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Subject: Re: Jesus

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(Kinda makes you wonder about euthenasia and abortion, doesn't it?)

If I were more motivated, I would have continued on this course of discussion, but I'll just go ahead and give away what my point was in bringing up that subject. It'd be more strong, of course, had I gone along with what I was planning, but whatever; I don't feel like dealing with it.

Here's another post I wrote on the APB forums from a thread about a similar subject (I don't see the reason to come up with something more original since it was about a similar subject)

(Iscream4pork is an atheist):

Hydralscream4pork I believe that Atheism doesn't have an explanation for emotions, But Quote:the law written on the heart actually comes from the bible where, I believe Paul, noticed the gentiles were nice even though they were not of his faith, or more correctly i suppose--not Jewish. It is thought that everyone is born with this inner instinct, or that God intended it to be there...depending on what you believe.

I said this. Basically, almost all People are inherently are born with the sense to not treat other humans unkindly for no reason.

Like I said, You can say genetics or God either way. But that is how I think most atheists would argue that.

And I would argue that those emotions exist because we were created from, by, to, and simply for love, which is the central message of the entire Christian religion. We're here to love God and love people. That's why most of us feel at least a little guilty when we do something that might end up hurting another person. That's why we all feel so sorry when we see those pictures on TV of starving children in Africa and those ads asking for people to sponser a child and pay money to a Christian (there's that evil, oppressive religion again, shoving its beliefs down others' throats) organization that will provide that child with an education and basic medical care and opportunities that their parents maybe never had.

There is no evolutionary reason for those "feeling sorry for others" emotions to exist.

You may say it's because we needed them to survive early in our existence (which, once again, atheism cannot explain), and out of the bonds formed with other humans, complex societies evolved and solidified such emotions.

Let's take a look, however, at some other species that are almost as old as the human race and also exhibits a semblance of a society among members: the wolf.

Wolves are pack animals. They travel in groups so their chances of surviving in harsh conditions are better. They hunt in groups because they have learned that they have remarkable strengths in numbers; a small group of wolves could fight with a large bear, which would easily win in a one-on-one situation, and still emerge victorious simply because there were more wolves than the bear could handle. Wolves will fight viciously to protect their young; otherwise, the group cannot grow and will eventually die out. Wolves even have a bit of a heirarchy as to who is in charge, apparent in the leadership of the largest male, called the alpha male.

Yet these wolves do not necessarily share the same emotions humans do for one another. Do wolves experience or even know love? Of course not. They are driven by instinct and the need to

survive. When an old and weak alpha male is challenged and beaten by a younger, faster, and stronger male, do the other wolves tend to the beaten wolf and lick his wounds? Of course not! They ostracize him from their society because he has been beaten by a wolf better than him. In fact, it would be detrimental to the wolf pack if they kept the old dog because he would become a burden on the pack.

If I'm not mistaken, they do similar things not just to beaten alpha males but also their sick, decrepit, and physically handicapped. Think a wolf without a sense of smell carries much value to a wolf pack?

So what evolutionary sense would it make for us humans, who, apparently, are no better than other animals since we are animals ourselves, to care for our sick; to care for our elderly; to try to fix genetic disorders that are present in our gene pool; to try to fix foreign societies; to help our poor; to feel emotions that make us care about one another?

If you accept this world at face value and close your mind to all possible religion and accept no higher purpose other than to live for yourself, there is no reason to care about the suffering of others. You are supposed to sit back and let mother nature run her course through the human race and kill off those who are weak, who are debilitated, and who are of no value to society. Oh well. That's as far as I'll go with that tangent.

We'll now return to our regularly scheduled bickering.

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