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

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Spoony wrote on Sun, 23 January 2011 16:18 it's alarming how much power religions have in this country. control over a school? wtf?

i've said all that before, of course.

Cool story bro inc: TL:DR I was almost kicked out of a Catholic High school for refusing to give money.

Yessir. I first started at public school, moved to a Christian school from years 1-7. I then did 8-12 at a Catholic school. This was all due to the fact that my mother is religious and the highschool had a good rep.

At this catholic high school, the head of religion was a complete nut. I felt like I was in church all over again with the continuous attempts to get money from the students.

Every wednesday we had "assembly" or "parade" (whatever you guys call it, the whole school sits in an area and listens to announcements etc)

Every time the head of Religion got up to speak, it was always about giving money to the school for one cause or another.

The school would have a spring fair once a year; and every single student was given 5 raffle tickets they had to sell to anyone who could then use them to win prizes at the fair etc. The money was returned to the school to buy better equipment (so the story goes). Bear in mind that private high school fees are fucking ludicrous, not to mention the funding they also get from the government. They also sold artwork painted by students, with no money returned to them.

I was quite inclined to sell the tickets and be done with it; yet the way the school goes about the whole process annoyed me. Every assembly day, the head of religion would get up there and badger the students to death about selling the tickets. As if that wasn't enough, if you hadn't sold yours in the first week, you got called up to his office to explain why you hadn't sold them yet.

The conversation went something like this: (Condensed thoughts etc)

Teacher: So why haven't you sold your tickets yet?

Me: I don't like how I'm expected to automatically sell the tickets regardless of my choice in the matter.

Teacher: Do you have a problem with helping your fellow students?

Me: No I don't, but...

Teacher: Then why won't you sell the tickets?

Me: Because I don't have to sell them if I don't want to. I would sell them, but I don't like feeling forced to do so.

Teacher: Are you catholic?

Me: No, I'm not.

Teacher: Then why are you here? Why did you choose this school?

Me: Because it has good facilities etc etc.

It went on and on like this; he kept avoiding the fact that I did have a choice in the matter, and I did not have to sell the tickets if I did not want to. He began to question my "moral compass"; and eventually he concluded that I was a selfish person who cared not for others; and my enrollment at the school would be reviewed.

Relevance: This, among many other experiences have persuaded me to stay away from religion. Scientific fact and logic have played their part in the "Does God exist" debate.

If you choose to devote your life to a God or Religion, go your hardest. Just don't impose upon my life.