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Subject: Re: Catholic adoption agencies and homosexuality

Posted by [Spoony](#) on Fri, 07 May 2010 15:48:17 GMT

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Altzan wrote on Thu, 06 May 2010 23:36Spoony wrote on Wed, 05 May 2010 08:16then 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.

If there was an afterlife, and it's composed exactly the way the Bible describes and there's absolutely no reason to think it is, so that's quite a big "if". part of my comment was attempting to say that religion has simply asserted that it is true and you arrange your thoughts on that basis. it hasn't even attempted to explain how it knows it. (and it's made the worst threats it's possible to make for anybody who doubts it, and it's always saying that believing things for no reason - i.e. faith - is a good thing)

Quote:I'd be puzzled to understand how it ultimately holds less priority than this life. so you sympathise with the suicide murderers of islam, for example? they're told they're going straight to paradise if they kill a few infidels and die in the process.

Quote:Spoony wrote on Wed, 05 May 2010 08:16k. so if i proposed that all the undeserved, undemocratic privileges currently enjoyed by religion are removed, you'd be on my side?

Yes.

As I have stated before, I am AGAINST religion taking such a position of power over people's lives who do not wish to be a part of such. you've spent several pages asking what would be so wrong with a heavenly dictatorship.

swap "religion" in your last sentence for "god" and ask the question again. are you against god having power over a person who does not want any of it?

Quote:Spoony wrote on Wed, 05 May 2010 08:16how 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"?

OK, bad wording on my part, since the loose definition of atheism is "denies the existence of (a) god".

i'm sure that is how religious people usually like to define atheists.

Quote:A skeptic is one who admits there is a possibility, but requires more proof/evidence to make such an assumption.

"more"... lol

Quote:Spoony wrote on Wed, 05 May 2010 08:16nice dodge. you started off on a bullshit assumption, i.e. that everything is mind or matter.

Go ahead, explain how it's bullshit...

...the question i asked and which you couldn't answer. "i.e. show me something that's mind with no basis of matter, please"

Quote:Spoony wrote on Wed, 05 May 2010 08:16show 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.

To do that, I'd probably have to point out a mind even slightly capable of performing feats that God has, which in turn would help prove a diety's existence, which in turn would prevent this type of discussion from even happening...  
see above re: couldn't answer.

Quote:Spoony wrote on Wed, 05 May 2010 08:16Quote: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.

OK, I'll leave it at that, then. Thanks for showing me an easy way to evade questions, I might give it a go later on.

quite plainly i did not evade the question at all.

Quote:Spoony wrote on Wed, 05 May 2010 08:16you stupid, stupid son of a bitch.

Thus lowering my respect for your viewpoints down another couple of notches. AFAIK, the only reason why you'd both insult me and try to reason with me is that you're not actually interested in changing my opinion or educating me - you're just trying to disprove me and increase your reputation among the community.

When somebody says something as astonishingly fatuous as what you just said, the kindest thing you can do is shock them into realising it. If they're offended, tough... it's better than carrying on not knowing what an idiot they just make themselves look like, and probably doing it again later.

And if you think what I said in response is anywhere near as offensive as telling someone they deserve to go to hell for disbelieving or disagreeing with your religion, then I haven't shocked you anywhere near enough yet.

Quote:Spoony wrote on Wed, 05 May 2010 08:16you ask why isn't god intervening in the world? DUH, BECAUSE THE STORY IS MADE UP. that's the simple answer to your question.

Uh-huh. As soon as I get a good reason to believe it, I will.  
you don't seem to need much of a good reason to believe the alternative.

Quote:Spoony wrote on Wed, 05 May 2010 08:16you 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.

MODERN WORLD. God isn't judging people right now, he's not judging them while the earth remains. When Judgement comes, said murderers would be in trouble since God will then "intervene".

okay... so until then he's quite content to let the world be fucked up beyond recognition (usually by the religious)

y'know, after islam started up, it wasn't long before it conquered half the christian world. all these devout christians slaughtered and subjugated by a false prophet... wouldn't it have been nice to get a little memo saying "this guy mohammed doesn't actually work for me"?

Quote:Spoony wrote on Wed, 05 May 2010 08:16 Alternatives to some of it, anyway. including the redemption through jesus bullshit, which is probably the central tenet of christianity. it's certainly the one i hear the most often.

Quote:Spoony wrote on Wed, 05 May 2010 08:16 Quote:Spoony wrote on Sun, 02 May 2010 09:00 Quote: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.

Yeah, because stating my opinion is a cop-out, sure. [/quote]  
sigh

you start off by this string of pseudo-logic how there must be a god (your god, conveniently) because the universe can't create itself. so people ask the obvious question - how did this god come into existence, then? you say he doesn't have to follow these same rules of common sense. well, how do you know that? "i just believe it"

\*facepalm\*

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