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Subject: Re: Catholic adoption agencies and homosexuality

Posted by [Spoony](#) on Wed, 31 Mar 2010 08:24:58 GMT

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snpr1101 wrote on Wed, 31 March 2010 01:41 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. sure.

science tries to find out what actually happens to you after death and if it finds out for sure, will tell you based on what the evidence shows. religion simply tells you what it wants to tell you.

Quote: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)

i wouldn't say that it's brighter. i don't find it comforting to be told that this life is basically a qualifying period before the afterlife, and i haven't yet heard of a religion whose rules i like.

Quote: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.

ok, but it only boils down to wish-thinking in the end, doesn't it? and if i assumed that about you, then it was probably thanks to the "i know what I'd rather want"

Quote: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.

i'm happy to be corrected in that case, although you do accept my general point, surely?

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

I think you are thinking of Spoonplex, a member of the Jelly community who passed away a year or two ago.

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