Subject: Re: Catholic adoption agencies and homosexuality Posted by Spoony on Tue, 30 Mar 2010 14:34:09 GMT

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snpr1101 wrote on Tue, 30 March 2010 00:47HaTe wrote on Mon, 29 March 2010 19:46Science>Religion Proof>Belief Seeing>Wondering Knowing>Assuming

Not even going to read the whole topic, but that is my general opinion. I'd rather have actual proof, without having to be convinced and dragged into, rather than assumptions and, what appear to me - are false hopes. I'm not one to judge anyone by their religion, but i do feel as if they may not be aware of some of the actual facts out there....like the fact that there has been, what, hundreds of different religions before us, all believing 100% that THEIR religion, and their gods were what was real. Then every other religion comes and says they are wrong, and that the religion they believe in is right....when there is yet to be facts about any of this. Seems like it's more culture and tradition to believe in one defined religion now-a-days anyway....or just the fear that when you die, you will not be taken care of, or go to hell, if you do not believe. I'd rather not get my hopes about something that appears to me as proven to be false more than true to this point. Tradition, culture, and fear aren't really something i would be willing to trust my life to.....even science would be better.

Yea but what does science offer you after you die - a nice little story about the decomposition of your body.

What does religion (generally) offer? - A nice little story about living in an unimaginable paradise if you're a good little boy or girl for eternity.

Not hard to see why so many people would rather believe in religion, as science promises nothing except knowledge for present use. After you die, what good is it to you?

I know what i'd want after I died, yet reality drags the wishful mind back into the real world; and the facts are daunting.

let's not understate of the benefits of science. presumably neither you nor anyone close to you has ever had a potentially life-threatening illness, for example. what use is religion in the field of medicine? according to the holy books, plagues and other natural disasters usually happen because god is punishing someone. that'd be a real help if you had cancer, wouldn't it? "sorry we can't do a damn thing to help you, and what's more, it's your fault anyway"

and as for "after you die, what good is it to you"? well, after you die, what more do you need? nobody's ever given a convincing reason to think that there is life after death.

on to the promises of paradise.

firstly, would you rather be told the unwelcome truth or a comforting lie? seems you'd rather be told what you'd find more comforting, regardless of how much truth there is to it.

secondly, many religions say that the way to paradise is more to do with believing the right thing

than it is to do with your actions.

thirdly, many religions' rules - some of them, at least - are pretty shitty. to take the most obvious example, the 72-virgins business.

here's what you said:

"What does religion (generally) offer? - A nice little story about living in an unimaginable paradise if you're a good little boy or girl for eternity."

well, islam offers a paradise if you die in battle, and islam also says that non-muslims are the perpetual enemy. look at the results.