Subject: Religion discussion from "Meaning of Life" thread
Posted by warranto on Thu, 26 Apr 2007 17:33:20 GMT
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A continuation from that thread. If you feel the need to continue the religious debate, do so here. Use the copy and paste function to quote a post from the previous thread, paste it here and continue the discussion.

I don't have the time at the moment to move each post over.

  http://www.renegadeforums.com/index.php?t=msg&th=23967&start=0&rid=5 4

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Posted by Jecht on Thu, 26 Apr 2007 18:16:37 GMT
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Posted by mrpirate on Fri, 27 Apr 2007 05:26:24 GMT
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that first video is fucking hilarious

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Posted by Sniper_De7 on Fri, 27 Apr 2007 10:45:04 GMT
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Quote:WORM, Who is threatening you? The blood of Jesus Christ is for you. Hwo dreadful it will be for those who treat what is Holy as unholy. Jesus died for your sins and this is the way you say thanks. What do you think it will be like for all those who have rejected Him now and in the time to come. I'm sure you have a bible in your home open to Hebrews 10 and read. Then repent and ask God into your heart and into your family for healing.
-one of the comments made on second video

Extreme religious people are for the win

edit Yeah the second video is in bad taste. Just saying that response is so typical.

Subject: Re: Religion discussion from "Meaning of Life" thread
Posted by MexPirate on Fri, 27 Apr 2007 16:36:03 GMT
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I wrote some long responses twice at college but the stupid machine got all fucked up, therefor I cannot be bothered, the second video linked to this:
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=i7QVbJnSPQE

looks like there is plenty more videos there as well and that I will be going to hell! uh oh.

Subject: Re: Religion discussion from "Meaning of Life" thread
Posted by msgtpain on Sat, 28 Apr 2007 07:37:29 GMT
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IronBalls wrote on Thu, 26 April 2007 13:49
I have a strong eternal relationship with Jesus Christ. I fear God...this keeps me for commiting

more sins and keeping the relationship positive. Christianity is not a religion, it's a relationship and the more you fear God, the closer you will stay with Him.

If you fear God, you do not have a strong eternal relationship with him.. You have a limited Temporal relationship that ends when he either strikes you down, or you die of natural causes and realize that you didn't understand at all what he asked of you.

IronBalls wrote on Thu, 26 April 2007 13:49
So in other words, I want to ease your suspicion that I, IronBalls, maybe a fake Christian who is just rambling Bible verses. No, I am not a fake...and I believe God is scrutinizing me right now as I write this post. So, He knows if I am a liar or not...if I am a cheat or not. He knows EVERYTHING about me. I know that I will pay the severe price if I lied. So, please understand.

God is scrutinizing you, he knows if you are or aren't a liar, he knows if you are or aren't a cheat, and he also knows if you truly believe in him or are simply afraid of what "might" happen to you if you don't. "God Fearing Christians" are about the fakest type there are.. They don't understand what God has asked them to do, and they don't truly understand the meaning of the sacrifice he made for them.

If your own father beat the shit out of you ever day and threatened to make you spend the rest of your life in a dungeon if you didn't listen to him.. You wouldn't have a loving, compassionate relationship with him either.. You would just do what he says for fear of the consequences.

That isn't at all what God has asked of you.

IronBalls wrote on Thu, 26 April 2007 13:49 Also, the only reason that I repetedly keep posting in these hot topics (and in many other forums in the web) is to defend my faith and because I am not afraid. Also, it would be a crime, for me as a Christian, if I held my peace.

It is a crime for you as a Christian to attempt to bring others to God through fear..

Besides, you would be far more successful if you would just explain the loving relationship one can have with God, and how he can bring joy and meaning to their lives.

I don't fear God at all.. he knows what is in my heart.. I don't have to make superficial attempts at pleasing him.. he isn't striking notches in the bedpost when I tell someone about him.

Subject: Re: Religion discussion from "Meaning of Life" thread
Posted by MexPirate on Sat, 28 Apr 2007 12:49:30 GMT

msgtpain wrote on Sat, 28 April 2007 02:37My interpretation & beliefs are right and yours are wrong

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You'll never see me telling you that you should believe in God, or that you're going to hell if you don't... But if you want to believe in God, you might as well do it for the right reason... Christianity is about a man suffering for your sins, so that you might live eternal bliss.. He didnt' do it to scare the shit out of you and threaten into doing what he wants. If the only reason you don't "sin" is because you're afraid of what might happen.. then you might as well sin.. God knows the intentions of your heart.

