Subject: Re: Religion discussion from "Meaning of Life" thread
Posted by warranto on Thu, 21 Jun 2007 19:09:58 GMT
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StealthEye wrote on Thu, 21 June 2007 11:24Quote: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.Either that, or they beleive so strongly in something, that they think it is neccecary to spread that at all cost. I really don't think there are a lot of wars about religion itself, and not only used as a tool.
But even if it was only used as a tool, doesn't that make it a scary thing anyway? A gun made for hunting, but perfectly capable of killing people with?

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.