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Posted by [KristyGirl](#) on Thu, 05 Jun 2008 15:01:25 GMT

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Posted by [cheesesoda](#) on Thu, 05 Jun 2008 15:05:42 GMT

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I'm pretty sure we evolved from apes or ape-like creatures. There's no way in Hell I think we could have evolved from dolphins.

Also, wrong forum.

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Subject: Re: 45% of Americans believe that humans did not evolve

Posted by [Ghostshaw](#) on Thu, 05 Jun 2008 15:08:54 GMT

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Dolphins are land animals that went back into the sea so we deffo didn't come from there. Myself I believe we can directly trace ourselves to apes.

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Subject: Re: 45% of Americans believe that humans did not evolve

Posted by [SSADMVR](#) on Thu, 05 Jun 2008 15:27:38 GMT

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There is a half-plausible theory which states humans came from jurassic see-creatures, this theory also states we used to have fins inbetween our fingers and toes. I'm more for the ape-theory though.

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Subject: Re: 45% of Americans believe that humans did not evolve

Posted by [Herr Surth](#) on Thu, 05 Jun 2008 15:28:38 GMT

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We evolved from an animal that was the apes aswell as the humans ancestor.

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Subject: Re: 45% of Americans believe that humans did not evolve

Posted by [Spoony](#) on Thu, 05 Jun 2008 16:37:40 GMT

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we developed from a lower form of primate known as the 'creationist'

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Subject: Re: 45% of Americans believe that humans did not evolve

Posted by [cnc95fan](#) on Thu, 05 Jun 2008 18:40:57 GMT

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Obviously old skeletons, going back the time periods, has revealed where we originated on. And because of the evidence shown that we evolve from apes, physically, and the fact that they use 47 chromosomes in every nucleus, which is much closer to our 46 than any other animal, suggests that we are originated from apes.

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Posted by [R315r4z0r](#) on Thu, 05 Jun 2008 18:47:56 GMT

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Posted by [Sir Kane](#) on Thu, 05 Jun 2008 19:04:17 GMT

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95% of Americans are retarded.

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Posted by [KristyGirl](#) on Thu, 05 Jun 2008 19:06:17 GMT

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Posted by [BlueThen](#) on Thu, 05 Jun 2008 19:07:05 GMT  
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Also, I'd like the German economics more than USA economy.

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Posted by [KristyGirl](#) on Thu, 05 Jun 2008 19:38:52 GMT  
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Posted by [u6795](#) on Thu, 05 Jun 2008 20:15:00 GMT  
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Random off topic input: If we all know that KristyGirl is The Executor (who was banned) on a new account, why isn't he/she banned for like, ban evasion. Seriously.

I also find it very disturbing you're fine with pretending to be a girl.

It's fucking creepy.

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Posted by [nikki6ixx](#) on Thu, 05 Jun 2008 20:16:54 GMT  
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Judging by how far we will go to kill each other, I'd have to say I'd fit right in with that 45%.

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Posted by [HeavyX101- Left](#) on Thu, 05 Jun 2008 21:05:43 GMT

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Posted by [cnc95fan](#) on Thu, 05 Jun 2008 22:44:55 GMT

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Posted by [Feetseek](#) on Thu, 05 Jun 2008 22:56:23 GMT

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I'll attempt to bring this back on topic. What I learned and believe is that all animals originated from the ocean, but most likely not a dolphin--I don't see how we relate besides the fact that we're both mammals and we're both slightly intelligent. It'd make more sense for protozoa -> fish -> mammals --> humans --> mutants and the X-men.

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Posted by [HORQWER](#) on Fri, 06 Jun 2008 00:25:42 GMT

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Posted by [cnc95fan](#) on Fri, 06 Jun 2008 00:27:11 GMT

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Yes, I'm the n00b.

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Subject: Re: 45% of Americans believe that humans did not evolve

Posted by [HeavyX101- Left](#) on Fri, 06 Jun 2008 00:28:44 GMT

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cnc95fan wrote on Thu, 05 June 2008 20:27Yes, I'm the n00b.

+1 POST COUNT!

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Subject: Re: 45% of Americans believe that humans did not evolve

Posted by [cnc95fan](#) on Fri, 06 Jun 2008 00:32:34 GMT

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Not really, when you try to make sence with importperly abbreviated words.. Let me try to understand what you said.. Am I right in saying "What the fuck do you want you noob?". If so, where did I enquire I wanted anything? No, GTFO presently.

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Subject: Re: 45% of Americans believe that humans did not evolve

Posted by [Genesis2001](#) on Fri, 06 Jun 2008 00:37:01 GMT

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~Zack

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Posted by [u6795](#) on Fri, 06 Jun 2008 00:42:15 GMT  
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What the fuck have you faggots done to this thread?

Get OUT, all of you. Jesus Christ.

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Posted by [cnc95fan](#) on Fri, 06 Jun 2008 00:49:07 GMT  
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I've decided to change topic to your negative IQ.

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Subject: Re: 45% of Americans believe that humans did not evolve  
Posted by [HeavyX101- Left](#) on Fri, 06 Jun 2008 00:53:32 GMT

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I'm sorry, but what is an IQ

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Did you just ask yourself to stay on topic?

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I believe that unknown aliens came to earth and left behind species that were similar to apes. Some of them evolved into humans and some into apes.

Then later, the aliens came back and were worshiped by Egyptians, who build Pyramids as a landing spots for for their gods/aliens, but they left again, never to return.

And no, I came up with this theory long before I watched the Planet of the Apes remake(which was a horrible movie compared to the original), but the movie Stargate did influence me a bit.

As for the not evolving, I guess some of the ape like creatures did not evolve enough, mostly mentally, and they are still among us to this day.

Examples: Jack Thompson, Paris Hilton, George W. Bush, and so on...

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Posted by [cheesesoda](#) on Fri, 06 Jun 2008 04:28:52 GMT

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I hope that you are being completely insincere with your theory. That's more ridiculous than a Creationist's claim that the universe was created in 6 days. Why not just believe that a pink unicorn shit out the universe?

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Posted by [StealthEye](#) on Fri, 06 Jun 2008 09:24:35 GMT

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It is obvious that we evolved from tiberium mutated monkeys from outer space. Duh.

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Subject: Re: 45% of Americans believe that humans did not evolve

Posted by [nope.avi](#) on Fri, 06 Jun 2008 12:00:48 GMT

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Posted by [Starbuzz](#) on Fri, 06 Jun 2008 13:03:39 GMT

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Posted by [Sn1per74\\*](#) on Fri, 06 Jun 2008 14:41:31 GMT

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I read somewhere that the chances of a mutation being an advantage to a species and then carrying on in the species is greater than the amount of living creatures on earth... which pretty much means evolution is impossible

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Posted by [Ryu](#) on Fri, 06 Jun 2008 14:48:41 GMT

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If we didn't evolve, Why the fuck do we have a tail bone in our arses?

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Well considering I am one, and the evolution gang here is resorting to sarchastic ad hominem rather than intelligent debate I guess that means that by your logic we're actually de-volving.

God made the heavens and the earth. Don't know how, when, why and what else is out there but the cosmos' intricacies are perfectly in alignment and balance and the miracle of life and its myriad intricacies have occurred.

Label me as you will.

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People are saying it's going to make a blackhole so we can time travel (lol)

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Posted by [Ghostshaw](#) on Fri, 06 Jun 2008 14:52:23 GMT

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Not if you have 3 billion years (and btw there are gazillions of creatures since you also need to count bacteria's).

