
Subject: Re: Catholic adoption agencies and homosexuality

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Spoony wrote on Tue, 30 March 2010 08:34snpr1101 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.

I don't know to what degree you're challenging what I said, but I wasn't intending to understate the benefits of science, just made a short and sweet message. Yea of course stating - science provides knowledge for the present isn't encompassing all that is science and the benefits it provides.

As for the after you die part, I wasn't saying you needed anything after you die, it was simply a comparison between what science "offers" you after death, and what religion "offers" you. Again I wasn't arguing for either side nor did I say anyone had given any convincing reasons. The clear point I was making was that the potential future after death that religion offers is certainly brighter than the one science does. (I use the term religion loosely and I know there are differences between each)

Finally, i can't see how you can come to the conclusion that I personally would prefer a comforting lie over truth. I simply made a general observation as to why I thought people believed in the promises made to you by religion after death.

And by the way, my granddad had toes and feet amputated. He eventually died of a stroke. My Grandmother suffers from severe parkinsons' disease at present. I myself was very sick as a child, and have come close to death many times.

Not trying to turn this into a self pity post or a "who knows more family members who've died or suffered" contest. Just pointing out your assumption was wrong.

edit; off topic: i thought Spoony had passed away? Am I mistaken, or are you a friend / family member using his account?