the same dogshit over and over. This is where atheists trump em all the time because religious folks never think about the world objectively. They never connect the dots, they never read a REAL history book...for example, they never really give a shit about why there is a molten core in the center of the earth. "Who cares!" they say, "god is going to wipe out this earth on judgment day...he is going to blow it all away!"...atleast that's what the 68 year old pastor told in the church sermon 2 days ago.

The religious mind, since it was only given a very carefully selected portion of false history, gets easily overwhelmed and frustrated and even angry when it encounters anything that is even slightly different; even if it is from someone from another religion who themselves have been given a dose of yet another set of false history. This is the absolute root of why religious folks claim their religion is the right one and are so sure of it.

Ask a muslim and he will tell you "Islam is the best religion" with a happy beautiful self-content smile (this actually happened with one muslim guy I talked and he did respond that way). So confident and so sure of it! Applies to every religious group. If you have not talked to someone from another religion, you should do so.

When I used to live in India, a particular Hindu family next door were best friends. Now these folks were more honest, more helpful, and friendly than any christian I ever known. A few months back during a discussion, my religious nut dad admitted something most christians don't really have the balls to: he was saying how that family, no matter how awesome they are, will go to hell because they do not know Jesus. Needless to say, I felt like vomiting.

When a religious nut comes to me and says "Jesus loves you" and tries to give me a tract (and unlike indoctrinated religious folks who are basically pre-programmed to accept the tract or booklet), for me, in an instant, I see how useless it is and refuse. Simple; it does not make sense whatsoever.

Images of historical events, the ancient empires, Pharoah's grand temples and claims of being god himself, aztec heart-throbbing sacrificial murders, burning screaming people at the stake, the formation of the earth with the heavy molten lava sweeping in thru the continental cracks to gather in the center, the creation stories from a 100 different religions that came before christianity, the simple coincidences in life which are attributed to answered prayers by religious folks (!), the ridiculous concept of a devil, the purification by water concept. I see images of people praying in mosques, hindu temples and churces...which god is listening...if anyone?! To a religious mind, these thought process don't occur but it does for me and I realize that I am just human #9685849487373 living out a life and that any religion's claims of truth is delusional bullshit. Thinking logically like this rather than emotionally is better.

A christian sees Billy Graham and sees a prophet...an atheist sees Billy Graham and sees a delusional religious figure in a line of many. No wonder the religious authority folks hate atheists very much...because we see them as to who they really are (fakester punks) while their followers see them as who they tell them they are.

In a nutshell, christianity is like a salesman that is trying to make you put down your cash for a product you get after you die. Just see how ridiculous the concept is. The money here is your very life...the religious establishment wants you to live a "honest" life of slavery while they stay in charge. I wouldn't throw away my life to a lie to liars...better to enjoy each and every day than waste it dreaming about what happens after you die. After I die, I won't be able to do what I was able to do while I was alive. This instantly makes life more precious...something to be lived and protected.

For me, travel is very important. I want to be able to say that I saw this and went here and there. I want to die satisfied that there is nothing more to do. Now the religious gang love to deride this. 2 weeks ago at church, the pastor bashed atheists for "living thru their 5 senses" and said they lack "spiritual organs." I felt like making a disruption by shouting "if spiritual organs means self-delusion, then I will pass" but I didn't. lol

Lastly, religious folks don't seem to understand what atheism is. We reject your gods because

they are silly just as you reject a hundred different gods that you don't like plus the doctrine is ridiculous full of holes and unbelievable at best. Atheism doesn't mean we are going to ditch our clothes and come to work naked. Sadly, this is what they think atheism is. This comes from them thinking morals can only come from a religious source.

If anyone is wondering why I go to church, without saying much, its part of a double life. Spooky is right when he said this:

Spooky wrote on Thu, 18 March 2010 18:55well, i could make an outward display of christianity. i could pretend i believed all this, i could probably fool anyone who took the time to wonder what my religious beliefs were,

^ It's so easy to trick em. But on a serious note, it is not funny getting your mind raped everyday. My mind is my own property...please stay off it.

HaTe wrote on Mon, 29 March 2010 19:46Tradition, culture, and fear aren't really something i would be willing to trust my life to.....

Couldn't agree more.