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The links on the left contain useful information. The experiment to find the possibility of extra dimensions is called ATLAS.

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The ATLAS people released this video as well. Nothing is proven and firm right now...but it may not or may change in a couple month and years. All we have now is theories and speculation but maybe not for long?

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=t0ZqV5u-z6o>

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I mean, I don't want to seem like an arrogant little prick by saying I don't care. It's just there's so much more to worry about today like global warming...Even if we did find our roots as a planet, what good will that do the world? will it cure cancer? aids?

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Global Warming? Out of all of the important issues, you start off by naming global warming? There's still no solid evidence that we're causing any serious acceleration to the climate change.

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<http://public.web.cern.ch/public/en/LHC/ATLAS-en.html>

The ATLAS people released this video as well. Nothing is proven and firm right now...but it may not or may change in a couple month and years. All we have now is theories and speculation but maybe not for long?  
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=t0ZqV5u-z6o>

Thanks!

Although one thing I noticed. It really doesn't say "parallel dimensions", but "extra dimensions"... and not necessarily the Sci-fi kind. What they seem to be trying to do is to see if dimensions beyond what we can experience exist.

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It's this 4th dimension and beyond that the experiments are designed to reveal.

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Subject: Re: 45% of Americans believe that humans did not evolve  
Posted by [Starbuzz](#) on Fri, 06 Jun 2008 18:21:33 GMT  
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Oops my bad; wrong word choice. That's what I meant. I have been following these developments for a while.

I hope good things come from these experiments to enlighten our limited understanding.

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Posted by [Herr Surth](#) on Fri, 06 Jun 2008 18:24:58 GMT  
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Surth wrote on Sat, 07 June 2008 02:24could we first try to solve our social problems? 8[

How exactly does scientific research get in the way of solving social problems?

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Subject: Re: 45% of Americans believe that humans did not evolve  
Posted by [Herr Surth](#) on Fri, 06 Jun 2008 18:34:34 GMT  
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By using up money?

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Posted by [Starbuzz](#) on Fri, 06 Jun 2008 18:37:22 GMT  
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Surth wrote on Fri, 06 June 2008 13:34By using up money?

Money does not solve any problems.

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Posted by [nikki6ixx](#) on Fri, 06 Jun 2008 18:57:26 GMT  
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Posted by [cheesesoda](#) on Fri, 06 Jun 2008 19:01:14 GMT

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Starbuzz is right. We throw tons of money into welfare and education, and we get no progress out of them. Spending more money does not mean better productivity. It just means there's more money to throw away.

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Subject: Re: 45% of Americans believe that humans did not evolve

Posted by [KIRBY-098](#) on Fri, 06 Jun 2008 19:08:54 GMT

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The problem is eroding social structure and values.

Turn from God and his instructions, and you of course have a mess.

Analogy: A manufacturer puts instructions into a package for a complex product you need to live each day.

He gives it to you free and promises results but you decide he doesn't know what he's talking about and since you can't see him, call him or prove the instructions are real or work you don't follow them because there must surely be a better faster way and you're clearly smart enough to figure this out.

You aren't going to get a good result, and your quality of life will suffer. Who's fault is it?

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Subject: Re: 45% of Americans believe that humans did not evolve

Posted by [cheesesoda](#) on Fri, 06 Jun 2008 19:12:09 GMT

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Or the Bible could be just like a guy on the street selling you a fake Rolex. He says it's genuine, and he's saying all the right words, but you have no proof that it's actually a genuine Rolex, and there's no way to get definitive proof.

It's not really much of a stretch of the imagination to see why people are skeptical from buying a "Rolex" from a random guy. Chances are, though, it's not a genuine Rolex.

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Subject: Re: 45% of Americans believe that humans did not evolve

Posted by [warranto](#) on Fri, 06 Jun 2008 19:33:04 GMT

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I may be Christian, but I have to agree with cheesesoda's analogy here.

I add a caveat, however: It could very well be that it is a genuine Rolex, and you just passed up a good thing simply by not believing the word of a stranger on the street.

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Whether or not a unified belief in a "God" (note that I do not single out one religion here as most religions of the world, for the most part, have the same "how to live a good life" message) is the solution to the problem, however, is another issue.

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Subject: Re: 45% of Americans believe that humans did not evolve  
Posted by [cheesesoda](#) on Fri, 06 Jun 2008 19:39:48 GMT

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For me, for the first few paragraphs of the guy's sales pitch, I believed, and I would even argue to every passerby that the guy was being sincere. Then, I had to stop the guy for a minute to think about it. I realized, at that point, all the things he said weren't bad, but I just couldn't justify the price for something that I couldn't guarantee was genuine, and the requirements to keep the watch just seemed to outweigh the benefits of keeping my money.

I mean, I can still impress people and look sharp without an expensive watch.

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Subject: Re: 45% of Americans believe that humans did not evolve  
Posted by [Starbuzz](#) on Fri, 06 Jun 2008 19:55:13 GMT

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Subject: Re: 45% of Americans believe that humans did not evolve  
Posted by [nope.avi](#) on Fri, 06 Jun 2008 20:04:04 GMT

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The answer as to why people buy those rolexes is because they believe that it could be the genuine thing, the real deal. Think about it, this guy on the street says all the right words and if he looks genuine(aka nice clothes, speaks properly) then maybe people, will buy these rolexes for about 10\$ on the off chance that they are real, and they're getting the deal of their lives.

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Subject: Re: 45% of Americans believe that humans did not evolve  
Posted by [warranto](#) on Fri, 06 Jun 2008 20:06:11 GMT

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Cheesesoda:

Oh, I agree that it can't be proven by word of mouth that it is genuine, heh... but that is the whole

concept of faith: be it a belief in God (regardless of which God(s) it may be), belief of the random street vendor, or the belief of a friend offering you the same thing.

It's not so much how you can fair with or without it (at least as far as I am concerned - you could have easily have known it was a genuine Rolex and still chosen not to get it), but rather the initial assessment of real or fake.

Starbuzz:

It could just be that they ALL are genuine, only one is genuine or that none of them are. There is nothing wrong with an investigation, just don't dismiss it out of hand (and I'm not saying you are) simply because it doesn't make sense.

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Posted by [KIRBY-098](#) on Fri, 06 Jun 2008 20:08:44 GMT

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Which is why it is VERY important to seek truth, and not a variety of it. Denominationalism is wrong. There was only one church in AD 33.

The bible says there's ONE way. Not one way with 5,000 man made intepretations of it.

Just do what the New Testament says. So easy. Even if you don't understand it, or agree with it.

As for evidences: There is quantifiable proof that christians live better, longer happier lives. It isn't an accident. If we can believe in aliens and microbial seeding, why am I labelled a delusional loon for thinking there's a being who doesn't play by our rules and is responsible for us and everything we see.

A true study of metaphysics lends support to creationism, not against it.

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Subject: Re: 45% of Americans believe that humans did not evolve  
Posted by [cheesesoda](#) on Fri, 06 Jun 2008 20:15:12 GMT

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I think you missed my point a little.

What I was saying was that all the sacrifices that being a Christian requires (and as well as other religions) wasn't really worth the "guarantee" of Heaven when it comes from a book with a questionable background. Plus, I don't see some of these "immoral" pleasures being immoral in the least.

Then there's the whole problem with how history went from polytheism to monotheism. It's hard to think that everybody thinking that every object has a soul is somehow wrong, but then suddenly a belief in one God is somehow correct.

