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Subject: Re: Is it possible to be shocked but not surprised?

Posted by [Spoony](#) on Thu, 17 Nov 2011 19:06:58 GMT

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TankClash wrote on Mon, 07 November 2011 10:20 Don't tell me some of you are basing religion off of a lie they told themselves "oh god told me to steal and sell children to raise money for the church!" nonsense...

Or because they think Catholic parents will be better parents, and that they are so sure of this that they think they have the right to overrule the wishes of the actual parents. Also see the thing in the article about Franco's influence (Franco always being a staunch ally of the Catholic Church)

Quote: You can't base the actions of an individual sects against a religious group as a whole.

Faulty generalization.

Decades. Thousands and thousands and thousands of children and their parents' lives ruined. You don't see anything institutional about that? You don't think anyone in the Catholic Church knew what was going on? Haven't you noticed the way they react when one of their employees rapes a child?

Taz wrote Whenever i read your posts around here, it's got something to do with religion and how bad it is. (atleast, most of it)

Don't you think there is anything bad in that article?

Quote: I'm sorry for not instantly jumping on your mindless bandwagon in which we all spit on religion and religious organizations

If your position had any credibility before you said that, it has less now.

Quote: but i've grown tired of that. If anything, it's just as bad as evangelical folks telling me i'm going to hell for not believing in god and shoving it down my throat.

And now even less. I think you would have to try very hard indeed to find a statement from me where I threaten someone with horrific punishment for not being the right religion. Don't be a fucking idiot.

Quote: Like tankclash pointed out last page, the actions of a few individuals cannot be attributed to an entire organization.

That's like saying atheists are evil because stalin and mao murdered millions.

No, it's not. Firstly, the Catholic Church is a specific organisation, run by specific people. One might be justified in saying "The Catholic Church is evil because it did X and Y" (and there are certainly enough evil Xs and Ys in this case) - though it wouldn't justify saying that all Catholics are evil. "Atheism" isn't a specific organisation. You could say "Stalin's regime in Russia" was evil, for example, but that has no connection to myself whatsoever; neither myself nor Stalin think the Judeo-Christian god is real, but I expect neither you nor Hitler think the Hindu gods are real; so what? What connection does this mean you and Hitler share?

Secondly, see above re: institutionalisation

Quote: I think it's atheists like you who give atheism a bad name.

There you have it, ladies and gentlemen.

I link to a report about some truly horrific actions by a specific organisation. And in doing so, I "give atheism a bad name."

I'm starting to think you've completely lost your mind.

Quote:Instead of forcing it down someone's throat, try to be more assertive.

In response, you'll be more likely to get some respect.

I'm not sure what you think I'm forcing down anybody's throat with this thread. Atheism? What thread have you been reading? Or are you just... thick as pigshit?

And given how obvious it is that you -a- don't have a fucking clue what you're talking about and -b- don't seem to care very much about anything important, what makes you think your respect is worth my attention?

Quote:If you got personal problems with religion, go get some professional help and try to let it go. I think the people who need professional help are the ones whose lives have been ruined by the actions described in this article. Hopefully it will be available to them. Hopefully the criminals who inflicted this misery upon them will be held accountable. But I suspect you're more concerned with me.

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