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Subject: Re: Question for Christians

Posted by [Starbuzz](#) on Fri, 29 May 2009 11:49:55 GMT

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Spoony wrote on Wed, 27 May 2009 23:43ljbh... you must feel better saying that, right?

I don't feel like a hero or anything! but very very relieved to get that off my mind.

Spoony wrote on Wed, 27 May 2009 23:43i've a question... that stuff you PM'd me about earlier and told me to keep quiet about (I have done so) - am I the only person you said that stuff to until now?

Thanks for keeping that private; I appreciate it. I had not revealed it to anyone else; the stuff I told you were not discussed. I only had to say most of it here because without all my personal experiences and history, I felt it would be kinda empty.

Spoony wrote on Wed, 27 May 2009 23:43Yes, I know this stuff really happens, and I am fortunate to have parents who have always let me make my own mind up religion-wise. I actually thanked them for this exact thing a few months back.

I wish I had parents like that.

Spoony wrote on Wed, 27 May 2009 23:43Perhaps you're now beginning to understand why I involve myself in these debates. I don't wanna ridicule people's religious ideas just to make them look stupid or because it's funny (although it sometimes is) - this is a moral point. Freedom of belief is a basic human right. And I define freedom of belief as the following: "everyone's allowed to make their own completely free, completely informed choice of belief, or non-belief". We simply do not have this, and I firmly believe we ought to... hence trying to raise awareness, for the sake of people like you.

The main problem is that the chances of such discussion occurring in real life are slim to none. Not many people want to sit and talk and discuss this stuff. Unless they themselves are trying to raise awareness, of course but running into those people are rare.

On the web, it is more straight forward. And I think you not retorting to petty insults and staying on-topic makes what you are saying have more credibility.

In the end, if an idea is pointed out to be wrong and there is no need to follow it, then it makes sense not to follow it.

It's like jumping off a ship into the sea because you realize that contrary to what people on the ship are saying, you find out the ship's going nowhere. And so there is no need to stay onboard.

Spoony wrote on Wed, 27 May 2009 23:43Starbuck wrote on Wed, 27 May 2009 22:19For the first time in my life, I feel like a massive weight has been lifted off my mind. Like as if somebody just erased everything from a board. I have a fresh slate to work on. Damn it's a good feeling to not be a slave. I feel like I don't belong to any group and that is tremendously satisfying to me. i am genuinely, genuinely happy to hear this.

There's no going back now.

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