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Subject: Re: Day of Silence

Posted by [GoArmy44](#) on Fri, 25 Apr 2008 22:57:01 GMT

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Spoony wrote on Fri, 25 April 2008 16:45GoArmy44 wrote on Fri, 25 April 2008 15:00Just because people who have religious beliefs manipulate them to serve their own personal selfish desires doesn't mean the religion they manipulate is bad. I can make the counter argument that atheism is bad by saying that the Soviet (atheist state) discrimination and persecution of political and ethnic groups was because of atheism.

sorry, where's the holy scripture of atheism which justified any of that? more to the point, what's the connection between that and an atheist?

it's not a valid comparison.

My point was that just because a person commits an act that is considered bad, one cannot call his religious (or lack thereof) beliefs bad as well(there are always exceptions of course, but I do not see one in this case). My comparison with the Soviet Union was that since they were an atheist state, and many of their inspirations for their political philosophy (communism) were indeed atheist, I could make the counter argument (with Sadukar's perceived logic) that atheism was the cause for the bad things in which the soviets did to their people. In my beliefs I do not think that atheism caused the soviet's and their leaders to persecute it's peoples. My argument clearly states it is because of human ignorance and greed that men and nations do these acts.

sadukar09 wrote on Fri, 25 April 2008 15:05I see your point, but still, a lot of crap came from religious icons manipulating people into believing something.

Yeah you're right, but religious icons and personalities are not religions. You are disliking the messenger because of how he is saying the message...not the message itself.

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