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

Posted by [reborn](#) on Thu, 13 Jan 2011 06:39:46 GMT

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Spoony wrote on Wed, 12 January 2011 13:28

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.

I'm not saying you're wrong, I can see sense in your arguement. The thing is though, he is in that predicament, is it fair to tamper with that?

Spoony wrote on Wed, 12 January 2011 13:28

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.

It may not work for you, but it certainly worked for this guy. He is almost like his old self. If a book, belief or place of worship can give him that relief then I think it's a good thing for him. You may think that he has swapped one imprisonment for another, but if this is true, then in his case I believe it is the lesser prison.

He found Christianty I believe from a family member some time after his child passed away.

The thing is, he believed his child had died and that was it. They was gone. From your point of view he believed the truth, he just couldn't handle it. He turned to faith and this allowed him to continue. Is that so bad?

Spoony wrote on Wed, 12 January 2011 13:28

not really faith itself, though, is it? the article of faith might be.

I don't actually understand, sorry.

R315r4z0r wrote on Wed, 12 January 2011 18:12Tbh, "faith" is just a synonym for "hope."

"I have faith in God" is just a fancy way of saying "I hope God exists... cause if not I'm pretty much

screwed."

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No, that's not what it means to people who have it. They truly believe. There is no hope about it. If they had the level of doubt you're describing then it isn't really and truly faith, they're just going through the motions...

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