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Subject: Re: don't ask don't tell

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Quote:Your response assumes his faith is based on evidence. Going out on a limb I would say you made this assumption as you're an atheist, and therefore think in terms of logic and evidence.

It's likely that your assumption is right, but what if it isn't? You take away that faith and he is left with fuck all.

if nobody had ever conned him into thinking faith was a good thing, he wouldn't have been in the predicament in the first place. he wouldn't need to say "i have faith that my family/friends will be crushed if i commit suicide"; remove the bullshit con that is 'faith', cut the first four words of the sentence and it not only still works, it's much better.

Quote:There's a man who I work with who lost a child a year ago. He was devastated and nly carried on living because he had Two other children. I cannot imagine what he must of felt. I probably would end my life if I was in a similar situation, only having the One child, currently. He found Christianity, and this has had a massive positive effect on his attitude.

He is ofcourse still sad, but he went from a broken man, to One that can go to work, smile and function as a father to his remaining children.

I am happy to not see him shattered.

Now you may say that the church caught him at his very most vulnerable, and preyed on that. For him though, having faith has let him carry on.

Even if it is a lie (which I am not suggesting either way to be honest), surely he is better for the lie?

one must not be absolutist. in almost every situation honesty is the best policy, though situations can be found where it isn't (the usually cited example is when the nazis knock on your door and ask you if you know the location of any jews)

sure, if someone lies to you about what's happening to a dead loved one it may well make you feel better, but that's a subjective thing. i don't want to be lied to about that and i don't want anyone assuming i would.

i would be curious to know just how he "found" christianity. i also suggest that there are other things you could swap for the word "christianity" in that paragraph without having to change another word.

Quote:My point is that for some people, faith litterally is a life line. not really faith itself, though, is it? the article of faith might be.

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