
Subject: Re: Why did you vote for Obama?

Posted by [Jecht](#) on Wed, 10 Dec 2008 19:20:17 GMT

[View Forum Message](#) <> [Reply to Message](#)

Spoony wrote on Wed, 10 December 2008 07:02

Firstly, I didn't accuse you of being closed-minded, at least not in that statement. You said there are constant challenges to your faith, and the reason you resist them is you have a "strong enough will". It is UNBELIEVABLE arrogance that you think this is the only explanation; your "strong will". There's no possible danger that what you think might just be plain wrong, eh?

If someone is absolutely adamant that $2+2=5$ no matter how many people prove to him otherwise, would you assume that the only explanation is that he has a "strong will" as opposed to being arrogant, unwilling to listen to reason, and unable to accept the possibility that he is wrong? Would anyone suggesting either of these alternatives be "closed minded" or would that be better applied to the guy who, presented with a calculator, shuts his eyes and puts his fingers in his ears and screams "LALALALALALALALALALA"?

Not only do you have the nerve (and stupidity) to call ME closed minded, citing a post where I clearly did no such thing, whereas you did. Not only that, but you go on to call ME the hypocrite. It'd be funny if it wasn't so sad.

I'm waiting for an answer, by the way, as to how secularism negatively affects you (stripping away some undeserved privileges doesn't count, by the way). So far all you've demonstrated is that you don't know the meaning of the word. You said yourself, let's agree to disagree. I've already said that this is fine with me as long as religion does the same, which it continually proves itself utterly unwilling to do, and you are currently affirming. You would think, given a viewpoint as immoral and non-inclusive as this, that you have a very good case to make against secularism. So let's hear it.

You said that my view of a strong will is probably nothing more than crackpot skepticism, or closed-mindedness, as displayed by your defensive word choice. That seemed hypocritical. Since you said that you didn't mean it that way, I'll drop the issue.

I say "willpower" because from my viewpoint, resisting the urge to look at another woman lustfully (even if in an advertisement in say, Victoria's Secret while walking in the mall) takes willpower, discipline, self control, or whatever you'd like to call it. A small sacrifice in order to make my future wife happier, and an active demonstration in following the words of Christ. I don't claim to be perfect; I'm very far from perfect, but I do try my best.

To answer your previous question, yes I did know what secularism meant, even if the use of the word was highly semantical and irrelevant to the point I was trying to make. A simple dictionary.com search affirms it:

Quote:

<http://dictionary.reference.com/browse/secular>

of or pertaining to worldly things or to things that are not regarded as religious, spiritual, or sacred; temporal: secular interests.

To follow up my post, I fully understand that you could be right about the afterlife, religion, and so on, but I don't believe so. I'll let death show me, but I'm not impatient to know. What I do know is that I have had help in my life, and the odds were too far stacked against me for it to have been luck. That's a story for a different time though.

If you'd like to listen, and I mean really listen, I can address some of those points you made above against Christianity. The ones I don't know would have to be fielded by someone more learned in biblical teachings like a pastor.