Plus, the whole writing of the Bible. Everybody shows verses of the Bible speaking of people disbelieving and such, but human nature is so easy to understand. If you speak vaguely of how people will react to religion, you entrance so many... like the whole obsession with Nostradamus predictions.

It just seems too fishy for me to believe it anymore.

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Subject: Re: 45% of Americans believe that humans did not evolve

Posted by [warranto](#) on Fri, 06 Jun 2008 20:30:34 GMT

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Heh, actually that is exactly the point I got from it.

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Right. And I'm not questioning your decision on that (hence my use of the idea regarding knowing the Rolex was real but still not getting it). All I'm suggesting is that (to make the analogy a little more direct) even if you don't like the price you have to pay for admission, it does not mean what you are getting in to does not exist. If you think a movie is not worth the price for admission, that is up to you... however not agreeing with the price of admission does not deal with the existence of the movie.

Quote:Then there's the whole problem with how history went from polytheism to monotheism. It's hard to think that everybody thinking that every object has a soul is somehow wrong, but then suddenly a belief in one God is somehow correct.

It's not so hard to understand (Whether or not you agree is a different subject). Basically humanity gained a very strong ego and thought itself special from everything else because (as far as we knew back then) we were the only things with rationality and high-level cognitive abilities. The existence of a soul didn't change, but rather restricted itself to the "group of special people".

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Too true. Unfortunately this is why the "truth" (and by this I mean the objective truth of the matter - whatever it may be) will never be known as it is far too easy to veer people away from it. It doesn't mean any one specific example is automatically wrong because of it, but it does mean that the lines that show why it is a truth or falsehood are blurred almost to the point of no longer existing.

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Subject: Re: 45% of Americans believe that humans did not evolve  
Posted by [cheesesoda](#) on Fri, 06 Jun 2008 20:47:22 GMT

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Yeah, but in my case, there is no proof of said movie existing. I'd say it's more like this one Family Guy episode where they get a postcard in the mail saying that they won a free boat (and the boat DID exist), but they were also offered a "mystery surprise". Theoretically, the mystery surprise could benefit you in numerous ways. However, the cost of having the surprise was giving up the free boat. It almost seems foolish to give up the boat for something that isn't guaranteed to be worth it. Perhaps I'm just being naive by always using reasoning instead of just believing in something, but you can't blame me for not taking a huge leap.

But what about the souls of those that were polytheistic before Judaism and subsequently Christianity were preached? Can all of those people be condemned?

It's just so hard to listen to someone quote the Bible to you showing how your lack of faith was covered in the Bible. Like you agree, it's not hard to imagine that the people writing the Bible could very well have understood human nature enough to put that there as a counter. It certainly isn't an idea so profound that it could only have been divinely inspired.

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Subject: Re: 45% of Americans believe that humans did not evolve  
Posted by [warranto](#) on Fri, 06 Jun 2008 21:27:19 GMT

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Heh, actually that Family Guy episode is a good analogy to all of this.

A belief in God (any God) may seem foolish to some, and I will not condemn then for thinking that. What I WILL condemn, however, is those who claim that they "know" about the truth of the matter

one way or the other.

It is very much a huge leap. It's is a question of faith after all... belief in the absence of proof. It's not naïvety to always use reason, just don't fall into the trap of "what is reasonable now" by automatically crying falsehood at something that counters it. It's sometimes quotes in religious arguments that if we simply followed religion we would still think that the earth was flat. Well, at the point in time that such a belief was held, it was through the use of reason. Flawed reason, yes... but still reason. Otherwise you may end up like William K. Clifford who thought that you have no right to believe in something that can not be proven.

Quote:It is wrong in all cases to believe on insufficient evidence  
(Bold added by me for emphasis)

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Subject: Re: 45% of Americans believe that humans did not evolve  
Posted by [GoArmy44](#) on Fri, 06 Jun 2008 21:28:27 GMT  
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Starbuzz wrote on Fri, 06 June 2008 13:37Surth wrote on Fri, 06 June 2008 13:34By using up money?

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Tell that to the government.

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Subject: Re: 45% of Americans believe that humans did not evolve  
Posted by [Starbuzz](#) on Fri, 06 Jun 2008 21:45:10 GMT  
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It could just be that they ALL are genuine, only one is genuine or that none of them are. There is nothing wrong with an investigation, just don't dismiss it out of hand (and I'm not saying you are) simply because it doesn't make sense.

It would be irrational to dismiss it; if I did dismiss it, then why the need for an investigation? You see the reason (my reason) for the investigation in the first place is a recent suspicion (I reveal now) that maybe...just maybe one of the Rolex guy's might be selling the right Rolex. Maybe not a fully genuine Rolex but atleast one that MAY have some genuine parts. And I have enough logical reasons/evidence as to why I can pursue such an investigation without being branded a hypocrite.

KIRBY-098 wrote on Fri, 06 June 2008 16:08Which is why it is VERY important to seek truth, and not a variety of it. Denominationalism is wrong. There was only one church in AD 33.

I was referring to the hundreds of religions of the world today and the world yesterday but the Christian denomination concept fits in as well.

cheesesoda wrote on Fri, 06 June 2008 13:15 Then there's the whole problem with how history went from polytheism to monotheism. It's hard to think that everybody thinking that every object has a soul is somehow wrong, but then suddenly a belief in one God is somehow correct.

You do have a strong point there, cheese, but only thing to remember is that we only have knowledge of recorded history when writing was invented in the 4th millennium BC. We have no idea of the lives, the ways, beliefs, and cultures of the hundreds of generations of humans who came before and who used the oral tradition to stay together.

Of course, this means nothing other than that we may be missing out on crucial information. What is interesting here is that humans have always had some sort of deity(s); from the most ancient tribe we know of to the most ancient civilization. And that fact only adds more complexity to the ancient humans we have no real knowledge of.

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Subject: Re: 45% of Americans believe that humans did not evolve

Posted by [R315r4z0r](#) on Fri, 06 Jun 2008 23:29:47 GMT

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warranto wrote on Fri, 06 June 2008 13:09 1st Dimension - straight line

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3rd Dimension - how we see the world

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I thought it was agreed that the 4th dimension was Time?

Speaking of time, do you know how easy it is to understand how time travel would work? It is just hard to implement because of lack of recourses.

If you look at it like this anyway:

How do we move in the 3rd dimension? Simple, on 3 axes: X, Y, and Z. X being Horizontal, Y being Vertical, and Z being Altitude. We can stand in one spot, or reference point and move on those 3 axes until we get to our destination.

But if we add in the 4th dimension of time, we add in an additional 3 sub movement axes: Tx, Ty, Tz. However, do to hour lack of knowledge on the passage of time, we can't exactly pin point what exactly a reference point is. It is easy in the 3rd dimension, it is where you are standing now, but how would you describe that in time? How could you calculate your current position in time?

If we learned how to do that, all we would need to do is move those calculations along the Tx, Ty, and Tz plane, and thus we invent time travel.

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As for that religion argument, I used to think all religion was evil in that it caused many bad things

to happen. I've reworked that theory. I now believe that monotheism is what is truly evil. I mean think about it. You worship one single person for fear of how he will judge you. You do not go against his wishes, again for fear of how he will judge you. It is all run by fear. When you look at polytheism, you see gods and higher beings that are in all different objects and elements. People pay respect to individual elements and objects thus keeping the environment safer and nicer, as well as society in check. There is still the fear of angering gods and all, but it is to such a different degree, it isn't evil. And since these objects and elements are everywhere, there is no point fighting over the religion.

