
Subject: Re: Catholic adoption agencies and homosexuality

Posted by [Altzan](#) on Thu, 10 Jun 2010 03:57:33 GMT

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Starbuzz wrote on Sun, 06 June 2010 21:10Altzan wrote on Sun, 06 June 2010 21:10But it also is not completely DEVOID of belief.
so what beliefs does it have?

Either a belief that no higher power exists, or a very skeptical view of the idea of a higher power.

I suppose you could also define atheism as being open-minded and unresolved, maybe, but my impression of an atheist usually incorporates someone who has clearly decided his belief on whether or not any higher power exists.

Starbuzz wrote on Sun, 06 June 2010 21:10there's still a chance that once of them got it wrong? wrong enough to lead to the "rocket's destruction?" how absurd! These small details don't matter a bit.

Seriously? It's happened countless times, a small error ending with the failure of a mission (on any front, not just space exploration).

Plus, as you said yourself:

Starbuzz wrote on Sun, 06 June 2010 21:10According to their dogma, if they accept their Jesus and stay away from sin, and live the life, they are either going to heaven or hell.

Many details that denominations pick over deal with matters that are sins if done improperly. Baptists, for example, do not believe that baptism is necessary to be saved - if they're wrong, then there's a big problem...

Starbuzz wrote on Sun, 06 June 2010 21:10Altzan wrote on Sun, 06 June 2010 21:10Also, I never said this thread was "cheap entertainment" for me, and claiming such is putting words in my mouth.

Here:

Altzan wrote on Sun, 16 May 2010 23:38Practically everything humorous is [useless]. It's useless for anything other than a cheap entertainment, but it can easily be seen as interesting.

Don't see where I said that this thread was cheap entertainment.

Starbuzz wrote on Sun, 06 June 2010 21:10Not saying it represented your view on atheism. It simply confirmed my view on what religious folks first impressions of atheism is and I wasn't surprised when you wrote that example of mass murderers. Good on you if you changed your view.

Now you're making assumptions on my first impression of atheism? Nice try, but wrong.

Starbuzz wrote on Sun, 06 June 2010 21:10It was the only suggestion I can think of to avoid killing the children. To turn that into a counterpoint just shows you are more interested in settling

some score rather than come to a mutual conclusion.

If it's the only suggestion, it's automatically valid?

Starbuzz wrote on Sun, 06 June 2010 21:10 Altzan wrote on Sun, 06 June 2010 21:10 That's not absolute, you know. Homosexuality can hurt people in several ways. have any reasoning behind this?

One example is health - homosexuality can be physically unhealthy.

Another could be how people's relationships can be ruined by the homo/hetero social gaps. I suppose that could be attributed to a public lack of acceptance of the lifestyle, but there you are.

Spoony wrote on Mon, 07 June 2010 10:07 i've never met an atheist who advocates telling kids that there's no such thing as god. that there's no evidence that there is one, let alone that anyone has discovered the details, sure. that faith is always a bad thing, sure. kids should be taught those.

but are you suggesting that, for example, teaching a kid that $2+2=4$ in a maths class is "brainwashing"?

Conceded.

It's not brainwashing if it's fact. It's difficult, however, to explain to a child the evidences against a religion while avoiding drawing conclusions for him or her.

Spoony wrote on Mon, 07 June 2010 10:07 Quote: Let me try again - while hell is most assuredly worse than a verbal attack, it does not make a verbal attack insignificant.

Understand now?

a "verbal attack" (i'd love to hear specifics) absolutely is insignificant compared to the two thousand years of hell threats.

But not so insignificant that it should be ignored.

It's ridiculous to vindicate any abuse over an idea by comparing it to another.

Spoony wrote on Mon, 07 June 2010 10:07 Quote: Either you or Spoony believes it can be impossible for an individual to believe in Christianity. eh?

Here:

Spoony: what i can't do is flick a switch and make myself believe any of this, it's not the way the mind works, or at least not the way my mind works.

Spoony wrote on Mon, 07 June 2010 10:07 Quote: Starbuzz wrote on Thu, 03 June 2010 17:064) I, a complete outsider, is interfering with someone else's sex life.

Same as above... you, a complete outsider, are interfering with my beliefs, and I, a complete outsider, am interfering with your ideas.

define "interfering with your beliefs", please, and explain how it is possibly comparable to interfering with someone's love life.

It's quite plain to see that challenging my ideas and beliefs is "interference". Not negative, but interference nonetheless.

I don't know what you mean by a comparison to their love life - it's just another debate over a different topic, that one being homosexuality. Challenging their ideas on it and calling that "interfering with their love life" is the same as challenging a religious person's ideas and calling that "interfering with their religious life".
