
Subject: Re: Catholic adoption agencies and homosexuality

Posted by [Altzan](#) on Wed, 05 May 2010 03:26:22 GMT

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Nukelt15 wrote on Sun, 02 May 2010 00:19: Altzan God didn't create himself, he was never created. He is eternal, while the universe is not.

Genesis doesn't open with God "creating himself", it opens with him creating Earth.

That really depends on the translation; I know that some of them begin with God's self-creation... however, I'm not going to push this one any further. The only copy of the Bible I've got on hand shares your version of the text, so I find myself without a reference to back up my words with. I seem to have suffered an acute case of "failed to find evidence before opening big mouth." My apologies.

Yeah, there are a lot of translations... I'd like to think that King James Version is the one most true to the original translation.

No need to apologize, by the way.

Spoony wrote on Sun, 02 May 2010 09:00: this implies that the only way an action could be worthwhile is if there is an afterlife, and the only concept of 'worthwhile' is to your own benefit.

The bold is where you lost me on that one.

Spoony wrote on Sun, 02 May 2010 09:00: question. let's say there isn't an afterlife. if someone found a cure for cancer, would that be worthwhile? would this person's action have been for nothing?

Timeframe is the key. For the time following his discovery, it would be worthwhile. It would ease suffering and death for many people.

Zoom ahead to when Earth and its inhabitants no longer exist... doesn't seem so worthwhile now.

Spoony wrote on Sun, 02 May 2010 09:00: another question. let's say there is an afterlife, and that the christian guess at it is correct. and let's say the scientist was not a christian. do you think he's still going to hell?

Not enough detail to answer that, all you've said is one thing he/she did.

Spoony wrote on Sun, 02 May 2010 09:00: i don't give a shit whether you believe it. i thought i had made that clear. the only reason i am criticising religion is because it's trying to take over the world.

That's interesting, seeing as how I'm not a part of that movement in any regard...

Spoony wrote on Sun, 02 May 2010 09:00: almost no atheists say that they know there isn't a god. they generally say nobody's come up with any decent evidence, or even a convincing line of argument, that there is one.

That's not atheism, that's skepticism.

Spoony wrote on Sun, 02 May 2010 09:00Quote:2) Normally, I'd agree on that algebraic view... but not until you can explain how there can be something that isn't X or Y... mind or matter. i've got a better idea, how about you prove to me that there has ever been a mind that did not have matter to it?

That's only a better idea because now I'm the one answering and not you, eh?

Spoony wrote on Sun, 02 May 2010 09:00Quote:Logically, it is a statement. It is either true or false. I asked you which you think it is. If you refuse to answer and give no reason other than "I don't accept that this is a yes-no question" then you are indeed evading it. When did I refuse to answer? I said I wouldn't have phrased it like that.

Well, if you hesitate to throw your opinion to either choice, then rephrase it to how you think it is, don't avoid it altogether.

Spoony wrote on Sun, 02 May 2010 09:00Quote:Spoony wrote on Fri, 30 April 2010 06:29given 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. Given how many Biblical quotes you've provided, you should have a pretty decent idea of what "sets God off", so to speak... and you've seen examples of what he does in response, in the OT... so, why isn't he responding much the same today? because it's fiction

Congrats on your excellent dodge attempt. If you think it's fiction, you wouldn't have brought it up in the first place. Only when it's convenient for you, I see...

Spoony wrote on Sun, 02 May 2010 09:00Quote:Spoony wrote on Fri, 30 April 2010 06:29 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. I don't see how an act of the afterlife counts as "modern-time". Oh, really? So God is doing absolutely nothing about the murderers etc in the world, then?

Elaborate on that, please. I don't quite understand what you're asking.

