
Subject: Re: A psychological question: "choose to believe"

Posted by [Spoony](#) on Sat, 26 Feb 2011 20:39:09 GMT

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shippo wrote on Sat, 26 February 2011 08:57Spoony wrote on Fri, 25 February 2011 18:58
if you say yes then your mind works differently to mine, simple as that. i cannot make a decision to believe something. i could choose to go to church and bow my head in prayer and sing the hymns etc... but what i can't choose to do is instruct my mind what to believe. i can control my actions, but not my beliefs.

I do apologize if I am just not reading it right. I guess to put my view of it simply, I can choose to instruct my body to do things, but I can also choose what I will believe in, and what I will not to believe in.

so, like i said, your mind works differently to mine.

Quote:Spoony wrote on Fri, 25 February 2011 18:58

well, there you go. the prospect of people being tortured forever as punishment for not being the right religion doesn't bother you at all? either you don't really believe it either or you don't have any human compassion (i think i know which one it is)

actually it is because we as christians view it differently than most non-Christians. Like I said earlier, we nor God are here to punish, or send you anywhere, all we want to do is say "this is the way".

...and threaten everlasting torture if we don't believe it or don't like it?

Quote:Spoony wrote on Fri, 25 February 2011 18:58

Christians/Christianity. The religion and its adherents say it. I am inclined to think it is not actually true, but this doesn't make it OK to make the threat anymore than it's acceptable to mug someone with a fake gun.

Let me throw this at you: says who? if you don't believe in any religion or god, what is the basis of your moral values?

that's a waste of a question. you might as well ask: if you don't eat at mcdonalds, where on earth do you get your food from? it hasn't yet been established that food can only come from mcdonalds.

Quote:snpr1101 wrote on Fri, 25 February 2011 17:33you have a "religious upbringing", i.e. what was the attitude of your parents and your school (two different questions, obviously) in regard to religion?

Yes I did. I was raised in a christian home.

thought so. that's why it doesn't matter that you say your adult colleagues in the Navy are mostly atheists; religion's main target audience is children, as well as old/sick/dying people.

Quote:also you stated about if i had proof of God's existence to share, well I do but it will take us down the path of Evolution vs Creation, so don't know if we should make another topic for that. if you think you can prove the existence of a god, i encourage you to have a crack at it. by all means start another thread. but then you'll also have the task of proving the truth of one particular religion, surely? i.e. proving not just that this god of yours exists, but that you know quite a few

details about that god. christianity isn't just believing in a god, is it? you have to believe a lot of stuff about what that god wants, you have to believe a lot of stuff about jesus, etc.

and if you can do THAT, we'll still have the moral question. if this god of yours really is real, and the bible is an accurate depiction, that wouldn't be enough for me to become a christian.
