
Subject: Voting, Apple Falafel, and Yugo
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msgtpain Now days, too many people believe the exact opposite, that all you have to do is profess your belief in Jesus, then you're free to walk away and act as you please.

"To know the good, is to do the good" -- Socrates.

I would bet that God is a bit smarter than to accept mere profession to His son and His son's acts on earth. And I agree with you, many people today have bought into this false sense of security that God is some kind of simpleton (although God IS perfectly simple, but that is another debate) who will let you into the big Club Med in the sky with a fake I.D.

However, J_ball isn't quite off his rocker on this one. Redemption in the traditional sense has escalated from the Opus Dei and their corporal mortification to confession to an ordained priest who can magically make your sins disappear for 3 minutes of your time repeating X number of prayers that you may or may not even know the MEANING of. Which leads back to that quote...

If you know what the good is, and in this sense I don't think you'll misinterpret it like many others on this forum, then you will do the good (That isn't to say that is what Socrates actually meant, but the quote is deliciously ambiguous that way). And when you are aware of the good, you will genuinely know the wrong of your past ways and will be able to be redeemed for it because you will genuinely be sorry. Which is all you need to do with God to be forgiven. It's not some funky rain dance or anything, it will be a fully ego-driven conscious effort to be sorry for a misdeed and you will be forgiven.

Now ATONEMENT, that is a COMPLETELY different story.
