Subject: Re: 45% of Americans believe that humans did not evolve
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R315r4z0r wrote on Fri, 06 June 2008 22:01No, you misunderstood me. I didn't say that it is evil because it is based off of fear. That is just a reason why it is bad. It is evil because it doesn't embody any respect for the environment or the elements, only other people and the god them self. That is why wars are fought. That is why it is evil.

People tend to believe their religions are better than others. "My God is better than your god!" It is just an ironic chain of violent anti-violence.

That's not an aspect of religion though... just the people who use it.

"My God is better than your god!" offers no difference to "My government is better than your government!". How often do you hear about one country saying that their way of government is better to another Country? More often than not, it results in war and violence just as much as the concept of God does - just as often as "My way of life is better than your way of life" invokes war and violence. World War 2 happened because the German way of life was "better" than the rest of the world's. The Cold War happened because the American way of life was "better" than the Soviet Union way of life. Racism in America happened because Whites were "better" than Blacks, etc.

It's not the function of the ideal that makes it "evil", it's how people use that idea and are intolerant of other ideals. Democracy or Soviet Union-style Socialism are not evil by nature, but the people who follow them will still do evil in their name. Even racism is not evil by nature. Its simply a segregation of people based on the thought that one is better than the other. It may be wrong and and bad, but not "evil". However the people who follow such an ideal are still capable of evil done in its name.

Religion is no different.