
Subject: Re: Catholic adoption agencies and homosexuality

Posted by [Spoony](#) on Mon, 07 Jun 2010 15:07:37 GMT

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Altzan wrote on Sun, 06 June 2010 21:10Starbuzz wrote on Thu, 03 June 2010 17:06The fact that you think "not brainwashing a kid with religion itself is brainwashing" tells a lot about you.

No, telling a kid anything as fact at all (including telling, as a fact, that no higher power exists) is brainwashing.

i've never met an atheist who advocates telling kids that there's no such thing as god. that there's no evidence that there is one, let alone that anyone has discovered the details, sure. that faith is always a bad thing, sure. kids should be taught those.

but are you suggesting that, for example, teaching a kid that $2+2=4$ in a maths class is "brainwashing"?

Quote:Starbuzz wrote on Thu, 03 June 2010 17:06They need not be compared? We were talking about how atheism, unlike christianity, doesn't threaten anyone with punishment for disagreeing with it. You responded to that with a "but they cause us grief and call as stupid" and now you are asking to not compare the two?

Let me try again - while hell is most assuredly worse than a verbal attack, it does not make a verbal attack insignificant.

Understand now?

a "verbal attack" (i'd love to hear specifics) absolutely is insignificant compared to the two thousand years of hell threats.

Quote:Starbuzz wrote on Thu, 03 June 2010 17:06true but first you said "fighting against a governmental decree legally allowing something you consider to be a sin" which seems like a obvious intrusion into the political system to have the laws influenced to favour your side.

Did I?

I said I believe in voicing myself, and being heard, on my opinions and thoughts, like everyone else (I think that might be called intellectual freedom by some)... but not that we should take that to a fighting level. No higher than the usual governmental process, which was used to pass the governmental decree in the first place.

how fortunate you are, then, to live in a country with a secular democratic constitution.

Quote:Researchers nearly finish calculations for a new outer-space rocket. However, one of the details in the physical formulas is interpreted two different ways. The researchers split up, unable to resolve the issue. Each build their own rocket, and their calculations are nearly identical, with only the one detail different.

Yes, the detail may be insignificant and will not harm either rocket.

But it is very possible that one interpretation will get the rocket in space and beyond, and the other will end up in the rocket's destruction.

scientists tend to resolve these questions by testing and observation and evidence, rather than

mutual excommunication. and, best of all, the enormously flawed "they're reading the bible wrong" argument.

Quote:Starbuzz wrote on Thu, 03 June 2010 17:06Altzan wrote on Thu, 20 May 2010 01:14there's a difference between mentally incapable of belief and deciding not to believe. So you are saying either a person must be clinically braindead OR simply outright stubborn to not believe?

Do you think that every time I disagree with you, then what I actually believe is always completely opposite?
Either you or Spooky believes it can be impossible for an individual to believe in Christianity. eh?

Quote:Starbuzz wrote on Thu, 03 June 2010 17:06What I find pathetic is you rejecting every other religion, even those that came before yours, and also condemning them all to some sadistic roasting for eternity. So are you right? Really? Are you christians really this desperate to be in the middle of the grand scheme of things in the universe? Give me a break!

I'm not, but God is, provided he does exist.
If you are angry about the "nonbelievers are going to burn in hell" aspect, don't blame me for it - I didn't design the system. I believe that the system exists, but it's not how I would have set it up. sure, but it's always worth judging how much time any particular christian spends criticising atheists... against how much time they spend criticising the god.

Quote:Starbuzz wrote on Thu, 03 June 2010 17:061) they are not hurting anybody

That's not absolute, you know. Homosexuality can hurt people in several ways. go on?

Quote:Starbuzz wrote on Thu, 03 June 2010 17:064) I, a complete outsider, is interfering with someone else's sex life.

Same as above... you, a complete outsider, are interfering with my beliefs, and I, a complete outsider, am interfering with your ideas.
define "interfering with your beliefs", please, and explain how it is possibly comparable to interfering with someone's love life.

Quote:Starbuzz wrote on Thu, 03 June 2010 17:06It doesn't stop there. Take the pledge of allegiance for example. So there is "under god" in it and tbh, I don't mind it. But is this really "one nation under god?" Under what basis do you imply that this is "one nation under god" and do you have anything solid to say about it? To me it sounds like typical pumped-up mix of christianity and some crude patriotic rhetoric. I am really an outsider here but obviously many Americans feel it needs to go and I don't blame your fellow atheist countrymen for attempting to do so...

This particular example is one I can agree with on their terms. I can understand why they want it removed.

But what they want removed and censored isn't always this simple.

"under god" should never have been put into the pledge, and its removal is long overdue.