If there had to one day be a religion everyone had to follow:  
Polytheism > Monotheism

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Subject: Re: 45% of Americans believe that humans did not evolve  
Posted by [warranto](#) on Sat, 07 Jun 2008 03:54:50 GMT  
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Heh, I said that the 4th was beyond our specific understanding. You are right that it is time, but so far (at least the documentation that I've seen) suggests that while we may know what it is, we understand very little about the specifics of it.

As for your monotheism argument, it is flawed. Worshiping out of fear (or even kindness, duty, honour, etc) doesn't make the religion evil. Going on the basis of fear, the exact opposite would happen. There would be NO evil acts committed by those of particular monotheistic religion in the world because of the fear that God would judge you. If the religion preaches evil as the right thing to do, there would be evil. However, most monotheistic religions preach to do good, love thy neighbor, etc.

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Subject: Re: 45% of Americans believe that humans did not evolve  
Posted by [R315r4z0r](#) on Sat, 07 Jun 2008 04:01:07 GMT  
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Posted by [Nukelt15](#) on Sat, 07 Jun 2008 19:39:13 GMT  
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Just to throw in something worthy of consideration- even though I know it will be bowled over and ignored in light of the beaten-to-death and never-to-be-resolved pseudo-debate over Evolution vs. Creationism- humanity, regardless of anything else, is something of an anomaly in the history of known existence, however you believe that existence came to be. We are, alone among other known species, gifted both with extraordinarily capable minds and bodies which compliment them almost perfectly. Whether or not a higher power influenced our development (or creation, if you'd have it that way), we have the power to radically adapt ourselves to almost any situation (indeed, to any we've encountered thus far) through the use of tools and reasoning skills.

With that in mind, I'd like to pose a series of questions. Not one-liners, but actual questions which may actually require some thought and which do not have definite answers:

- With all our ability to adapt through the use of clothing, tools, vehicles, and structures, is it possible (assuming for a moment, if you're up to the task, that evolution is factual) that we have actually stalled our own development? Have we become so adept at non-biological adaptation that we have cut ourself off from processes of natural selection? How long has this been happening, if at all, and- most significantly- might our lack of further development due to our own meddling have led to the belief that we never had evolved in the first place?

- As Galileo once so eloquently put it: Our Creator (assume for a moment, if you can, that such a being exists and is in fact responsible for our existence) endowed us with the capacity for rational thought. Are we truly intended to not make use of it? If, indeed, all the evidence we presently have is false and was planted there by our Creator, should we not assume that we were meant to find it? This may be interpreted as a Tower of Babel situation; we have free will and a vast array of talents, but can we determine with any reasonable certainty that we are meant to limit ourselves? How do we know that past experience is not merely part of the road to true understanding, and that in every case our being cast down again was merely the doing of a being who knew far better than we did that we simply were not ready for it yet? If we make no further attempt to understand our existence beyond what we have already been given in the form of the Bible, are we simply giving up? In the days of the Old Testament, it was presumed to be the ultimate truth, the sum total of all spiritual knowledge, and never to be supplanted. Yet now there is also the New Testament (and, if you count them, the Koran and other latter-day scriptures such as the Book of Mormon). Is that not proof enough that, whatever the nature of our Creator is, that being is not by any means done with us? How can we be so arrogant as to assume we know what lies in store for us next? Certainly, nobody expected the coming of the New Testament, so how, exactly, do we know that there isn't yet another to be revealed at a time only the Creator is aware of?

- All that exists must, by definition, be knowable; merely knowing that it does, in fact, exist, implies some possibility of further understanding. Can we all agree that the sum total of human knowledge and experience is positively insignificant compared to the vastness of all that exists, whether we believe in chance or design; that question which divides our opinions is rooted not in the scope but rather in the nature of our understanding? When we do not know even a fraction of all that may be known, what do we have besides faith and faith alone to support any belief regarding our origins? Science supports the theory of evolution, yet science is fluid; what we considered fact- unchangeable law centuries ago- is now the stuff of classroom humor and history. Does it not require an amount of faith equal to that of any belief in God to accept as fact what the evidence tells us is true, despite the fact that it may be overturned tomorrow by yet another discovery?

- Finally, what exactly does true belief in something mean? Beyond holding something as true, is it possible that validating our beliefs requires more than just faith? Perhaps we cannot truly believe something without continually testing that belief and challenging it with new ideas, new experiences, and fresh knowledge. Is it, perhaps, that truth can only be found in those beliefs which withstand that test time and time again? If you believe in God, and witness something which shakes the very foundations of that belief, and yet come out the other side still believing, have you found something true with which to justify that belief- even if it is not something tangible or explainable? If you put to the test a scientific theory and, despite a new discovery which challenges the assumptions it rests upon, it continues to make sense, has it become any less valid? When tested in such a way, is a person wrong for continuing to believe or have they come to understand something that another could not without sharing that experience? Consider that, regardless of how the world has changed, there remains an overwhelming majority of humanity which believes that some form of higher power had a hand in shaping existence as we know it. Also consider that elements of even the most thoroughly trounced scientific theories of the past have endured and found themselves incorporated into later, more accurate models.

I realize that most of you will skip right over this, but for those that don't... well, food for thought.

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Subject: Re: 45% of Americans believe that humans did not evolve

Posted by [warranto](#) on Sun, 08 Jun 2008 01:56:58 GMT

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That's not an aspect of religion though... just the people who use it.

"My God is better than your god!" offers no difference to "My government is better than your government!". How often do you hear about one country saying that their way of government is better to another Country? More often than not, it results in war and violence just as much as the concept of God does - just as often as "My way of life is better than your way of life" invokes war and violence. World War 2 happened because the German way of life was "better" than the rest of the world's. The Cold War happened because the American way of life was "better" than the Soviet Union way of life. Racism in America happened because Whites were "better" than Blacks, etc.

It's not the function of the ideal that makes it "evil", it's how people use that idea and are intolerant of other ideals. Democracy or Soviet Union-style Socialism are not evil by nature, but the people who follow them will still do evil in their name. Even racism is not evil by nature. Its simply a segregation of people based on the thought that one is better than the other. It may be wrong and

and bad, but not "evil". However the people who follow such an ideal are still capable of evil done in its name.

Religion is no different.

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Subject: Re: 45% of Americans believe that humans did not evolve  
Posted by [R315r4z0r](#) on Mon, 09 Jun 2008 02:59:51 GMT  
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No, but that is the point of my statement. I didn't say it is the root of all evil, I just said it is evil. And I did not mean to imply that religion in itself is evil. What I meant is that it causes problems, i.e. the people who follow it tend to take it to the wrong extremes. I've said it before that religion has good intentions, but many people have simply lost sight of them.

You can't say that someone isn't drunk from beer because someone else is drunk from wine.

Both are problem causing agents. One more than the other, or vis versa. The fact is, if one was to go away, would you not agree that there would be less problems?

If wine ceased to exist, wouldn't their be less people getting drunk?

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Neither did I.

The only way religion could be evil is if it taught evil, and by that I mean specifics.

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Right the PEOPLE take it to the wrong extremes. It's the people who are evil, not the medium they invoke to justify the evil. Religion, just like government, science, morality, etc. are tools. Tools are not evil.

