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

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Spoony wrote on Thu, 13 January 2011 03:18

he doesn't appear to be in the predicament any more, and it sounds a little desperate to suggest that telling him that he has a good reason to think this and therefore it is not 'faith' is a dangerous thing to be saying.

I'm not so sure. Clearly in this case, it was the difference between life and death.

Perhaps you're right though, I just just wouldn't want to have to answer the question "So ok, you're right. Christianity is nothing more than lies based on lies and I clung to it because I was scared and desperately wanted to believe in something, because I cannot believe in myself. Now I know this is all rubbish, I still cannot believe in myself and my reason for living has been taken away, what do you think I should do now, because I'm on my way to Suicide cliff."

I wouldn't want that sort of shit on my head. Granted though, that's for cases where faith is their entire life. Although if they claim they truly have faith in their religion then this should apply to many many many more people than it does in reality.

Spoony wrote on Thu, 13 January 2011 03:18

like i said, some people may prefer a comforting lie to the cold truth. if the religion works for the guy and doesn't harm or try to harm others he's welcome to it; i hope it comforts him. have you actually read any of my comments on religion? it doesn't sound like it tbh

I have, and I do read your posts. It's why I was surprised to see you try to steer Carrier down a different trail of thought when he mentioned something quite touching.

The way I see your position on it is "If they keep that poison to themselves, you can shoot it up all day long. Just keep it away from the kids, and anyone else for that matter.". I hope the drug analogy was not lost.

Spoony wrote on Thu, 13 January 2011 03:18

it's what is being believed that has the effect, not the act of believing something for no reason and against evidence.

Yeah I guess you're right. I can't argue with that and wouldn't want to.

I'm just saying that if there is no evidence of it, but they want to believe it and you start pointing out the fact that all the evidence points otherwise, in some situations you're not doing them any favours. Although you've displayed that you've grasped what I am saying, so I am possibly rambling.

I must admit though, this is probably getting far fetched in this case.

My entire point could probably be summed up with: "You don't have to fight every battle just because it's there, especially when your defense of "doing it for the right reasons" can sometimes fail you (or more importantly fail the person you're trying to "save" ("save" being a rather ironic word to choose I suppose)).".

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