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Subject: Re: Question for Christians

Posted by [Dover](#) on Thu, 11 Jun 2009 16:07:28 GMT

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Altzan wrote on Thu, 11 June 2009 07:281. I grew up with it. No point hiding that. That doesn't mean I was brainwashed into it or some other crackpot theory. This, by itself, simply isn't good enough. Other people have been raised with far more harmful beliefs, like the children of neo-nazis (inb4 Godwin's law; I'm not comparing the two just making a point, and I could easily apply some less-tainted example). If people believed everything, or at least most things they were taught by their parents, humanity as a whole would make very little progress. It's okay to start out believing what you were raised with (that's what being raised is!), but part of growing up is questioning what you've been taught.

Altzan wrote on Thu, 11 June 2009 07:282. The religion does not seem improbable from my viewpoint. The creation by God seems more believable to me than the evolutionist theory, for example.

I don't know how you could see things this way. The bible is full of improbable/impossible shit, like burning bushes, worldwide floods for 40 days/nights (how would that even work? The water has to come from somewhere), pillars of salt, the Red Sea parting, talking snakes, and who knows what other kinds of crazy improbable/impossible stuff. It's been said that the only two constants in the bible is a bunch of stuff that's hard to believe and the frequent mention of wine (Then one conjectures about which came first in the writing).

If you're up to it, I would like to discuss why you believe the theory of evolution is so crazy.

Altzan wrote on Thu, 11 June 2009 07:283. 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.

There's quite a bit of history behind that. Most of the time, it was spread fairly violently. But that's beside the point. This is a logical fallacy known as "Argumentum ad populum". You can do your own reading on it if you'd like, but the basic idea is just because an idea is popular doesn't make it true.

And I would argue that we are (Or at least were) that gullible, and that humanity does have something to be desired. I certainly don't think we're perfect, and I'm pretty sure you'd agree with me there.

Altzan wrote on Thu, 11 June 2009 07:284. 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.)

Some would argue that it DOES call for violence against infidels, but even if it didn't, couldn't you get the same moral code without subscription to the religion itself, without the ritualistic and theocratic baggage that goes along with it? My set of morals is pretty close; Don't kill, don't steal, don't lie, etc etc

At the risk of sounding arrogant, your reasons aren't good enough. They basically boil down to;

- 1) My parents did it
- 2) It's not impossible (lol)
- 3) Everyone else is doing it
- 4) It doesn't harm anyone

..Which, truthfulness of the statements aside, are either appeals to external sources, reasons to not-believe. Surely, there has to be some better reason you've placed your faith where you have?

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