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Subject: Re: hope none of you are them

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Crimson wrote on Sat, 15 July 2006 21:57: However, the point stands. When (and if) you realize that this life is all you have and there is no great reward or punishment after you die, you are freed. Freed from fearing that who you love may decide your ultimate fate, freed from fearing that enjoying harmless pleasures won't condemn you to the imaginary pits of hell... As a child, the idea that this God person was there was told to me by my mom. Neither of my parents made me go to church more than a time or two, though I have attended at least a dozen sermons in my lifetime and attended Vacation Bible school twice. But even as a pre-teen, the whole god thing never stuck with me. It seemed like a weird story. Little did I know at that point how even intelligent people fell for this stuff and how deep this belief that some people have has gone back through the ages. Only recently did I really come to see clearly how religion was created by man to control people en masse, and as I discover people who I thought were intelligent being so the opposite, and so closed minded about religion.

It makes sense, of course. What better way to cement your religion than to convince the followers that non-believers are EVIL and are going to hell. Then if you hear common sense from us atheists you say the devil is speaking through us and shit. Such a beautiful near-perfect manipulation I see before me. I think less of you for falling for this shit, and you think less of me for not believing. What a beautiful situation that has been created, no?

How am I freed? That's just an athiest's view on our faith. The same would go for a Republican saying that a Democrat would be freed from propaganda if they denounced their liberal stand-points and embraced the right's views. It's purely opinion to claim that one is "freed". I feel freed knowing that I have some higher power willing to die for my well being and eternal safety. It has nothing to do with who I love or treat nicely.

Religion is evil. There is no other way around it. It IS to control people in masses and force them to abide by certain guidelines. That's not what Christianity is SUPPOSED to be about, but it has just become another religion. True faith, however, is not bound by these restrictions. I have no longer allowed myself to be bound by a religion. I follow the Christian faith.

Why does this all have to be a trap? Why can't this be something truthful? Just because YOU feel that something is right, doesn't mean it is. Just because I feel that something is right, doesn't mean it is, and to look down at me because I disagree with you? That's ignorance. Why would I look down at you for not believing this? I think differently, but that doesn't mean that I think I'm a better person for thinking my way. If anything, I'll think less of you for sinking down to that level of immaturity and closed-mindedness.

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