Subject: Re: Religion discussion from "Meaning of Life" thread
Posted by BlueThen on Sat, 28 Apr 2007 20:01:47 GMT

I've never met a christian in my life that's scared of death, mainly because they know where they are going when they die.

Subject: Re: Religion discussion from "Meaning of Life" thread

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Posted by jnz on Sat, 28 Apr 2007 20:07:46 GMT
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This is a bit offtopic but...

If Jesus died to remove all our "sins" then should'nt everyone go to heaven weather or not they belive it?
How did the fact that he get executed do this?

These are genuine questions, not sarcastic comments.

Subject: Re: Religion discussion from "Meaning of Life" thread
Posted by msgtpain on Sat, 28 Apr 2007 21:13:09 GMT
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Christ payed for the sins of man through the atonement in the garden, and through death on the cross. it wasn't simply an "execution" that accomplished this.

to receive the benefits of this, you must repent of your sins as well as forgive those who have sinned against you. in theory, this is how you transfer those sins to him to bare.

if you recognize the need to repent, it can be safely assumed that you believe in him. according to Christianity, if you do not repent of your sins, Christ does not bare those burdens for you.

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Posted by jnz on Sat, 28 Apr 2007 21:29:07 GMT
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Subject: Re: Religion discussion from "Meaning of Life" thread
Posted by futura83 on Sat, 28 Apr 2007 21:31:32 GMT
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Back in the 1800s in America, the founder of the mormons believed that Jesus travelled there after his crucifixtion, and wrote some tablets on the peaks of a mountain...

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Posted by msgtpain on Sat, 28 Apr 2007 21:47:54 GMT
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whether or not you believe in God, you still have a conscience...

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Posted by jnz on Sat, 28 Apr 2007 22:47:23 GMT
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I only just understood what you ment by "repent". So yeah.

Subject: Re: Religion discussion from "Meaning of Life" thread
Posted by Jecht on Sat, 28 Apr 2007 23:22:24 GMT
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Time got cut short reading this, but I got to page 6 and the answer may come later for you gamemodding:

 http://www.rbc.org/uploadedFiles/Bible_Study/Discovery_Series/PDFs/the_forgivene ss_of_god.pdf

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Posted by jnz on Thu, 21 Jun 2007 00:09:37 GMT
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Religion is faith based, so facts are not part of them. Reigious people may express it as fact but a lot of us do it anyway: "NVidia is better than ATI" - just an opinion expressed as fact.

Those people who fight or cause trouble because of a faith are trying to force their opinions on you, they would do it with something else if they were not part of a religion. They're just jerks that should be shot, another opinion expressed as fact.

Subject: Re: Religion discussion from "Meaning of Life" thread
Posted by Jecht on Thu, 21 Jun 2007 00:52:19 GMT
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How come everyone looks at the evil in Religion and not the Churches that do charitable work, turn people's lives around from an addiction, or the overall increase in morality it provides?

It's not really fair. The small number of extremists automatically make everyone think religion is a bad thing.

Subject: Re: Religion discussion from "Meaning of Life" thread
Posted by Canadacdn on Thu, 21 Jun 2007 00:54:37 GMT
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I think I'll have to agree with Jecht on that one.

Subject: Re: Religion discussion from "Meaning of Life" thread
Posted by IronWarrior on Thu, 21 Jun 2007 03:04:20 GMT
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Subject: Re: Religion discussion from "Meaning of Life" thread
Posted by light on Thu, 21 Jun 2007 03:35:49 GMT
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I do see your point, but as you said, the anaology is not really concrete.

It seems in this world, we always try to blame our problems on everything else other then the problem itself, which doesnt get us anywhere.

There is many good things that come out of religion, yes, have to agree there, but trying to kid yourself that religion doesnt cause more harm then it does good, is just silly, the idea behide religion for the good, is nice and all and I welcome it.

But, in the end, its the root of most of the worlds problems, you only need to look at iraq, middle easy for the last, what?, 2000 years.

/me wonders if that area of the world has ever known peace?

As the gun only has one mission ni its life and thats to kill, wouldnt you call that evil incarnate?

Today, the gun has many users, for hunting, sport, fun, but the main reason we inverted the gun was to kill people, so I would call a gun, evil.

A knife, well thats yes and no, we use knifes in our every day life for eating, cutting up meat and other peaceful jobs.

