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Subject: Re: Catholic adoption agencies and homosexuality

Posted by [Spoony](#) on Thu, 22 Apr 2010 10:58:01 GMT

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Altzan wrote on Wed, 21 April 2010 20:55Spoony wrote on Sun, 18 April 2010 20:44perhaps you can name one true dictatorship that worked out well?

Seeing as how every dictatorship I know of was run by fallible human beings, no. so is the dictatorship you propose.

Quote:Spoony wrote on Sun, 18 April 2010 20:44i said nobody said that the population of the earth at 4000 BC was small. life's been on this planet for a lot longer than that.

Well, I don't think the Earth has been around longer than over 8 millenia or so. well, that's not a view you can come to by actually studying evidence critically.

Quote:Spoony wrote on Sun, 18 April 2010 20:44Quote:I hear what you're saying, and I made a response for it.

Then you tunneled into one specific aspect...

the fact the whole "saved" concept is a tendentious and immoral racket?

No, the aspect of "God's the one who set up the punishment."

...which goes some way to proving what a racket it is.

Quote:Spoony wrote on Sun, 18 April 2010 20:44Quote:Why can't it be? What is it about the basic definition of a dictatorship that's so horrible?

you said that you find islamic morality objectionable. it doesn't seem like you need this explained to you.

Islamic morality hardly involves the definition of dictatorship being wrong.

you said you objected to islamic morality. what if the islamic revelation was correct? if you object to it, if you think its rules are evil, then the concept of dictatorship falls...

Quote:Spoony wrote on Sun, 18 April 2010 20:44As for doing whatever we want, no. We do want laws, to uphold the basic human rights, to protect citizens, their rights and their property. But when it comes to the laws, we want the right to decide them democratically.

The system can be as perfect or corrupt as it can or will.

sure, and you'll invariably find that the more religious a society is, the more corrupt it is.

Quote:That doesn't change the fact that once it and the people within it are gone, they're gone for good... if there's no afterlife.

Yes, but the party will go on. The human race goes on, the planet's still here, our friends and relatives are still here...

Quote:Spoony wrote on Sun, 18 April 2010 20:44Quote:People will forget you, your actions will have been for nothing.

You don't think anything in your life is worthwhile?

Of course I do. What I do in life determines where I go in death.  
There it is, ladies and gentlemen.

"Your actions will have been for nothing" if there's no afterlife. If there is, then your actions will mean a better deal for you.

Quote:Spoony wrote on Sun, 18 April 2010 20:44I've gone to extraordinary lengths to allow your side to support your claims, and I'm still open to evidence. No rush.

So you're ignoring the other stuff I mentioned earlier?

Excuse me? I've gone to quite some trouble to respond to the "evidence" you posted, and pointed out how laughably feeble it was. If you've got any more, go ahead. Don't post a whole mess of links though; put it all in one place.

Quote:Spoony wrote on Sun, 18 April 2010 20:44Quote:I've been studying something called "The Case for the Existence of God", and the "evidence" is anything but laughable - a lot of it makes sense.

And why did the author write and publish this book?

Do I really have to explain? It's obvious as to why he published an article of that nature. I would like you to answer the question.

Quote:Well, man has been naturally religious for quite some time. The vast majority of every tribe or civilization has had some sort of higher power in their beliefs.

And I expect you would probably agree that the overwhelming majority of religions that have been believed over the centuries have been incorrect.

Furthermore, let's never forget the way religions propagate; through violence, threats, and most importantly, by lying to children.

Quote:Do you believe then, that man is irrational in this aspect?  
Sure.

Quote:Also, here's another question:

"The creative power of the mind amounts to nothing more than the faculty of combining, transposing, augmenting, and diminishing the materials afforded to us by sense and experience."  
(David Hume)

Do you agree with this statement?

I can see why he said it, and I can see why a religious person would jump on it.

Quote:Yes, religion does progress. Seeing as how customs, technology, and dialect change over time, it would be hard for religion to stay exactly the same in terms of buildings to worship in, proper attire, and so on.

What should NOT change is what is practiced and what is believed. Unfortunately, many seem to think changing beliefs or practices in order to blend into the modern world is perfectly OK.

So you think the proportion of Muslims who live peacefully are in the wrong, then?

What about that evil rape law we discussed earlier? It was never repudiated, remember. You made some weak bleating about how it must have been something to do with the culture at the time.

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