
Subject: Re: Catholic adoption agencies and homosexuality

Posted by [Altzan](#) on Thu, 22 Apr 2010 01:55:48 GMT

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Spoony wrote on Sun, 18 April 2010 20:44perhaps you can name one true dictatorship that worked out well?

Seeing as how every dictatorship I know of was run by fallible human beings, no.

Spoony wrote on Sun, 18 April 2010 20:44Quote:I'd rather believe in a sign that has evidence of being placed there by someone who knew what they were talking about, and not a sign placed by one man who had a vision.

you still fall into the "doesn't think the ice will break" category by saying that.

Correct, yes.

Spoony wrote on Sun, 18 April 2010 20:44i said nobody said that the population of the earth at 4000 BC was small. life's been on this planet for a lot longer than that.

Well, I don't think the Earth has been around longer than over 8 millenia or so.

Spoony wrote on Sun, 18 April 2010 20:44Quote:I hear what you're saying, and I made a response for it.

Then you tunneled into one specific aspect...

the fact the whole "saved" concept is a tendentious and immoral racket?

No, the aspect of "God's the one who set up the punishment."

Spoony wrote on Sun, 18 April 2010 20:44Quote:Why can't it be? What is it about the basic definition of a dictatorship that's so horrible?

you said that you find islamic morality objectionable. it doesn't seem like you need this explained to you.

Islamic morality hardly involves the definition of dictatorship being wrong.

Spoony wrote on Sun, 18 April 2010 20:44If this life is the only one we have (and nobody has made a good case that it is otherwise), then it would make our life even more precious.

I believe our life is precious, of course.

For different reasons than its finality, however.

Spoony wrote on Sun, 18 April 2010 20:44As for doing whatever we want, no. We do want laws, to uphold the basic human rights, to protect citizens, their rights and their property. But when it comes to the laws, we want the right to decide them democratically.

The system can be as perfect or corrupt as it can or will.

That doesn't change the fact that once it and the people within it are gone, they're gone for good... if there's no afterlife.

Spoony wrote on Sun, 18 April 2010 20:44Quote:People will forget you, your actions will have been for nothing.

You don't think anything in your life is worthwhile?

Of course I do. What I do in life determines where I go in death.

Spoony wrote on Sun, 18 April 2010 20:44I've gone to extraordinary lengths to allow your side to support your claims, and I'm still open to evidence. No rush.

So you're ignoring the other stuff I mentioned earlier?

Spoony wrote on Sun, 18 April 2010 20:44Quote:I've been studying something called "The Case for the Existence of God", and the "evidence" is anything but laughable - a lot of it makes sense. And why did the author write and publish this book?

Do I really have to explain? It's obvious as to why he published an article of that nature.

Spoony wrote on Sun, 18 April 2010 20:44Quote:Spoony said:the "evidence doesn't apply here, duhhh" (aka 'faith') is the biggest con trick mankind ever played on itself, it's extremely easy to see through but it's astonishing how many people have fallen for it.

Let me ask you then: do you think man as a whole is rational?

Partially. Our brains are more advanced than animals, but they're still evolving; they're far from perfect.

Well, man has been naturally religious for quite some time. The vast majority of every tribe or civilization has had some sort of higher power in their beliefs.

Do you believe then, that man is irrational in this aspect?

Also, here's another question:

"The creative power of the mind amounts to nothing more than the faculty of combining, transposing, augmenting, and diminishing the materials afforded to us by sense and experience."
(David Hume)

Do you agree with this statement?

Starbuzz wrote on Tue, 20 April 2010 13:42Religion, like ideas, progress in different levels. The type of christianity that I see widely practiced in America is what I call "phoney religion." It is nowhere close to what was practiced 200 years ago. The fact that only a few renegade churches remain as a remnant of the past shows how much your religion has "modernised" itself by discarding anything that seems absurd.

Yes, religion does progress. Seeing as how customs, technology, and dialect change over time, it would be hard for religion to stay exactly the same in terms of buildings to worship in, proper attire, and so on.

What should NOT change is what is practiced and what is believed. Unfortunately, many seem to think changing beliefs or practices in order to blend into the modern world is perfectly OK.

Starbuzz wrote on Tue, 20 April 2010 13:42 The "new age" type christians that go to the mega non-denominational churches simply prove this point beyond doubt.

Those types of churches surely have some sort of mutual belief system, unless they all believe that faith is all you need, and they go to that church to praise God for the heck of it.

Starbuzz wrote on Tue, 20 April 2010 13:42 I am only saying this because you (2nd time I believe in this thread) have tried to shake off this important aspect from your religion in a way that suggests to me "that because we don't do it over here, what they do over there doesn't count and is not part of my religion." Sorry, but that is just incorrect.

Why?

Why should I be blamed for the belief choices made by other "Christians"?

Are you telling me that I'm to be associated with Catholics, for example, because they call themselves Christians?

Because that is just absurd.

Starbuzz wrote on Tue, 20 April 2010 13:42 Many christians I have spoken seem to understand this and say that atheists cannot blame the past versions of christianity because, similar to what you said here earlier, life was different back then. They are just too thick to understand what this really means; that this is a man made story that has been garbled and re-garbled over and over again.

What?

Starbuzz wrote on Tue, 20 April 2010 13:42 Quote:(Follow the strait and narrow path, there will be few who walk it.)

This is another spin off the ancient superstitious practice of sacrifice and self-sacrifice to obtain certain rewards. "If you give up this and that, you have greater reward blah blah."

Again, what?

Starbuzz wrote on Tue, 20 April 2010 13:42 Let's see if this "narrow path" was all worth it a thousand years from now...

I look forward to it.