The whole "Guns don't kill people, people kill people" argument comes to mind. Guns are simply a tool. Designed to kill, yes... but only a tool. Religion is like this as well. Be it a "true" religion (Cristian, Judaism, Buddhism, Taoism, etc), or simply a specific tool used to manipulate the masses (stereotype cult).

The tool is neutral. Neither evil nor good. As a result, it can be used for both. And, as a result of this, it generates ideals and dogmatic positions on certain subjects that ingrain themselves so

much into people that they will do what they can to make their way the right way, and often the only way.

For an example of this, look at Cold War America and the anti-communist messages put forth by, well, everyone. The American way of life was held so close by the individuals who thought it right that any perceived threat to it caused it to be acted on in a dogmatic way and any and all "communist threats" were eliminated in some form. I highly doubt you would want to call Democracy an "evil" thing.

As for your argument towards the "take one away and remove an evil", you would be correct. A type of expression of evil would be removed. However that would only be replaced by something else... and has already happened. Take a look at every Atheist whom you would describe as being evil. They have already had religion removed, yet still find means of being evil.

Be it wine or religion, removing it would solve the negative aspect of the issue... at the cost of not solving the issue at hand. Evil will still exist so long as ideals are held close to people. If someone believes in ANYTHING to the point they are willing to defend that belief, evil will occur. You can not blame the source of the belief for the acts of the individual... you can only blame the individual for thinking that the belief deserves such an act done in its name.

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Subject: Re: 45% of Americans believe that humans did not evolve

Posted by [StealthEye](#) on Mon, 09 Jun 2008 10:46:13 GMT

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I see it the other way around. If I understand you right, you basically say:

- People who want to be evil use religion for that. If there was no religion they would find something else.

I say:

- Some people get so "obsessed" with their religion that it will make them evil. If there was no religion, they \*could\* get obsessed by something else that makes them evil, but chances are that they don't.

We're probably both right... I guess both things happen, the question basically is how many times either happens.

I don't see religion as evil, I do however think it leads to increased amounts of evilness.

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Subject: Re: 45% of Americans believe that humans did not evolve

Posted by [warranto](#) on Mon, 09 Jun 2008 12:05:25 GMT

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It's both.

Those who desire to do evil will use what they can to get others to follow in the same way. The

ones who use religion for evil are the "leaders".

Those who hold so tightly to something that they do evil in its name are the "followers".

There are many things that are not evil and are not directed by the leaders to do evil things... but the followers still choose to do evil in its name. Just as there are many things where the leaders desire it to be evil, but the followers do not.

ANYTHING that people hold on to will result in evil being done. How tightly it is held on to only increases the evil done to defend that ideal to a perceived threat.

Parents protecting their children will kill, leaders of a country will go to war, the legal system will punish with death, etc.

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Subject: Re: 45% of Americans believe that humans did not evolve

Posted by [R315r4z0r](#) on Mon, 09 Jun 2008 19:24:39 GMT

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Yes but would you not agree that if there was no religion, people wouldn't use it as an excuse?

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Subject: Re: 45% of Americans believe that humans did not evolve

Posted by [warranto](#) on Mon, 09 Jun 2008 19:40:20 GMT

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Kind of a moot question.

An absence of something automatically means nothing can be attributed to it because it does not exist.

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Subject: Re: 45% of Americans believe that humans did not evolve

Posted by [Mr.P](#) on Tue, 10 Jun 2008 02:18:29 GMT

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Personally I wouldn't even try explaining the principles and nuances of MONOTHEISM (aka christianity, judaism and muslim)

Essentially it's the people who grow out and away from it, while maintaining their faith, that can cause problems. But it is in no way limited to.

Example time: The western world seems to have a harsh view of Muslims. But this is really because of cultural differences, religiously they take it alot more seriously but the actual core religions are very similar.

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Subject: Re: 45% of Americans believe that humans did not evolve

Posted by [Starbuzz](#) on Wed, 11 Jun 2008 14:28:01 GMT

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KIRBY-098 wrote on Fri, 06 June 2008 09:51 God made the heavens and the earth. Don't know how, when, why and what else is out there but the cosmos' intricacies are perfectly in alignment and balance and the miracle of life and its myriad intricacies have occurred.

I will concede that life could not have been an accident/chance as there is too much order and detail.

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Subject: Re: 45% of Americans believe that humans did not evolve

Posted by [Ghostshaw](#) on Wed, 11 Jun 2008 14:29:55 GMT

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Order? What order? Life is big bad chaos. A wrong turn in evolution can mean the extinction of entire species.

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Subject: Re: 45% of Americans believe that humans did not evolve

Posted by [cheesesoda](#) on Wed, 11 Jun 2008 14:40:11 GMT

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Yes, but species don't just explode and disappear. There is a method to the extinction of a specie. If there's a method, there's order.

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Posted by [Ryu](#) on Wed, 11 Jun 2008 14:41:21 GMT

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If God is real, why doesn't he show himself? or herself for that matter.

I mean seriously, you expect me to believe you because you have a book? Which any mortal could have faked?

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Posted by [warranto](#) on Wed, 11 Jun 2008 14:58:52 GMT

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If God exists I think hes a bloody asshole for letting all those people in Africa and Asia die of war and conflict and natural disasters and all that shit. Nevermind all the deaths coming from the WW's. And don't throw the "thats the devils work" shit at me, your book says hes almighty so the devil has got nothing on him.

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Subject: Re: 45% of Americans believe that humans did not evolve

Posted by [warranto](#) on Wed, 11 Jun 2008 15:08:24 GMT

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Question:

Are you now admitting that God does, or at least might exist, but just isn't worthy of worship?

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Subject: Re: 45% of Americans believe that humans did not evolve

Posted by [cheesesoda](#) on Wed, 11 Jun 2008 15:10:22 GMT

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Posted by [Herr Surth](#) on Wed, 11 Jun 2008 15:11:35 GMT

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I dont believe in a god, warranto does, end of story.

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Posted by [GEORGE ZIMMER](#) on Wed, 11 Jun 2008 15:11:52 GMT  
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I mean, think about it. Imagine you just crated a giant metropolis on Sim City. Then suddenly, alot of them say "Fuck you, you don't exist". Then somehow there's some feature to, say, appear within your own city or somesuch. And when you do, they kill you, and it's game over. Granted, you could just re-load, but they'd do the same thing, then. Why bother even trying then?

And yeah, I know comparing God to humans is also somewhat flawed, but in something like that, you shouldn't bitch when someone's not better than you.

Oh, and also, it pisses me off when so many people think they're athiest because it's "cool" or because they don't exactly follow a major religion. Being agnostic is another option, and probably the most logical approach to religion to start off with. Going athiest because "LOL, CAN'T SEE GOD!" is a stupid reason.

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Subject: Re: 45% of Americans believe that humans did not evolve  
Posted by [warranto](#) on Wed, 11 Jun 2008 15:13:58 GMT  
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Posted by [cheesesoda](#) on Wed, 11 Jun 2008 15:33:04 GMT

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Surth Yeah, im pretty sure the african inherits wanted to be born in an environment that sucks You can only blame mankind for that. Again, interference doesn't allow for free will. There are negatives to everything. There are negative aspects to my libertarianism. My views allow for people to destroy their lives and their children's lives. However, basically enslaving 300,000,000 doesn't justify saving those few from themselves.

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Posted by [warranto](#) on Wed, 11 Jun 2008 15:43:04 GMT

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Quote:And the thousands of religions can easily be the attempts of hundreds of generations of humanity seeking to understand something greater than them.