Spoony wrote on Sun, 02 May 2010 09:00I can give you better alternatives to most parts of Christianity. The rape rule, for example. I think a better alternative is to lock the rapist up and offer some kind of counseling to the victim if she needs it. Either way she shouldn't ever have to look at him again. The doctrine of forgiveness, the idea that your sins can be forgiven if you believe something (seriously, what the fuck? how can something so ridiculous be so widespread?). Better alternative. You do something wrong? Apologise to the people you affected, do what you can to rectify the situation, and resolve to behave better next time. Any other alternatives you want?

This is still tearing at my boat, so to speak... as if you were giving your opinion on how you would have built it.
Doesn't help much.

Spoony wrote on Sun, 02 May 2010 09:00Quote:God didn't create himself, he was never created.
He is eternal
How do you know that?

I never said I 'knew' it. Belief, remember?
I believe the Bible, and the Bible says God was already there 'in the Beginning'.

Starbuzz wrote on Mon, 03 May 2010 15:44Altzan wrote on Fri, 30 April 2010 00:26Yes, angels did those things in the NewT... they don't today, though.

Basically, they were helping establish the new church that Jesus had just put into place.

I don't want to dwell on this issue but the only reason I brought it up is to show the poorly-made excuses christians bring up all the time to justify why supernatural interference is not occurring anymore.

here's a more plausible answer: the people who wrote these stories are no longer around to write them.

This is actually a huge reason as to why I don't believe. The world seems to be more pessimistic in it's cyclic nature than show any order as suggested by religions. Perhaps we can talk more about this?

I'm sorry, I cannot understand anything you're saying here.
I'm willing to talk about it, I guess.

Starbuzz wrote on Mon, 03 May 2010 15:44I asked out of curiosity. What is your denominations take on it? The entire christian community is awfully divided over these basic questions.

Well, we believe that there is a hell, and that non-christians and suchlike will dwell there. And what about Satan, now?

Starbuzz wrote on Mon, 03 May 2010 15:44There used to be a time in the western world when satan was the supreme devil who had strings attached to all parts of the body. When you got sexually aroused, it was satan pulling the strings to "make you sin." This is the view among christians in eastern countries.

Any perverse thoughts were because satan was "putting them into you" and it was just 2 months ago that my dad claimed that I became atheist because "satan planted the doubts." What's pathetic is he truly believes it.

That's a view I haven't heard in awhile. I certainly don't agree with it.

Starbuzz wrote on Mon, 03 May 2010 15:44Altzan wrote on Fri, 30 April 2010 00:26I don't understand how anyone can think arguments for atheism are any more credible because I have been born and brought up in a christian household and can't think things through scientifically in a unbiased way.

Fixed. You can't cut through the childhood indoctrination overnight.

That's irrelevant, you know. You can't just blame their argument's lack of support on an indoctrination you know little about.

I was brought under a different church than you, and you have certainly surprised me with some of the things you say your church tried to teach you.

Starbuzz wrote on Mon, 03 May 2010 15:44wow...so many christians don't know this. All jews, christians, and muslims trace the root of their religions to the Patriach Abraham.

I'd trace it to Adam and Eve, and their creator, myself.

Starbuzz wrote on Mon, 03 May 2010 15:44There's a huge difference between human discoveries and the horror fantasies in a religious book.

How? Take both and show them to a people who are ignorant to both's origins, and they'll very likely think both are just as implausible.

Starbuzz wrote on Mon, 03 May 2010 15:44do you imply that reincarnation is true but we aren't in a position to have "examined and studied" it?

I imply that, while I don't believe in it, I don't have concrete proof that it is false.

Starbuzz wrote on Mon, 03 May 2010 15:44I can also see how difficult it will be for them to believe that airplanes fly because of the manipulation of the laws of physics (aerodynamics). They would be more inclined to believe it flies on magic fairy dust.

There you go.

Starbuzz wrote on Mon, 03 May 2010 15:44So don't you see then how silly it is to rely on any product coming out of older tribes and civilizations? How risky it is to especially rely on on their old books for setting a standard on morality and foundation for social law?

No, not especially. They've lived with the signs and the events for a long time, and their judgement can't just be hastily applied to a made-up belief.

