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Subject: Re: When did you become a Insert-Religion-Here?

Posted by [Spoony](#) on Thu, 20 Jan 2011 20:27:45 GMT

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nikki6ixx wrote on Thu, 20 January 2011 13:32At its core, religion teaches us that all humans are children of one creator, be it the Abrahamic 'God' or the Haida's 'Raven.'

War, poverty, and all the evils of the world would likely not be the problems they are today if humans believed we were all the same.

Unfortunately, because the 'word of God' has been twisted by people who used it to serve their own selfish purposes, which has only lead to war, and greater poverty.

oh yeah? which religion? the bible and the quran contain a great deal of hate speech and warrants for violence. these aren't put there by the bin ladens of this world; they're right there in the holy books.

Quote:Spoony wrote on Thu, 20 January 2011 18:37

and may i suggest a simple thought experiment. whenever you find yourself making a statement like this, or reading one, swap the word "religion" for any of the following

Scientology

Wahhabi Islam

the Westboro Baptist Church

the worship of the Emperor Hirohito

the personality cult of Kim Jong-Il

and see if it still sounds the same

Which is why I said in my first post, and just above that the word of 'God' has been twisted to suit the purposes of individuals.

oh dear. check the five examples i mentioned.

scientology - the original founder L. Ron Hubbard very obviously was a conman. it's plainly a racket and was originally meant to be.

wahhabi islam (the saudi arabian strain) - of all the islamic denominations, this one is pretty much the closest interpretation to the quran and hadith. if you wanted to make a list of all islamic sects in order of how much they've "twisted" the original "word of Allah", this one would probably be most innocent of the charge.

westboro baptist church - their beliefs, absolutely despicable as they are, are firmly rooted in the bible. read the old testament; god is very quick to slaughter innocent bystanders on a whim, often because someone nearby was "sinning" - and it certainly defines homosexuality as a sin.

cult of emperor hirohito - well, the emperor claimed to be a god, literally, so you can't really say this is twisting the word of god... similar deal for kim jong-il and kim il-sung. it's officially claimed that they're divine beings.

Quote:Quote:Many creation stories, ranging from aboriginal to Abrahamic share so many

similarities, that I am inclined to think there is a supreme being or creator out there. and the idea that the idiots who wrote those demented babblings actually discerned something supernatural makes more sense than that they - to throw another possibility out there - plagiarised?

It's entirely possible, and the likely answer.

But it's also amazing that such a story could weather tens of thousands of years of migrations out of Africa, and into Europe, Asia, and then the America's. This is why I'm fascinated with this aspect of religion because even if it was all made up, it has carried with us up until this day. That says something about humanity, for better or for worse.[/quote]

if you remember the despicable way most religions propagate - by targeting the unformed minds of children and by threatening non-believers with extravagantly violent punishments - the mystery vanishes.

and we're not talking about a story surviving all this time; look how many times the major religions have schismmed in the last few centuries.

Quote:Like I said previously, 'God' may very well be when 'humanity' finally matures and finds itself.

i'm not sure why you would call such a process 'god'.

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