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Subject: Re: Catholic adoption agencies and homosexuality

Posted by [Spoony](#) on Wed, 28 Apr 2010 10:57:34 GMT

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Altzan wrote on Sun, 25 April 2010 21:41Spoony wrote on Sat, 24 April 2010 05:43You use the plural... are you saying that a religion other than Christianity has had a positive benefit?

Certainly. There hve been plenty of belief systems that have revolved around the idea of peacefully coexisting with fellow human beings.  
well, there goes judaism, christianity and islam.

i'd be very surprised if any religious society wouldn't have been a lot better off if it had a secular democracy instead.

Quote:Spoony wrote on Sat, 24 April 2010 05:43You started off by saying that the heaven/hell concept was better because otherwise, if there's no afterlife, you can indulge your own selfish desires, do whatever you like because it won't matter once you're dead. Selfishness, lack of care for others, that must be the problem.

Well, a couple of quick questions later and it turns out that your number one reason for preferring the Christian concept is selfishness. You act the way you do in life because you think there's something in it for you later on. That was the point.

So when you obey the laws of your country, you do it because you're selfish?  
No, and that doesn't follow.

Quote:Spoony wrote on Sat, 24 April 2010 05:43Pages and pages ago, I asked: what's the evidence supporting the biblical account reported in Genesis? I've asked this question again and again and again, and you still haven't supplied anything tangible. What little you did provide, not that any of it even answered the question, was very very easy to debunk.

Mmmkay. The Genesis accout deals with the origin of the universe, and so far, I'm the only one who provided a possible explanation of where it came from.  
No, you didn't. I asked you again and again and again: where is the evidence that proves that the account given in Genesis is correct? YOU-HAVE-NOT-GIVEN-ANY.

I'll ask the question again, the one I asked several pages ago. What is the evidence that proves the version of events described in Genesis is correct?

Quote:3) This is the only choice left...

If there was a time where only NOTHING existed, there would be NOTHING still, because something cannot come out of nothing. Since something obviously does exist, it must have ALWAYS existed... so what is it?

This can only get you as far as deism. It's an absolutely enormous jump to get from that position to theism, i.e. that you know the details of what created the universe. Furthermore, it obviously raises the much bigger question of where the deity came from, and I've never heard a religious person give anything but the most feeble guesswork answer to that.

i also can't help but laugh at this

Quote:1)Everything is categorized as matter or mind... nothing else...so:

2) Something is eternal, as mentioned

3) That something must be either mind or matter

4) It cannot be matter, for matter is not eternal.

5) That eternal something must be "mind". There has been an eternal mind.

matter can't be eternal, and therefore we must be dealing with an eternal mind... lol.

Quote:Spoony wrote on Sat, 24 April 2010 05:43I wish I understood why you're so extraordinarily evasive on this point.

It's a simple question. What was the purpose the author had of writing this book? You say it was obvious. So what was it?

I'm not being evasive. I'm trying to avoid being redundant.

But fine.

He wrote the article on Evidence of the Existence of God because he wants to convey evidence of the existence of God to those who want to know why he believes in a God.

...well done.

the problem is, the post right before that, you said "that's the problem, it can't be proven. if it could, everyone would be christians" (i guess you still haven't figured out that a lot of people have moral objections to your religion)

Quote:Spoony wrote on Sat, 24 April 2010 05:43As for where it comes from, seems like we went over that in terms of morality. I answered where morals come from, you didn't...

Oh no. I DID answer that question, I told you where I believe morals come from, same as you.

I believe a higher power created us and those morals.

How did this higher power come about, and where did it get its morals?

Furthermore, if you're talking about the judeo-christian god and if you're assuming that the bible is an accurate depiction of this god's views, is it not rather unsettling that his morals are so bad?

Quote:You believe man and morals came from... somewhere.

i said they develop over time.

the most primitive organism in the planet has a rough idea of how it should behave.

Quote:Spoony wrote on Sat, 24 April 2010 05:43Quote:Spoony wrote on Thu, 22 April 2010 05:58Quote: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?

I can see why he said it, and I can see why a religious person would jump on it.

Ok. But do you think he is right, or wrong? It's not an opinion he's stating, it's a true or false fact.

Is it? I wouldn't have phrased it that way.

Now who's being evasive?

I don't accept that this is a yes-no question.

Quote:Starbuzz wrote on Sun, 25 April 2010 20:17 It is by belief that a huge majority of christians blame earthquakes on human actions and a fatal car accident on your god's wrath. It ain't a choice. It's very real and biblical.

How is it Biblical to believe that God is involved in current affairs?  
I'm still waiting to hear your justification for your belief that he isn't.

Quote:If life has been a whole lot different in the past, changing greatly (and you just admitted that) then why should religion be eternally unchanged to be valid?  
Obviously, aspects of a belief system will have to change as man's way of life changes.  
such as, for example, the idea that we should not force rape victims to marry their attackers.

where did we get the idea that we shouldn't do this anymore? it isn't repudiated in the bible. we decided it's not on.

Quote:Yes, he did control many aspects of the events in the Old Testament. He isn't doing that now, though - not since Jesus' ascension. I don't see how the concept of "God isn't actively changing events today" is mindboggling.  
it's not mindboggling at all, i'd just like to know why you think it, when the majority of christians all over the world think the opposite.

Quote:Quote:2) your entire motivation to do so is based on a feeble faith-based belief system cooked up by a certain eastern-mediterranean sea people who's ancient ancestor is a mesopotamian man by the name of abraham.  
And an athiest's belief is based on an idea that the universe appeared by the means of some unknown force that cannot possibly be directed by an intelligent entity.  
no, it's not.

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