Subject: Re: Religion discussion from "Meaning of Life" thread
Posted by warranto on Thu, 21 Jun 2007 16:35:57 GMT
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People simply use religion as a means of doing evil, it's not the root. it is an effective tool when put in the wrong hands.

And C4miner, proof, or lack thereof, of something does not dictate its existence. "Proof" itself can even be misinterpreted, or missed completely.

I'm not saying this statement is true, but if I were to say "The proof that God exists is _____" (as many people have done before), you would call me crazy.

Subject: Re: Religion discussion from "Meaning of Life" thread
Posted by Ghostshaw on Thu, 21 Jun 2007 16:53:12 GMT
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Go watch monty python people.

-Ghost-

Subject: Re: Religion discussion from "Meaning of Life" thread
Posted by StealthEye on Thu, 21 Jun 2007 17:24:59 GMT
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Subject: Re: Religion discussion from "Meaning of Life" thread
Posted by PlastoJoe on Thu, 21 Jun 2007 18:46:48 GMT
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Not a very good analogy. Guns are tools, but their basic purpose is killing something. Religion not so much, as hard as that might be for some to believe.

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Posted by warranto on Thu, 21 Jun 2007 19:09:58 GMT
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The only thing is (and yes, I'm quoting Dogma of all movies) when people let an idea become so ingrained that they refuse to acknowledge the possibility of anything else, they will defend themselves from being "wrong" to any and all extents.

This is not only restricted to Religion. Politics, Science, friendship, etc. are all just as likely to resort to underhanded means to prevent themselves from being wrong and to not accept ideas that conflict with their own beliefs.

As for using tools for evil, ANY tool can be done like that. From feathers (used in conjunction with tar for the purpose of humiliation) to pens (this coined the phrase "the pen is mightier than the sword") to even lint (put enough together next to a heat source). All are tools that can be used to do "evil". However, it is not the purpose they were created for. Religion, for better or worse, is a human creation. It is used to "reveal" the existence of a higher being (Yes, I'm being very vague and generalized on purpose). That's all. Some people use it in a good way, some in a bad way. However, that does not make it an inherently "evil" thing.

Subject: Re: Religion discussion from "Meaning of Life" thread
Posted by StealthEye on Thu, 21 Jun 2007 22:42:20 GMT
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I think, religion is not only used as "cover" for doing bad things (understantement).
I think it is also causing people to do bad things. Not everyone, definitely not, but I think some people, only a small group, are doing bad things because of religion. Yes, everything could, ofcourse, if you are so much liking to eat bananas that you think you can kill people to get more bananas, however I think there are many more people having religious reasons than the fact that they like bananas. Religion isn't the root of all evil, but I do think that it causes more evil to happen than bananas do.
Religion I think, it causing wars and problems on its own, it is not only used as a fake reason to get support for it. Which is what the thing I quoted said.

Subject: Re: Religion discussion from "Meaning of Life" thread
Posted by Jecht on Fri, 22 Jun 2007 01:25:56 GMT
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Religion doesn't cause wars, people do.

IronWarrior:
You say people place blame where it's not supposed to go yet you blame religion for evil and not the people itself committing said evil? That's a backassward way of thinking.

Subject: Re: Religion discussion from "Meaning of Life" thread
Posted by [NE]Fobby[GEN] on Fri, 22 Jun 2007 01:57:34 GMT
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I agree. People just use religion as a reason. If religion didn't exist, people would find other reasons to.

And I believe that if we lived in a world where there were no moral restrictions, people would be doing all kinds of ungodly things. I refrain from doing wrong acts not because I'm afraid of the law, but because I have moral restrictions.

Subject: Re: Religion discussion from "Meaning of Life" thread
Posted by StealthEye on Fri, 22 Jun 2007 11:15:35 GMT
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Quote:Religion doesn't cause wars, people do.But people do, because of religion... Sometimes.

Subject: Re: Religion discussion from "Meaning of Life" thread
Posted by IronWarrior on Fri, 22 Jun 2007 14:01:05 GMT
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Am starting to think people have forgotten history.

Jecht, people need a reason to go to war, they dont go to war because they are "people", they go to war because of a reason and an idea that they held high, like forcing an other mans god on an other like muslims and christians used to do all so very long ago.

I can look back on my English and European history and find many wars over this.

No point in really debating this any further to be honest, we all believe our points to be set in stone and none of us will agree.

