
Subject: Re: Catholic adoption agencies and homosexuality

Posted by [Spoony](#) on Wed, 05 May 2010 13:16:16 GMT

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Altzan wrote on Wed, 05 May 2010 04:26Spoony wrote on Sun, 02 May 2010 09:00this 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.
i can't imagine why.

Quote:Spoony wrote on Sun, 02 May 2010 09:00question. 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. then here's another critique of the religion that's been inflicted on you... it's made you not appreciate and value everything that's actually real.

Quote:Spoony wrote on Sun, 02 May 2010 09:00another 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.
the general question is pretty straightforward. if someone is not a christian, just can't bring themselves to believe any of this crap, is there any good work that could be done that could get them out of hell? cure all disease, end world hunger, that sort of thing?

Quote:Spoony wrote on Sun, 02 May 2010 09:00i 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...
k. so if i proposed that all the undeserved, undemocratic privileges currently enjoyed by religion are removed, you'd be on my side?

Quote:Spoony wrote on Sun, 02 May 2010 09:00almost 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.
how can you say a rejection of theism based on its extreme improbability and lack of any evidence (not to mention moral objections) is "not atheism"?

Quote: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?
nice dodge. you started off on a bullshit assumption, i.e. that everything is mind or matter. show me that there is, or has ever been, a mind that is not also based on matter, otherwise your entire line of reasoning falls apart.

Quote: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.
moving the goalposts again.

Quote: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...
you stupid, stupid son of a bitch.

i have always thought, and said, that it is fiction.

you ask why isn't god intervening in the world? DUH, BECAUSE THE STORY IS MADE UP. that's the simple answer to your question. it's a much better answer than "there is a god but since jesus he hasn't been intervening in the world, even though there's nothing in the bible that says he would stop doing that, and even though the STAGGERING majority of christians in the world think the opposite"

Quote:Spoony wrote on Sun, 02 May 2010 09:00Quote:Spoony wrote on Fri, 30 April 2010 06:29quite 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.
simple.

you said god isn't intervening in the modern world. i think taking someone once they're dead, "judging" them (as if his supposed character could have any credibility to do that), and sending them to be tortured for ever counts as intervening.

if that DOESN'T count as intervening, then god is doing nothing about the evil in the world.
someone murders your parents? god won't do anything about it.

Quote: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.

you said atheists aren't giving you alternatives to christianity. i'm giving you much better alternatives to what your religion says.

Quote: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'.
what a cop-out.