Finally, someone other than myself believes this.

Edit to clarify. I do believe in God, but I acknowledge that we may not have a complete understanding of him. Hence my agreement with this statement.

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New testament..? uhh.. I thought editing the original Bible was a unforgivable sin in the eyes of god.

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Subject: Re: 45% of Americans believe that humans did not evolve

Posted by [warranto](#) on Wed, 11 Jun 2008 15:48:49 GMT

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Posted by [Ryu](#) on Wed, 11 Jun 2008 15:52:55 GMT

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blimy, New testament is.. as I assume, a new part to the bible? or a new bible-related book? if so, apparently, editing the Bible, adding, or removing text is a sin.

Since when did I mention google in my last post? (OH THE WEB VERSION IS FAKE LOL.)

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Subject: Re: 45% of Americans believe that humans did not evolve

Posted by [warranto](#) on Wed, 11 Jun 2008 15:58:08 GMT

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Umm... the New Testament is a part of the Bible...

Ever heard of a guy named Jesus?

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Posted by [cheesesoda](#) on Wed, 11 Jun 2008 16:01:57 GMT

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Though, if you just believe in the possibility, then you're agnostic.

See, your last paragraph puts what I believe better than what I've been able to describe it. It's like, why can people (monotheists, to be exact) write off so many different religions, including polytheistic religions, when they're the product of polytheism that reduced the number of deities to one? That's why I have a problem with a religion saying that their beliefs are the one, true beliefs. I'm sure billions of people that existed before them believed the same about their beliefs, and there's no decent reason to suggest that everybody else was wrong.

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I must say Starbuzz, thank you for being one of the few intelligent people out there when it comes to religion. Not someone who THINKS they're intelligent, but actually ARE intelligent.

A saying I like alot is, a wise man knows it's impossible to know everything.

It's good to know there's people who understand there's things beyond their comprehension. Sure, human nature makes us curious. That's fine, but no matter what religion you follow (Yes, evolution IS a religion, whether you admit it or not), don't claim it as fact. As also said, beleifs and facts are two different things.

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Posted by [mrpirate](#) on Wed, 11 Jun 2008 17:18:00 GMT

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Posted by [GEORGE ZIMMER](#) on Wed, 11 Jun 2008 17:30:26 GMT

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<http://dictionary.reference.com/browse/Religion>

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Posted by [StealthEye](#) on Wed, 11 Jun 2008 17:35:41 GMT

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Posted by [mrpirate](#) on Wed, 11 Jun 2008 17:58:05 GMT

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The theory of evolution describes how plants and animals develop over time. Maybe you meant that science is a religion, of which evolution is a part.

Whether or not evolution fits with some of the broader definitions of what a "religion" is, comparing it to something like christianity or islam is ridiculous as they are completely incongruous.

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If the class centers on the idea of scepticism, as mine did, you find out there is no real good proof to suggest that we (or at least the external world) even exists. Figured that based on your previous post you would enjoy it. If only for the amusement of seeing how the most obvious arguments for it don't hold much weight in a philosophical debate.

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When I say evolution, I'm naturally referring to the belief that it's what created us. Not the process of evolution itself.

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Posted by [ids48](#) on Wed, 11 Jun 2008 23:15:21 GMT  
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alright just coming out my local community college's philosophy 101 class i think im some hot shot at all this so i feel the urge to take a crack at this.

theists generally believe in a soul. an omniscient force that is you. problems with that include finding a place in the body where the soul meet the body. the other major problem is that people change due to physical changes, if there was a soul ca blow to the head change your personality?

but contanatry to that is the bundle theory. its basically where a person is made up of all their experiences and changes accordingly (this is more seen in the eastern religions) are you the same person you where 10 years ago? are your goals the same? do you have the same belief's?

the idea of intelligent design has a metaphor thats used

"your walking along the beach and find a watch. do you ask where did this grow out of? or do you ask who made it?"

i say that metaphor is off because we know watches are made. we created them. now you may say we can create humans, but do you we don't truly know where all our parts came from such as why we have an appendix. (to explode when god is mad at us?)

yeah that was a bad joke just to keep you reading.

religiously, zen Buddhism is along those lines but they dont have the average "we evolved lets go fuck up the world it wont matter if when were dead" but this religion states what we have is special, real special and i really think it is. good luck in your quest to enlightenment.

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Though, if you just believe in the possibility, then you're agnostic.

Same here. As for the possibility I mentioned earlier, atleast it can be the bare minimum conclusion someone can come to given the large amount of hints we have...I am past that ofcourse.

But I don't think a higher power feels the need to intravene in human life. Most of the rules (sacrifices, offerings, etc) were made by humans in their flawed understanding of this higher power. We are all so gullible anyway and have a complex range of emotions to aid in whatever we come up with.

cheesesoda wrote on Wed, 11 June 2008 11:01 See, your last paragraph puts what I believe better than what I've been able to describe it. It's like, why can people (monotheists, to be exact) write off so many different religions, including polytheistic religions, when they're the product of polytheism that reduced the number of deities to one? That's why I have a problem with a religion saying that their beliefs are the one, true beliefs. I'm sure billions of people that existed before them believed the same about their beliefs, and there's no decent reason to suggest that everybody else was wrong.

Completely agree.

EDIT: @ Cabal: Yeah...well I guess change is the only thing constant in life.

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Subject: Re: 45% of Americans believe that humans did not evolve  
Posted by [cheesesoda](#) on Thu, 12 Jun 2008 00:56:59 GMT  
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I've had odd "coincidences" that have happened all too often for me to ignore it. That's why I tend to believe in a personal god, but no specific needs to worship or follow a doctrine.

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Posted by [Spoony](#) on Thu, 12 Jun 2008 07:10:58 GMT

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Posted by [SSADMVR](#) on Thu, 12 Jun 2008 08:55:51 GMT

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Subject: Re: 45% of Americans believe that humans did not evolve

Posted by [Herr Surth](#) on Thu, 12 Jun 2008 09:14:43 GMT

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it actually makes you a really angry zealot, fighting in the name of the evolution! JIHAD!

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Posted by [GEORGE ZIMMER](#) on Thu, 12 Jun 2008 09:43:26 GMT

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You could say the same for simply agreeing with the theory that God exists.

Everyone can be classified as having some form of religious belief... Be it a belief of something, or a lack of a belief. If they don't know, then they're agnostic.

Calling yourself "non-religious" yet believing in a theory that also apparently explains how the world was created, and a belief concerning God (That he doesn't exist, or didn't create the world), is a religion. Deny it if you wish, but it is.

Yeah, there's people who believe in a different form of evolution. Like it's possible God created the world with evolution or somesuch. That's ALSO a religious belief.

A belief that concerns the creation of the universe and everything in it, whether by a person or persons or no, is considered a religion.

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Subject: Re: 45% of Americans believe that humans did not evolve  
Posted by [SSADMVR](#) on Thu, 12 Jun 2008 09:56:08 GMT  
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It's called rationality.

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Posted by [GEORGE ZIMMER](#) on Thu, 12 Jun 2008 10:01:02 GMT  
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SSADMVR wrote on Thu, 12 June 2008 04:56It's called rationality.  
Rationality is one of those words where the definition is based upon personal preference. Religion is pretty much an obvious thing.

Really, what's the point of classifying yourself as "non-religious"? Because you don't believe in a God/believe in evolution/whatever? So you can have an ego trip saying "HAHA, THOSE RELIGIOUS FAGGOTS BLOW THEMSELVES UP. GOOD THING I'M NOT RELIGIOUS"?

