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Subject: Re: When did you become a Insert-Religion-Here?

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HaTe wrote on Sat, 22 January 2011 02:35 If there truly is a god....I dare anyone to tell me why he's letting people quite obviously destroy the earth at a spiraling rate (compared to that of other animals and their timelines). Seriously though, I'm not religious at all, so don't give me any bullshit from the bible, just give it to me straight up in modern english....why is this?

Because god doesn't exist.

Evolution has all the answers anyone needs. The human race is here because out of all of the millions of animal species that inhabit our planet, the right circumstances and the right actions on the part of early human beings caused them to develop language. Those right circumstances include climate stabilization and the move to the top of the food chain because all of the more dominant species got wiped out.

After the circumstances allowed for it, human beings started living in increasingly larger groups and complex social interaction caused their brains to grow over the span of thousands of generations. Eventually their brains were large enough to permit a more complex language to be learned. The same part of the brain that handles language handles logic, which gave them the ability to try and make sense of everything they didn't understand. That's also the reason why throughout human evolution spirituality has always played a major role in human lives.

However, as technology improved, less and less spirituality was needed to make up for what humans did not understand yet.

So why does religion still exist to this day?

Ever since human beings developed the ability to think in logical terms, they have been trying to explain the world around themselves in a "story" that was supposed to make sense of their lives. Everything in this "story" had to make sense and as such the blanks were filled in with acts of god(s), until eventually only one god remained, the life and death god.

The purpose of this god is to give every life meaning. This meaning is so important that it cannot be taken away by death itself, which explains the need for an afterlife.

Religion is still here because many people do not find evolution to be a satisfying answer to the question of "why are we here" or "how did we come to be". The answer evolution gives to those questions is chance or randomness. Evolution being true means there is no special meaning to life and all of the memories you gather throughout your life are lost upon death. To a lot of people that is a very depressing thought, one they cannot relate to, because their life has to have a meaning.

Do I think religion will ever cease to exist?

Technology has enabled us to live good and meaningful lives without the need for a religion. Unfortunately religion is a stubborn beast and I suspect it will exist for many decades to come. Even if humanity finds out how the universe was created, there will still be plenty of people that need a supreme being in their lives to give it meaning.