Subject: Re: Religion discussion from "Meaning of Life" thread
Posted by Jecht on Sat, 23 Jun 2007 02:00:18 GMT
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Subject: Re: Religion discussion from "Meaning of Life" thread
Posted by ron paul on Sat, 23 Jun 2007 04:17:31 GMT
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The Catholic church went on crusades to stamp out heresy. Not exactly scapegoating anything here but.. yeah you see what I mean.

(I know you could argue the will of the Pope at that time may not have been the fault of religion. But it's something to think about)

Subject: Re: Religion discussion from "Meaning of Life" thread
Posted by PlastoJoe on Sat, 23 Jun 2007 05:14:10 GMT
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Hitler invaded countries to gain more land for Germany and bring about the dominance of his master race. Something to think about.

Subject: Re: Religion discussion from "Meaning of Life" thread
Posted by Jecht on Sat, 23 Jun 2007 08:35:00 GMT
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Again, Hitler was an extremist who wanted power. Was it the fault of the Jewish folk that he wanted them stamped out forever? No.

Also, I'd like to point out that I'm not Catholic and I know little about the crusades. Other than that Jerusalem was taken over and re-taken over several times throughout the bout. I can say that a war caused by some mortal man does not make God less real though.

It's the views of the extremists that ruin what the true vision of many churches is. My church does food drives, helps addicts become un-addicted, educates people about our savior, and other acts of charity and compassion. It would hardly ever be accused of starting a war against heretics. That's misguided, you don't kill non-believers, <u>you inform the ones that come to you</u> and hope they get the picture. If they don't, then at least you tried.

Just like now, you may not get the picture, but at least I tried

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Subject: Re: Religion discussion from "Meaning of Life" thread
Posted by Ghostshaw on Sat, 23 Jun 2007 09:40:27 GMT
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Religion provides a few people with absolute power over alot of other people. The crusades were possible, because the main part of the european civilization at that point obeyed the pope. Same thing with the current muslim jihad.

-Ghost-

Subject: Re: Religion discussion from "Meaning of Life" thread
Posted by ron paul on Sat, 23 Jun 2007 11:35:42 GMT
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Just in case you all thought I was jumping on an anti-religion bandwagon. I was actually just trying to bring up a bit deeper discussion about how a lot of the time religion is mis represented by people in power.

Subject: Re: Religion discussion from "Meaning of Life" thread
Posted by Renerage on Mon, 25 Jun 2007 17:28:56 GMT
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Satanism ftw.
It's the only religion that makes sence to me.

Subject: Re: Religion discussion from "Meaning of Life" thread

Posted by [Jamie or NuneGa](#) on Mon, 25 Jun 2007 22:48:01 GMT
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Eventually you join the army of god against the devil

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Posted by [AoBfrost](#) on Tue, 26 Jun 2007 03:53:39 GMT
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Posted by [Sn1per74*](#) on Tue, 26 Jun 2007 05:03:45 GMT
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On another note: I think that just because somebody grows up in a buddhist/hindu/whatever religious family doesn't mean they're not going to go to heaven. If they believe in strongly for that god because they grew up to worship him, I think God will let them into heaven because he sees their faith. Along with believing in another god they also must lead a good life. What do y'all think?

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Posted by Jecht on Tue, 26 Jun 2007 13:36:23 GMT
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Revelation 20:11 - 20:15 The Dead are Judged

11Then I saw a great white throne and him who was seated on it. Earth and sky fled from his presence, and there was no place for them. 12And I saw the dead, great and small, standing before the throne, and books were opened. Another book was opened, which is the book of life. The dead were judged according to what they had done as recorded in the books. 13The sea gave up the dead that were in it, and death and Hades gave up the dead that were in them, and each person was judged according to what he had done. 14Then death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. The lake of fire is the second death. 15If anyone's name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire.

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well say you lived a good life but still werent up to scratch, would u really waste all ur time trying again.

People cant be reincarnated as cows, only people.

As for hinduism, this is just something i thought up when i was bored a while back.

Subject: Re: Religion discussion from "Meaning of Life" thread
Posted by AoBfrost on Tue, 26 Jun 2007 21:51:15 GMT
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...I dont think something you made up counts as a religion or could make much sense, in the past there have been many of these religious and meaning of life threads but they all lead down to Christianity vs science/evolution, I still stand by my previous comments that the only way to

heaven is by Jesus Christ and not any other misleading method created by people, like SNiper74 has said is that he knows God exist, so do I, but the thing is sniper, most religions have a different God which the people worship, yet some religions believe you continuously become reincarnated thus when you die..you really dont go to heaven.......soooo..I'm not saying anyone is wrong, I wasnt raised to belive what i do, but it's because I myself have experienced and seen things that neither science can explain but only Christianity could and have come to agree and believe in it.