Starbuzz wrote on Mon, 03 May 2010 15:44If christians kept their beliefs to themselves and stopped trying to bring their religion into politics to enforce it on the whole nation aiming for a theocracy style government, then they wouldn't have earned such a bad rep from pretty much everybody. They are only hurting themselves. Trust me, they are trying to do this everywhere and not just in America.

I wasn't aware Americans were trying, all I see is atheists trying to remove anything religious from American culture.

Starbuzz wrote on Mon, 03 May 2010 15:44jesus instructed you folks to carry his message to the whole world. And he specifically instructed you folks that if his message is rejected by any people, then shake the dust off the feet when you leave them:

Luke 10:10-12
10 But into whatsoever city ye enter, and they receive you not, go your ways out into the streets of the same, and say,

11 Even the very dust of your city, which cleaveth on us, we do wipe off against you: notwithstanding be ye sure of this, that the kingdom of God is come nigh unto you.

12 But I say unto you, that it shall be more tolerable in that day for Sodom, than for that city. Simple translation: if anyone rejects my message, show them the finger and go preach elsewhere. I will deal with them later.

So when did his message become, "if a people reject me, go crush them and break their backs, and infiltrate their political processess, make sure they teach about me in school and pray to me in public and establish a christian theocratic state where everyone obeys me and let those who oppose me be systematically oppressed"?

I am with you on this one, believe me. Forcing a viewpoint on someone is wrong, any viewpoint.

Starbuzz wrote on Mon, 03 May 2010 15:44 I don't know what is pathetic; atheists wanting fair secular laws for everybody or christians wanting to enforce their outdated tribal laws on everyone else. So what were you saying again?

Hey, this is hardly my original statement. I said atheists who automatically look down on religious people for that reason alone are pathetic. NOT those who want laws or whatnot. And I already stated my opinion on those 'enforcing Christians'.

Starbuzz wrote on Mon, 03 May 2010 15:44 You see where I am going with this? That's what extremely unfair and downright evil about religious doctination. They grab our mind before we can come to our own conclusion later in life. In other words, you, my friend Altzan, have not thought things through with your own intellectual sovereignty. It was imposed by your parents like it were for me and you are merely repeating what they put into you.

You're assuming this, actually. You don't know for a fact what I've learned from my parents and what I learned for myself. And I'd appreciate you not implying I learned everything religious from my parents alone.

I'm not denying they've influenced my viewpoint. It's the degree you imply that irks me.

Starbuzz wrote on Mon, 03 May 2010 15:44 Altzan wrote on Fri, 30 April 2010 00:26 You're reading too far into it. It's simply a step to indicate that there is a diety! Why is that so ridiculous? It wouldn't be ridiculous if you left it at that. You also go on to imply that this diety is the judeo-christian god of abraham!

I said that's what I believe, based on it. That doesn't undo my statements about a diety, just because I have my belief on who it is.

Starbuzz wrote on Mon, 03 May 2010 15:44 Altzan wrote on Fri, 30 April 2010 00:26 Lol, even if all the early humans were like that, it still vindicates the point of "basic human attribute" and "superior force".

Now THAT's laughable.

You lost me...completely. Help me out.

You think sacrifice and such based on religion is laughable; I merely pointed out that it still plays on the aspect of man's inherently religious nature.

Starbuzz wrote on Mon, 03 May 2010 15:44 Anyway, I was away for the last couple days because I was invited to a wedding. It was for one of my hindu friends and I had a really fun time at her wedding. I got to see for the first time the various hindu ceremonial marriage rituals in a very nice natural open setting. It was a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to appreciate the lifestlyes and beliefs of people from a very different religion.

That's pretty cool, hope you had fun.

Starbuzz wrote on Mon, 03 May 2010 15:44 Now logging back into renforums and reading these christian arguments makes me feel like I am in some twilight zone away from reality lol.

I know how you feel