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But, if you want to think of it that way, look at the rational definitions of Religion then...

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Subject: Re: 45% of Americans believe that humans did not evolve

Posted by [StealthEye](#) on Thu, 12 Jun 2008 11:42:53 GMT

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<http://www.google.com/search?q=define%3Areligion&ie=utf-8&oe=utf-8&aq=t&rls=org.mozilla:en-GB:official&client=firefox-a>

Depending on which you choose you are right or wrong.

Quote:a strong belief in a supernatural power or powers that control human destiny; "he lost his faith but not his morality"

The idea about evolution is that it's nature, not supernatural. By this definition, believing in evolution is not a religion.

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Well that's not completely true. Some people find it rational to believe in something supernatural like ghosts. I think everyone here knows that's not a rational way of thinking.

On the other hand I agree when you look at the purely linguistic meaning the word has. "Ratio" means something like common sense. However, due to different education and culture, common sense coming from one person is usually different than that coming from another person.

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Posted by [GEORGE ZIMMER](#) on Thu, 12 Jun 2008 12:46:50 GMT  
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Kind of lame then that there's people who classify religion as a "supernatural" thing. It doesn't always need to pertain to a supernatural wonder that occurred that created us.

Even still though, wouldn't a universe that never existed that suddenly appears through a "big bang" be considered something of a supernatural event?

It's somewhat sad though that when someone can't explain something, they label it as "supernatural", and then deem it unexisting because of that. Or they just plain say it doesn't exist.

Having a religion that could possibly pertain to themselves because they don't believe in a popular religion is a terrible crime, I guess.

Also, @ SSADMVR: Yeah, that was my point. Something that seems sound to you could very well be unsound if not outright insane to another human.

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Subject: Re: 45% of Americans believe that humans did not evolve  
Posted by [warranto](#) on Thu, 12 Jun 2008 14:44:01 GMT  
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Heh, I actually did a paper on Rationality.

Take this into consideration as well. Whether or not the views you (and I mean the "you" who is reading this, and not a specific person) currently have. Are they (or at least one of them) rational?

Now, think back to a time when you thought differently than you do now. Were your thoughts at the time you had them rational? Do they still seem rational now?

Now, go back to the first question. Are the thoughts you have right now rational? Will they still be rational if you think differently in the future? (Take into consideration how you answered whether or not your past thoughts were rational).

If you thought your past thoughts were not rational (you believed in Santa, you thought you could trust a friend that now betrayed you, you changed your mind on a political stance, etc.) because you think differently now, what is to say the thoughts you currently have are rational if you know that at some point in the future, you may look back and think they are not as rational as you "once thought"?

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Subject: Re: 45% of Americans believe that humans did not evolve  
Posted by [Starbuzz](#) on Thu, 12 Jun 2008 14:57:28 GMT  
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One simply just needs to look at my evolving beliefs that proves warranto's points above.

EDIT: Reading my posts in past religious topics, I feel sick.

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Subject: Re: 45% of Americans believe that humans did not evolve  
Posted by [cheesesoda](#) on Thu, 12 Jun 2008 15:25:25 GMT

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Honestly, I don't see how my political views can evolve any farther than they have at this point. That is, unless I become an anarchist, but even then I don't think I'd look back and see my current libertarian views as irrational. Instead, I'd see them as more moderate, I guess.

However, two views that I once had are incredibly irrational, in my opinion. Those are my anti-gay marriage stance and my liking of rap. Those two views bother me now.

Starbuzz, so you went from Christian to atheist to deist? Interesting move from atheist BACK to some belief in a deity.

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Subject: Re: 45% of Americans believe that humans did not evolve  
Posted by [egoflux0](#) on Thu, 12 Jun 2008 19:44:57 GMT

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Quote:Take this into consideration as well. Whether or not the views you (and I mean the "you" who is reading this, and not a specific person) currently have. Are they (or at least one of them) rational?

Well, considering rationality is a subjective and relative thing. I say this since we have to LEARN logic through school, family, culture, etc. I think I'm rational enough (this phrase is quite ironic since I'm using THINK to describe a function of thought process which is being rational lolz). A basic element of rationality is causality (all things have a cause since all things are effects of something else in the passage of time). I found this post because I was looking through this forum, which was traced back to looking at information on the weird arrow thing that everyone is talking about which I was looking for because... etc, the list goes on... essentially this line of causality naturally goes all the way back to our universal origins which everyone likes to debate (as seen here). I'm going to go with the safe bet and say that since I wasn't there to EXPERIENCE (and thus PROVE TO MYSELF THROUGH THE MIND OF SCIENCE) I cannot truly understand or fathom wtf happened. I guess many people already came to this conclusion and went with a "leap of faith" to try to take a stab at our physical/spiritual origins.

Quote:Now, think back to a time when you thought differently than you do now. Were your thoughts at the time you had them rational? Do they still seem rational now?

My personality has changed over time and thus my skillz at rationality has changed as well. What I thought use to make sense now no longer is the case. Also, I'm reminded of talking to women -- irrationality galore =D (the point is still the subjectivity of and observance of this skill in myself and others based on my biased position).

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could trust a friend that now betrayed you, you changed your mind on a political stance, etc.) because you think differently now, what is to say the thoughts you currently have are rational if you know that at some point in the future, you may look back and think they are not as rational as you "once thought"?

All things go back to how truth can be derived -- and this is all a personal journey. The problem is that truth is also subjective to people as it is based on their past experiences. We believed in Santa because culture and the family taught us these things. We believed because we did not know better. It went back to someone telling us what the "truth" was and we went happily along with it -- just like in school, TV, friends, random internet people, etc. Yet, when you eat the apple from the tree and you become aware that you are naked you now have the burden of knowing.

Here's an example -- it is easy to hate your enemies until you know more about them, their families, their story, you learn their motivations for disliking you "why THEY hate us" etc... as you learn more about them you learn more about the "truth" of that specific situation. I'll go so far to use September 11th as an example. When the planes hit the buildings, the overwhelming response from people around me was "why do they hate us". When I tried to explain to people, it's not too difficult to see why they are angry at us I got labeled a traitor, unpatriotic, idiot, etc. It came back to this -> it is much easier to hate your enemies when you know little about them.

This actually seemingly is tied back to god and "not doing anything"... if you could take your self-centered egotistical view to outside of yourself and "zoom out" to see the "whole picture" of ALL REALITY (I mean, you're god, you made this place ya?) would the picture not be a very hazy gray color? In a weird sense, it is in balance as it is (imo). As there is death, there is life, what rises from the earth returns to the earth... and so on and so forth.

Then again, trying to find possibly an illogical answer in a logical world might be fruitless too -- maybe we're just here to enjoy what we have and experience things as they are AT THIS MOMENT.

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Subject: Re: 45% of Americans believe that humans did not evolve  
Posted by [warranto](#) on Thu, 12 Jun 2008 20:41:50 GMT  
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Quote:Well, considering rationality is a subjective and relative thing.

Heh, exactly what I was getting at with my post.

Not only is it subjective between people, but subjective to our current selves as well.

Heh, just in case there was confusion, I wasn't speaking with a view to showing how faith or science is right or wrong, just speaking to the ideas presented regarding rationality.

Heh, though if you want to bring it into the greater discussion, it can be done.

