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Subject: Re: Question for Christians

Posted by [Spoony](#) on Thu, 11 Jun 2009 15:45:39 GMT

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Altzan wrote on Thu, 11 June 2009 09:28A virus infects earth, crippling and killing humans, the new pandemic. You and several others devote your lives to fighting the spread of the disease, and begin looking for a cure. Soon, another group appears with the same goal of stopping the spread of the disease, but their method is to kill anyone who has it.

Would you want to be affiliated with that group simply because they have the same goal?

I don't see what you're getting at here, frankly.

Altzan wrote on Thu, 11 June 2009 09:28@Dover: I have a feeling these are going to get shot at, but here are my reasons:

1. I grew up with it. No point hiding that. That doesn't mean I was brainwashed into it or some other crackpot theory.

nobody who's been brainwashed thinks they've been brainwashed. it wouldn't be very effective if that were the case, would it?

Altzan wrote on Thu, 11 June 2009 09:282. The religion does not seem improbable from my viewpoint. The creation by God seems more believable to me than the evolutionist theory, for example.

then explain how this god of yours came into being; was he created by something else? did he evolve into a god from something less powerful? your statement is pretty useless unless you know the answer to this, surely. Know, not make an unsupported guess.

Altzan wrote on Thu, 11 June 2009 09:283. Christianity is fairly well spread. If a false religion spread this well, and it simply isn't true, that certainly leaves humanity with something to be desired. And I don't think we're that gullible.

firstly, christianity hardly the only religion that is "fairly well spread". secondly, given it's history, it'd be a catastrophic failure if it WASN'T "well spread". for nearly two millenia in many countries it's had an iron grip on politics, social structures, and most insidiously of all, education. We have only recently entered a time when you can criticise religious beliefs without something horrible happening to you; if you want to know what that was like, just go to Saudi Arabia or Pakistan. And yet the structure of brainwashing is still very much in place. Even in liberal, enlightened Britain, in the supposedly secular primary and secondary school (at least, not obviously Christian), Christian prayer was compulsory for me every day, and the ridiculous bible myths were taught with the same certainty as what was taught in maths, science, geography. This is brainwashing, and this is probably the shiniest end of the wedge. If the brainwashing kids have been subjected to for nearly 2000 years was only THIS bad, one would expect Christianity would still be pretty widespread. Of course, for most of history it was much, much worse than this.

Altzan wrote on Thu, 11 June 2009 09:284. If anything, Christianity isn't teaching horrible things (like sacrificing humans or killing infidels). The moral code is something everyone would like to be treated with. (Why would you want to be mistreated or abused, at any rate.)

It isn't teaching horrible things?

I disagree with christianity. What will be my punishment for this thoughtcrime? That's right: the

most horrific idea we ever came up with. Hell.

The likes of Stalin would kill you simply for disagreeing with him, but at least after you were dead he was more or less finished with you (except when he felt like photoshopping you out of a few pictures). It wasn't claimed that he would torture your eternal soul until the end of time. Christianity doesn't teach horrible things? Several Christians, including you, have either threatened me with this or at the very least alluded to it. And it's sad to see that they have absolutely no idea of the sheer evil of what they're saying. Thankfully I'm a grown man and I don't believe this appalling threat for a moment, but you're still a disgusting individual in making it. And we subject children to this.

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