Subject: Re: Religion discussion from "Meaning of Life" thread
Posted by ron paul on Tue, 26 Jun 2007 22:38:37 GMT
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What I don't understand is why religion has to work outside the bounds of science. Perhaps God wanted things to evolve to best suit their enviroments?

No one ever seems to think that maybe God did create creatures that could evolve, and that certain things in the bible aren't literal?

Subject: Re: Religion discussion from "Meaning of Life" thread
Posted by zunnie on Tue, 26 Jun 2007 23:19:45 GMT
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Posted by mrpirate on Wed, 27 Jun 2007 00:52:11 GMT
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OMFG, let the 16 year olds argue all they want!

DIE AND TELL ME ALL ABOUT DEATH. Otherwise, look for the answers in all the other forums.

Quote what you must, scripture or otherwise. It all comes to the same.

Believe what you want.

Topic closed, sounds good. (where is the giant yawn emoticon?)

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Posted by zunnie on Wed, 27 Jun 2007 01:09:19 GMT
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Although it appears christianity itself is not based on factual
truth, it still doesnt prove that a "God" doesnt exist..
It only proves christianity is not what most people believe it to be..
Its not "impossible", like many other things are....

"I love the pope driving around in his pope-mobile surrounded by
3 feet bulletproof plexi-glass. There is faith in action."
(not my quote)

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Posted by AoBfrost on Wed, 27 Jun 2007 02:00:01 GMT
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I guess thats a "good" comeback which proves God isnt real in your case....seriously, if you want
to fight something, I suggest addming some details of experience, or facts or something you
know....

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Posted by warranto on Wed, 27 Jun 2007 03:10:41 GMT

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Posted by mrpirate on Wed, 27 Jun 2007 15:26:44 GMT

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Subject: Re: Religion discussion from "Meaning of Life" thread
Posted by MexPirate on Wed, 27 Jun 2007 15:55:08 GMT

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warranto wrote on Tue, 26 June 2007 22:10You can't get more factual than personal experience.

haha, no.

Subject: Re: Religion discussion from "Meaning of Life" thread
Posted by Jecht on Wed, 27 Jun 2007 15:57:13 GMT
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tzarmind wrote on Tue, 26 June 2007 17:38What I don't understand is why religion has to work outside the bounds of science. Perhaps God wanted things to evolve to best suit their enviroments?

No one ever seems to think that maybe God did create creatures that could evolve, and that certain things in the bible aren't literal?

Actually, thats the way I've always thought

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Posted by mrpirate on Wed, 27 Jun 2007 15:59:49 GMT
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Subject: Re: Religion discussion from "Meaning of Life" thread
Posted by MexPirate on Wed, 27 Jun 2007 16:00:24 GMT
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the problem with that theory is that you have to "stick the tail on the donkey" for wherever people feel comfortable removing God from the equation.

Did he put a few chemicals together? perhaps he created a few species and left them to it? did he design man?

I find the theory to be a way of explaining things for people who choose to follow religion but can't see past the sense of science - so they agree a comprimise.

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Posted by warranto on Wed, 27 Jun 2007 16:14:29 GMT
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something and must choose whether or not it is truth). If you experience it personally, it is a fact.

However, even a fact can be misinterpreted or misunderstood. A good example of the is the SCIENTIFIC FACT that heat transfer is done through an invisible liquid called "caloric" (http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Caloric_theory). This was a SCIENTIFIC FACT that was treated as truth - and even proved as truth in several experiments. Heat transfer can only be experiencd through the "personal experience" mean in order to be proven as a fact, however this did not prevent the interpretation of the fact to be wrong . Something does cause heat transfer (fact proven through personal experience), it is just not an invisible liquid which does this (incorrect interpretation of the personal experience).

Edit to clarify last paragraph

Subject: Re: Religion discussion from "Meaning of Life" thread
Posted by mrpirate on Wed, 27 Jun 2007 16:21:50 GMT
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Does Carlos Castaneda really turn into a crow?

Misinterpretation, as you mentioned, seems to make your first paragraph irrelevant.

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Posted by warranto on Wed, 27 Jun 2007 17:18:38 GMT
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Actually, it reinforces it.

