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Subject: Re: WBC

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Everything you wrote is a result of your experience in life, and nobody else's. Thus, leading you to believe what you do, and set the foundation for the principles by which you live. Point being, belief is through experience; your experience. No one is going to change what you have been through, how you feel, or what you believe except for yourself.

No one can tell you God exists and make you believe it. Not a single Christian, or servant of God can sit down and say "this is why I believe in God and why you should reconsider your beliefs". That is utter crap. These people may not be the smartest people in the world, but through their own experiences in life they have come to know God, and form that relationship. Someone's relationship with God, is not something that can be explained to anyone else. They understand it because it is their own. My only advice to you is do not condemn a person for believing what they do. Understand that they believe what they do as a result of their own life experiences. Just as they do not understand what you have been through in life, you don't understand their experiences either. Being told an experience is one thing, but being that person and living it is inexcusably different.

It is not elitism for providing advice to seek out knowledge from other people than who you are around. Any intelligent being knows that if you are honest and legitimate about learning something, that you would truly utilize all of your resources, and take in information from every input you can find, up until the point where you can make a self educated decision for yourself. Many of my close friends are true atheists, and I couldn't name a friend of mine who actually has a relationship with God as an active part of their life.

I am not here to pick apart everything you say to disprove it, or insult your intelligence and/or beliefs. I can tell you all day long that God exists, but that does not accomplish anything. Spooky reminds me of a few of my close friends that are indeed atheists; they are very intelligent and ask a lot of questions, they discuss the matter at hand. They do not however do the latter, pick apart what you say claim you are wrong or do not understand because their life experiences are different from mine; nor do we judge one another based on what influences we have had, or visa versa.

I am not here to argue or persuade you into thinking there is a God, but my opinion is simply that a subject like this, a belief that essentially effects your entire life, is not something that is decided over night and set in stone. My opinion is that through your life experiences your own opinions may or may not change. You will mature, mentally/psychologically, and you may reconsider things, or you may change over time. Your beliefs will probably change. Maybe a lot, maybe a little.

What you believe right now and in the future is for you to decide. There's no God? That's your belief? Good for you, I'm happy you feel that way. There's nothing I can do to change that and it's not my place to say one way or the other. However, a few years from now when something happens in your life that effects you on such a massive level that causes you to rethink things like this, you will probably look back and see that it has taken all that time, and through that experience, to get to that point in your life where your beliefs are more mature than they are now. I

am not saying something is going to happen all of a sudden where you feel there is a God, but I am saying things will happen in life that will either change what you believe or build upon what you already belief; again, your beliefs will mature.

Opinions are opinions. Advice is advice. An online forum post is just a subtext. Take it, leave it, do what you want with it. Don't take anything personal.

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