## Subject: Re: Catholic adoption agencies and homosexuality Posted by Spoony on Thu, 17 Jun 2010 18:01:27 GMT

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Altzan wrote on Wed, 16 June 2010 22:40Starbuzzz wrote on Mon, 14 June 2010 09:56The fact that I cannot be openly atheist just because my entire family is christian is another example. Just yesterday, the son-of-a-bitch that I have for a father told me over the phone while discussing something unrelated that "you are fucked because you choose to be an atheist and questioned christianity." He thinks I am some sort of criminal for being atheist. I'm sorry to hear that.

on what theological basis do you disagree with starbuzz's father? the bible seems to say that starbuzz is a heinous criminal, as am i. god's a cruel, bloodthirsty tyrant at the best of times, but his merciless rage is at its worst when someone doesn't worship him correctly. and before you say that's just in the OT, christians have been telling us for two thousand years that we'll suffer even worse than what the victims of the old testament supposedly suffered, as punishment for the worst crime of all: doubt.

Quote:2)Quick question - what is it that homosexuals want to do that is being held back by the 'tyranny of the majority'?

marriage, in a lot of places. also, stop me if i'm wrong, but there are sodomy laws in some states? so they can't legally have a sex life, even in private with a consenting adult.

Quote:3)I certainly don't care whether or not atheists try to guard their children against religion. If they want to make sure their child stays free of mind through their childhood, it's fine by me. do you think it's fine by your God?

Quote:Starbuzzz wrote on Mon, 14 June 2010 09:56Altzan wrote on Sun, 13 June 2010 21:40Starbuzzz wrote on Thu, 10 June 2010 03:25And you cannot have "faith" if you take away childhood brainwashing.

Then how do people who've never been religious all their life hear the message and study it, and decide to become Christians? That's not childhood brainwashing.

Are you serious?

How about telling your children about religion when they are mature enough to actually think on their own and come to a conclusion using their own judgment? Telling a 8 year old is just brainwashing since kids can be easily fooled.

Didn't answer the question.

i think i did, didn't i? if an adult wants to study a religion and then makes a free hindered choice to start practicing in it, you won't find many atheists objecting to that.

Quote:Spoony wrote on Mon, 14 June 2010 10:47 exactly, and that's why it's fine when that happens. you want to proselytise to an adult like me, you're very welcome to try... just keep the fuck away from children.

I don't plan on trying to teach it to children. Sure, parents will teach theirs, that's not likely to change, but when it comes to teaching it to others, it doesn't include children. cool.

Quote:Spoony wrote on Mon, 14 June 2010 10:47Quote:Starbuzzz wrote on Thu, 10 June 2010 03:25Simply stating it is interference doesn't make it so. How is it interfering? Any specifics? Interference = hindrance, intrusion

Debating over the topic is surely a hindrance at the least.

there you have it, ladies and gentlemen. whenever you hear someone say that debating a particular question is a bad thing, you'll invariably have a religious justification.

I never said it was a bad thing, actually

you compared it to the "hindrance" christians inflict to homosexuals, such as supporting laws that deny them of their basic human rights. it's ridiculous to even mention the two situations in the same breath.

Quote:So you wish the "homophobes" would only interfere in that manner? yes, and i'd defend their right to do so. freedom of speech... that's a basic human right, as is the right to enjoy your love life with a consenting adult. as is the right to make your own free choice of religion without being threatened with punishments...

i say all of the above are basic human rights, but religions invariably disagree.

Quote:Spoony wrote on Mon, 14 June 2010 10:47Quote:Opinions of one faith shouldn't dictate the law.

if, after you die, god asks you to explain yourself on this point, what will you say to Him?

While it depends on what or why he's asking for an explanation, for example, if he says "i thought i made it clear that everyone's got to worship me and follow my rules or there will be trouble"

Quote: I'd point out that changing governmental laws to favor religion against the wishes of the populace generally harbors disfavor to said religion, and that hardly helps to teach it to others. quite a cunning answer, but it's still a point against your religion... it shouldn't have the power it says it should have, because then everyone will realise how evil it is?