The fact of that statement is that you can claim that you saw him actually turn into the crow. The misinterpretation would be that what you saw was true, where it was a "trick" that caused it to look like it did. Just as it was a "fact" that the invisible liquid existed, despite not actually existing.

Confusing? It's supposed to be, so don't worry about that.

It also highlights why we can't always trust our personal experiences, but then again, that is all we have to go with as far as facts and knowledge is concerned.

Subject: Re: Religion discussion from "Meaning of Life" thread
Posted by mrpirate on Wed, 27 Jun 2007 19:20:55 GMT

What I'm really talking about is personal experiences with respect to religion; or personal experiences with no physical manifestation with which to be verified. Someone thinking god's talked to them in a dream, for example. Does god exist? To this person, yes, because of a personal experience they've had talking to god. My point is that this personal experience has no bearing on whether or not there is a god.

Subject: Re: Religion discussion from "Meaning of Life" thread
Posted by warranto on Wed, 27 Jun 2007 19:33:04 GMT

I think you mean no physical manifestation which has been detectable.

Yes, I'm relating to a TV show and combining it with a completely hypothetical situation, but it gives you an idea what I mean.

In the show Star Trek, there is an episode which has a life-form trapped, and unable to escape. It sends out messages to a telepath on the ship, who can only receive them in a dream form. There was no way of knowing that these beings were trapped, as all scans of the area showed nothing, however they were still there and only able to communicate through the dreams of one person.

Who is to say that something similar is not at work here? The dream was how God chose to communicate to someone, and the reason there is no physical evidence to support it is only due to the fact that nothing exists that can detect it?

Just a completely "out in left field" hypothetical situation, but not like something like this has not been seen in real life before.

Subject: Re: Religion discussion from "Meaning of Life" thread
Posted by mrpirate on Wed, 27 Jun 2007 19:44:34 GMT

I'm not saying it's impossible.

If, in that episode, there were many "telepaths", each receiving different and sometimes conflicting messages, an objective observer would be inclined not to believe any of them, don't you think?

Subject: Re: Religion discussion from "Meaning of Life" thread
Posted by warranto on Wed, 27 Jun 2007 19:53:36 GMT

Most definitely.

It doesn't mean the original message wasn't sent by a life-form, though.

Just as with the dream, and this whole "fact" thing, just because the message was misinterpreted doesn't mean there was not still a message.

As well, even if one interpretation of that message was proven to be wrong, it doesn't mean that the origin of the message does not exist (I'll leave you to interpret that one).

sorry for the double negatives.

Subject: WARNING OFF TOPIC!
Posted by PlayMp1 on Thu, 28 Jun 2007 12:47:38 GMT
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SpyGuy246 wrote on Sat, 23 June 2007 00:14Hitler invaded countries to gain more land for Germany and bring about the dominance of his master race. Something to think about.

Hehe, and if hitler hadn't invaded europe, Red Alert would have happened, and then in turn, TD, if that happened, I'd be sitting in a tiberium patch right now   . Anyway, I'm athiest and proud of it. I accept reason over faith. If you were in a plane for example, would you trust the makers with simply faith and believe the plane will hold together, or would you rather KNOW that this plane won't shatter apart at the first sign of turbulence? I'd go with know, personally but w/e.

I'm aware that my analogy isn't that good, but please don't flame me about it >_>.

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Posted by Sn1per74* on Thu, 28 Jun 2007 13:13:30 GMT
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I claim to "know" that he is there because of things that happened to me in my life that are almost impossible to be called coincidences (I think I spelled that right). I'd post to explain them but you guys would call me a dumb 16 year old and just call me a SUPER lucky guy.

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Posted by Jecht on Thu, 28 Jun 2007 13:35:16 GMT
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Who says I'm picking and choosing? No where in the bible does it say that Micro-Evolution isn't possible, nor does it say that Evolution is impossible. It says God put things on earth, it doesn't say what the capabilities of those things were after they were put there .

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Very true, mrpirate. I am sure Sniper74* would be a different person with different beliefs if his parents did not tell him about God when he was young.

Subject: Re: Religion discussion from "Meaning of Life" thread
Posted by Sn1per74* on Wed, 04 Jul 2007 00:30:51 GMT
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No. I wouldn't.

Subject: Re: Religion discussion from "Meaning of Life" thread
Posted by mrpirate on Wed, 04 Jul 2007 18:10:22 GMT

haha

I guess Sniper's views about the universe were formed without any parental input.