
Subject: Re: Catholic adoption agencies and homosexuality

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Altzan wrote on Sun, 25 April 2010 21:41 How is it Biblical to believe that God is involved in current affairs?

kidding me right?

Rulers are put in place by your god. A king's heart is like a river and your god turns it whatever way he wills it. He did after all lead the murderous exodus gang cutting a wide swath of destruction and misery to ancient kingdoms. Plagues and all manner of natural catastrophes are direct actions of god. Let's not forget his omnipotence and omnipresence and how he always is watching every human on the planet 24/7 to get his notes down.

Frankly, I am shocked you asked this question. It's mind-boggling.

Altzan wrote on Sun, 25 April 2010 21:41 Why don't you describe what you mean by "modernized and phony" so I don't have to leave this unreplied-to from puzzlement.

Your previous question above shows how much christianity in america has modernized itself. In fact, I can say it is so far off from what was practiced in the past that what you have now is a dead modernized casual revision. I still cannot get over the fact that you asked a question like you did above.

I was told god is watching your every move and directly and indirectly interferes whenever possible. I guess you are going to challenge that too using the version you were taught with huh?

At least the good thing with this is a chance of a Pat Robertson coming up is very slim.

Either way, I am not that surprised really. We know exactly why earthquakes happen and why volcanos erupt (not Mother Earth's fury). So it makes sense for a religion like yours (with an actively interfering god) to automatically refine itself and keep up with the times.

Altzan wrote on Sun, 25 April 2010 21:41 If life has been a whole lot different in the past, changing greatly (and you just admitted that) then why should religion be eternally unchanged to be valid? Obviously, aspects of a belief system will have to change as man's way of life changes.

No, you are not just changing your belief system...you are also changing how it is applied over and over that what you find "acceptable" now is so different from what was "acceptable" then. The doctrine has been rewritten and modified over and over with huge parts of it simply rejected and ignored to suit modern lifestyles (and this means ignoring many of the inconvenient rules not to mention the religious trying to choose which passages in the bible are symbolic and literal to avoid run-in's with commonsense).

Need an example? I was beaten all the time with the biblical justification that a parent who doesn't beat his child doesn't love him. With America and its general anti-spanking mentality, no wonder that verse got thrown into the memory hole. You probably wouldn't have heard of it anyway.

Altzan wrote on Sun, 25 April 2010 21:41 Sexuality is natural. It exists to help man as a race live on. In that aspect, homosexuality isn't "natural".

And the idea of abstinence deals mostly with morals and civilization rather than religion.

Yeah, well sexuality is also highly pleasurable. That's natural too. It's no longer taboo to talk frankly about this stuff. So everyone has and should have the right to procreate as well as use their sexuality for recreational purposes in anyway possible.

Altzan wrote on Sun, 25 April 2010 21:41 In other words, you think it is nonsensical to believe in any sort of afterlife whatsoever, and that no action in this life should be spent to affect actions or events in a possible afterlife.

No, it is nonsensical and downright absurd to live a life (by making "sacrifices here and there...narrow path, remember) when:

- 1) there is zero proof of your rewards let alone your god
- 2) your entire motivation to do so is based on a feeble faith-based belief system cooked up by a certain eastern-mediterranean sea people who's ancient ancestor is a mesopotamian man by the name of abraham.

yeah, I am not gonna knock myself out on that one.

We all know what faith is; desperate wish for *insert wish here* to be true. Now add in the other religions which billions of people live with confidently and you tell me which of these afterlife realities is real.

frankly, I can't imagine anyone wanting to "take action in this life" based on such flimsy wishes. It cannot even be considered a gamble...atleast you kinda had some idea of what you were gonna get when you gamble. This is worse than that.

But let me be clear and say I do not wish to intrude on the way you live your life...just saying why exactly I no longer live that way with the reasons above.

Altzan wrote on Sun, 25 April 2010 21:41 My question stands though - we have a basic human attribute of trying to understand what superior force put us where we are,

We have always had a sense of curiosity as to the exact nature of our relationship to the cosmos. The idea of a "superior force" came later. Reverence toward nature seems to have preceeded everything else.

Altzan wrote on Sun, 25 April 2010 21:41 Man didn't initially worship nature, they did worship those "same supernatural beings".

denial

you are saying humans got on the planet and went directly to worshipping the supernatrual beings? That defies logic and also comes to denying history.

Altzan wrote on Sun, 25 April 2010 21:41 and man did NOT just imagine it, because it is impossible to create an idea without prior influences.

Are you serious? Sometimes, I feel glad that a polytheistic religion such as Hinduism is going strong today... just for existing as a living reminder as to past beliefs. The fact that animals get so much attention with a personal god for each is similar to the forces of nature given their own deity/spirit.

If you want to believe that a superhuman/supernatural race called the Annunaki came to the earth from the planet Nibiru and made humans here and hence the descriptions in the ancient Sumerian beliefs... well go ahead.

Altzan wrote on Sun, 25 April 2010 21:41 Um, if we were given a flashlight and told where to go, I'm pretty sure we wouldn't be able to get there on our own without disagreements on the best way to get there... hence the variations.

I think you missed the point. If a certain being came down, made humans, and let em loose, there wouldn't be so many variations/disagreements in the first place. Wait... Abraham's god did intentionally confuse them up at Babel no?

And you have still to explain why your god choose to make the same humans with different racial flavors with various muscular structures, skeletal frame sizes, penis length/size variations, eye, hair, skin color variations and so on.

Altzan wrote on Sun, 25 April 2010 21:41 it's a choice, not something you are born with.

doesn't have any bearing on consenting adults doing what they please.

edit: added blue stuff.

edit2: added stuff below:

Nukelt15 wrote on Sat, 24 April 2010 01:02 To paraphrase a quote that's become quite popular in the Science Fiction genre: anything we are not yet advanced enough to understand is indistinguishable from the supernatural.

Also, human beings are stubborn creatures. Because how we live our lives is shaped by our perceptions and beliefs, we will always tend to resist any outside influence that challenges those beliefs (even if we dedicate ourselves to challenging our beliefs, rarely will we seek to shake their foundations). The unspoken assumption is that if we can be wrong about one thing, we can be wrong about anything, and we most emphatically do not like being wrong.

Well said tbh. I will also add that we humans have a tendency to demand immediate solutions. We generally lack the patience and perseverance to think things thru.

imo, this is one of the reasons religions are popular. It provides a stop-gap in our journey of discovery. And this fear and curiosity of the unknown has made people come up with so many

different guesses (especially when it comes to the topic of death). It's no surprise that the majority of the world's population is religious and only a few out of that number are, say...scientists (humans who are pushing the boundaries of discovery without any pre-made sentiments)...and that I believe takes intellectual strength; no wonder such people are few in number and despised by the masses.

Yet another reason is the most primordial of emotions; fear. This seems to have done more to propagate religion than any other human emotion. Fear after the 9/11 attacks caused church attendance to increase. Fear of war and the fear of the multiple earthquakes earthquakes and volcanic activity has caused a huge majority of people in predominantly christian nations to believe that they are in the "end-times."

Intersting thing about this what is going on religion-wise in my country India. With a majority of hindus and a bullish minority of christians, my cousin informs me that all the christian evangelists over there (now these guys will make Pat Robertson look smart) are preaching fiercly about the end-times. He also informs me that the hindus are not in the slightest bit giving a shit about it! But then again the hindus have a much more superior and more enlightning belief system (though it has its problems).