You believe 'x' and I believe 'y'. I call 'x' to be an irrational belief, and you call 'y' to be an irrational belief. When we do this, it is judged as we are now. Not who we were in the past, nor who we will



become in the future. However, if that is the case can we truly profess something to be rational or irrational if our own actions (going back to my previous post) are subject to the same criticisms of our future-selves?

If so and we can still call something rational "as we are now", by what criteria are we basing this rationality on? And then is this criteria subject to the same criticism as the original judgment, or is it something objective and exempt from further recession?

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Subject: Re: 45% of Americans believe that humans did not evolve  
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Subject: Re: 45% of Americans believe that humans did not evolve  
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This all goes back to "logos": <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Logos>

Essentially, rationality and logic can be derived from language (and thus culture and bias). How can you "know" anything in reality without LABELING it anything? Personally, I think people could not say god's name JHVH because no HUMAN WORD could ever label that which cannot have a label (thus beyond rationality!)

Objectivity is impossible -- only through exposure, experience, and an open mind can anyone really get close to that -- ya know.. kinda like OMNIPOTENT... I guess true objectivity could be obtained when you "know" everything... but lemme tell ya... the ratio of stuff I think I know to the stuff I don't know is pretty sharp.

Plus, I fully expect my beliefs, personality, and rationality to change as I grow older and get ever closer to my death bed and really wonder what this life was about anyways, then I'll really wonder just what happens to me post death... which of course is another topic of contentious debate which has plagued our ancestors from the beginning of consciousness and us to this very day.

EDIT: A situation to think about: my grandfather had Alzheimers for like 10 years before he died. He made absolutely no sense in almost anything he was talking about, but to him it was obvious he made sense to himself. To us, he was irrational and incomprehensible.

This reminds me of that time right after you regain consciousness from a deep dream in which everything makes sense, but as you wake you recall most everything what was happening and you think --> that made NO SENSE like people you "knew" in your dream, but on waking you realized you didn't know who the hell they were, etc

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Subject: Re: 45% of Americans believe that humans did not evolve

Posted by [egoflux0](#) on Thu, 12 Jun 2008 20:59:16 GMT

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Surth wrote on Thu, 12 June 2008 15:42TO MUCH TEXT

I would hope so, people have made a lot of books on these topics and even some religions me thinks.

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Subject: Re: 45% of Americans believe that humans did not evolve

Posted by [Spoony](#) on Fri, 13 Jun 2008 14:03:19 GMT

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There's no code of conduct you have to follow, no meetings you need to attend, no 'clergy' or historical figures you have to pay any particular level of respect to, no promise of divine reward or threat of after-death punishment if you misbehave... these are what defines religions, not just agreeing with a theory someone put forward. The same would be true if you just said "yeah, I think there probably is a god".

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Listen to how ridiculous you sound. As if someone needs to justify their atheism/apatheism (because I consider myself an apatheist, not an atheist). As if we're the ones with any explaining to do...

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Posted by [GEORGE ZIMMER](#) on Fri, 13 Jun 2008 14:45:17 GMT

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Being "religious" and believing in a form of religion are generally two different things. It's like calling someone a racist because they said something that could be interpreted as racist. I don't know why almost every atheist/"non religion believer" thinks they're oh-so-different than others because they believe in God in a different way (That he doesn't exist). You're not, it just means you have a separate belief than others. But it's still a belief regarding similar aspects of religions.

Christianity apparently explains how the world was created, and who created us. Yes, there is ALOT more to it than that, but surely a belief that large would have much more to it.

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Just because that's how you define a religion isn't how everyone else defines it. See previous posts regarding rationality.

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Yet at the same time, think about how many times you've pretty much said to yourself, if not to others, "This guy's a nutjob, I'm obviously more intelligent" when you argue/debate about religion. I've seen it many times. So in that respect, there's a fairly large similarity between evolutionists and Christians- they both always think they're right, and the other is wrong.

Granted, this doesn't apply to EVERY evolutionist and Christian out there, but still. The majority of Christians think they're right, and that's the end of the story. The majority of atheists/evolutionists/whatever think they're right, and that's the end of the story.

But wait, how can BOTH be right, and the other be wrong? Surely, there must be a middle ground. Or, there's parts of the other religion that are wrong, and there's a middle ground between the two.

That's why I generally take the stance I do. I don't go to church, I don't go to confession, I don't constantly read the bible, I don't always do some sort of daily/weekly tribute. But I have a belief regarding the creation of the universe, and I consider myself one who believes in a religion.

You can say all you want that those things define a religion, but why do they? There's another similarity that they all share. They believe that something happened that created them. It's pretty much like saying a tank and a soldier are entirely different things because the tank has a lot more

around it than the soldier.

But in the end, they're both tools of war. That's what we call separate divisions or something (Can't think of the exact military terms right now), but they're still part of the military.

The same can be applied to religion. The tank being Christianity, and the soldier being the evolutionist. The "military" and their goals being religion.

But wait, according to you, the soldier is then not a part of the military because of the fact that the tank is the military. Surely, even though they have different goals, this must mean that because they are radically different, there's no possible way they could have the same goals and therefore be classified under a greater definition... Right?

Oh wait...

Spoony

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You know, it's just as ridiculous saying someone doesn't need to justify their actions or belief. Really, you should always have good reasoning and judgement behind your beliefs, no matter what they are. If an atheist/evolutionist cannot justify why they believe what they do.

If a highly religious person walks up to you and asks why you believe in what you do, does that still mean you don't need to justify it? If all you can say to them is "because I can", you're as ridiculous as that guy who has a "god hates fags" sign. Blindly following a belief is still blindly following it, no matter what the belief is.

However, if you DO have reasoning behind it, then there you go. That's justification. Not necessarily GOOD reasoning and whatnot, but, y'know.

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Posted by [Herr Surth](#) on Fri, 13 Jun 2008 14:51:57 GMT

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No. I don't give a shit what anyone else believes as long as  
1. they're not trying to use it to infringe on others' rights/harm them somehow  
2. they're not claiming public money for it

this doesn't qualify as either of those.

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Cabal8616 wrote on Fri, 13 June 2008 09:45 But wait, according to you, the soldier is then not a part of the military because of the fact that the tank is the military. I'd really love to know where you got the "according to you" part from.

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Yet I still consider what I believe to be a religion.  
What's it called?

Cabal8616 wrote on Fri, 13 June 2008 09:45 You know, it's just as ridiculous saying someone doesn't need to justify their actions or belief. Really, you should always have good reasoning and judgement behind your beliefs, no matter what they are. If an atheist/evolutionist cannot justify why they believe what they do.

You're being dishonest. I never said I don't need to justify my "belief". You spouted out this "atheists love to feel superior to theists" bullshit, when anyone with a double-figure IQ or higher can plainly see that you don't need any kind of ulterior motive to live your life without the need for religious belief.

Cabal8616 wrote on Fri, 13 June 2008 09:45 If a highly religious person walks up to you and asks why you believe in what you do, does that still mean you don't need to justify it?

If all you can say to them is "because I can", you're as ridiculous as that guy who has a "god hates fags" sign. Blindly following a belief is still blindly following it, no matter what the belief is. Firstly, yes - it does mean I don't need to justify my "beliefs", because they aren't used to infringe on anybody else's rights, cause anybody harm, or claim public money.

Secondly, from where did you extrapolate this:

If all you can say to them is "because I can"?

Thirdly, I hardly think my idle agreement with the theories of the big bang and of evolution can be classed as "blindly following". Seems rather desperate to me.

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