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

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I wasn't baptized as a child because my parents wanted their children to make their own choice once they were old enough. We occasionally went to the Lutheran mass and I attended Lutheran classes until the 9th grade. In elementary school it was mostly stories from the bible, later on the curriculum focused primarily on general morality and learning about other religions. I went through the "religion is for the weak-minded and causes all the problems in the world" phase during puberty, which some grown folks here and elsewhere seem to be pitifully stuck in. Consequently, I switched to the ethics class, where we continued to learn about religions and morality, but with a much larger focus on philosophy. Kant's work on morality impressed me as most of it coincided with how I already felt, but lacked the eloquence to express.

So basically, I was never pressured to join any religion and had positive experiences with religious institutions. I'm trying to live a moral life to the best of my abilities and would consider myself spiritual to a degree, but I've never felt the need to be part of a religious community. I might still join one, but the existing ones always contain some major/minor aspect I don't agree with and it feels disingenuous to make such a deep, personal commitment if I'd need to add an asterisk.

I guess that makes me agnostic, because I'm definitely no atheist talking about evolution and then claiming to already know enough about body and spirit in the year 2011 to give a definite answer on what we are or can be.

If there's one religion I really despise it's virtually every school of Islam for punishing apostasy with death...that's a tier worse than the "you're going to hell" Christlover crowd.

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