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Subject: Re: Catholic adoption agencies and homosexuality

Posted by [Spoony](#) on Fri, 30 Apr 2010 11:29:01 GMT

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Altzan wrote on Fri, 30 April 2010 00:26 Why? You said I only obey because I want the future reward, because I'm selfish. (Not true, but why go there)

I highly doubt that you obey the laws of your country because you believe that they are right and just in every way.

you forget how we got onto the topic.

you originally said it that if there's no afterlife, people can behave however they like because there won't be any consequences (a really odd thing to say... there are consequences for actions in this life too), and you implied that it's a selfish concept. well, what if there was an afterlife? you said this would mean that what you did in this life would have the purpose of getting you a good deal in the afterlife.

Quote:Spoony wrote on Wed, 28 April 2010 05:57 No, you didn't. I asked you again and again and again: where is the evidence that proves that the account given in Genesis is correct?

YOU-HAVE-NOT-GIVEN-ANY.

And you haven't given a single piece of evidence of any other possibility, either.

What am I asking you to believe, and what am I threatening you with the most horrific punishment imaginable if you don't believe?

Quote:Spoony wrote on Wed, 28 April 2010 05:57 Quote:3) This is the only choice left...

If there was a time where only NOTHING existed, there would be NOTHING still, because something cannot come out of nothing. Since something obviously does exist, it must have ALWAYS existed... so what is it?

This can only get you as far as deism. It's an absolutely enormous jump to get from that position to theism, i.e. that you know the details of what created the universe. Furthermore, it obviously raises the much bigger question of where the deity came from, and I've never heard a religious person give anything but the most feeble guesswork answer to that.

Assuming you think it's feeble that a diety could have always existed.

Still, it's a step towards deism and away from atheism.

you'll notice that there is a "t" and a "h" but not a "d" in atheism.

Quote:Spoony wrote on Wed, 28 April 2010 05:57 i also can't help but laugh at this

Quote:1) Everything is categorized as matter or mind... nothing else...so:

2) Something is eternal, as mentioned

3) That something must be either mind or matter

4) It cannot be matter, for matter is not eternal.

5) That eternal something must be "mind". There has been an eternal mind.

matter can't be eternal, and therefore we must be dealing with an eternal mind... lol.

Go ahead and laugh... I'll just sit back and wait for a rebuttal.

for starters, nobody's ever demonstrated that a mind exists or has ever existed without matter to back it up.

secondly, you say that not only could a mind be eternal, but that THIS MUST BE the case if what we're talking about is not matter. it's not X so therefore it's Y... it's a terrible way to reach a conclusion.

Quote:Spoony wrote on Wed, 28 April 2010 05:57Quote:Spoony wrote on Sat, 24 April 2010 05:43Quote:Spoony wrote on Thu, 22 April 2010 05:58Quote: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.

Ok. But do you think he is right, or wrong? It's not an opinion he's stating, it's a true or false fact.

Is it? I wouldn't have phrased it that way.

Now who's being evasive?

I don't accept that this is a yes-no question.

Logically, it is... so I don't see why you're evading it, unless you just aren't sure.

I did not evade it.

Quote:It's hard for me to look at all of the evil occurring in today's world and know that some believe God's active...

well, religion is the cause of so much of it in the first place.

furthermore, given the cruel and merciless depiction of god in the bible, why would the amount of evil in the world suggest that he ISN'T still around? i've never understood people who say: there can't be a god because of how fucked up the world is. they must be reading a different bible to the one i read.

Quote:Spoony wrote on Wed, 28 April 2010 05:57Quote:Quote: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.

And an athiest's belief is based on an idea that the universe appeared by the means of some unknown force that cannot possibly be directed by an intelligent entity.

no, it's not.

Which do you deny?

That the universe was created by an unknown force?

Or that there wasn't an intelligent mind behind it?

neither. i deny your definition of the belief of an atheist.

"And an athiest's belief is based on an idea that the universe appeared by the means of some unknown force that cannot possibly be directed by an intelligent entity."

an atheist need not claim that.

Quote:Starbuzz wrote on Wed, 28 April 2010 09:59Altzan wrote on Wed, 28 April 2010 04:55Starbuzz wrote on Mon, 26 April 2010 03:43I was told god is watching your everymove and directly and indirectly interferes whenever possible. I guess you are going to challenge that too

using the version you were taught with huh?

Of course... as I stated above. I'm "mind-boggled" that people still believe this.

What does your version of christianity say regarding where non-christians and casual christians will "go to" after death? What about satan?

What does this have to do with God's modern activities?

quite a lot. you say god isn't intervening in the modern world? i would think that subjecting humans to the worst punishment imaginable if they don't believe in him or disagree with his religion counts as intervening.

Quote:Starbuzz wrote on Wed, 28 April 2010 09:591) it does not make any sense to use the word "belief" to anything atheist.

Why not? Atheism isn't the absence of belief. It's a belief that no deity exists. not necessarily.

Quote:Only time I've ever seen the "atheism is not a belief" argument is when an atheist wanted to get out of giving any sort of evidence for their side of the coin. Why should I take anti-Christian bashings seriously when the atheists supposedly don't have their own belief to go to? That's like complaining that the boat you're on in the middle of the ocean is weak and crumbling, and won't last long, when there's no other floatation device available.

Our side of the coin?

You say there are unicorns who created the world, and they wrote this book with rules for us to follow, and if we don't believe it or don't like it, we'll be tortured in the dungeon forever. I say I don't find that very convincing, and the rules are pretty crappy.

I do not have the same burden of proof as you. I'm not claiming to know how the world was created - simply saying that your explanation looks nothing more than fiction. More importantly, I'm not telling you that my boss will punish you for ever if you don't believe in him or don't like him. The sides of the coin are by no means equal.