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Subject: Question for Christians

Posted by [cheesesoda](#) on Sun, 10 May 2009 19:24:42 GMT

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Quote:If Christians believe Jesus died for our "sins" then they should logically believe no one is going to "Hell." If the incredible story must be believed in order to have the necessary effect, then the story thus becomes nothing more than a subtle psychological ploy instead of a debt actually paid. Jesus either died for us or he didn't. The debt was either paid or it wasn't. The rest is nonsense.

So... answer the question, if Jesus died for our sins, why must we believe that he did for our debt to be paid? If someone paid my debt off, I wouldn't HAVE to acknowledge that the debt was paid for that to be true, right? I mean, this especially being so if I don't even know I HAD a debt to begin with.

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Subject: Re: Question for Christians

Posted by [cnc95fan](#) on Sun, 10 May 2009 20:54:10 GMT

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Posted by [Altzan](#) on Sun, 10 May 2009 21:04:21 GMT

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So much for 'Discussion'...

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Posted by [jnz](#) on Sun, 10 May 2009 21:10:08 GMT

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Altzan wrote on Sun, 10 May 2009 22:04You've got me there, "it's just faith".

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Posted by [\\_SSnipe\\_](#) on Sun, 10 May 2009 21:11:35 GMT

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I agree with every single comment so far

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cnc95fan wrote on Sun, 10 May 2009 16:54 I'm getting sick of all these "questions for Christians" Why? They're legitimate topics, and nobody's pigeon-holding any questions for us deists and atheists.

I'll even play the devil's advocate for my own question, too...

Nobody said that debts pay-offs can't have conditions to them, though. In order to reap the benefits of Jesus' death paying off my debt, I have to recognize that he paid off my debt. It's a simple requirement for such a huge debt to be paid.

HOWEVER, it's not "if you accept my payment for your debt, your debt will be paid." There's no condition spoken of in the Bible (that I'm aware of). It's just that the debt is paid. I wasn't given any chance to reject the debt pay-off. I can only reject that my debt was paid, but rejecting my debt being paid doesn't change that the debt is paid.

Also, again, if I don't even recognize that I HAVE (or had) a debt, HOW can I recognize and accept that a debt was paid? You can't have the latter without the former.

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Posted by [DAUGHTER DIVER](#) on Sun, 10 May 2009 21:33:04 GMT

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I think it depends on how far someone takes their discipleship. On one hand, simply believing what someone tells you isn't insanity. I think it's just being gullible until it gets to a certain point. It only becomes insanity when you believe without question and especially when you take it too far into something being cultish. For instance, choosing to cure cancer with vitamins and minerals that leaves you with a 5% chance of survival over chemotherapy that gives you a 95% survival chance all because of your "beliefs". At that point, I think it clearly tips the scale in favor of the follower.

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Posted by [R315r4z0r](#) on Mon, 11 May 2009 02:10:45 GMT

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Posted by [cheesesoda](#) on Mon, 11 May 2009 02:27:42 GMT

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You are WAY off.

The question is why must we believe in Christ dying for our sins in order to get into Heaven? Jesus' dying (apparently) paid off the debt of our sins, right? The fact that we believe it or not would not change the fact that our debt has been paid. BUT if we MUST believe that our sins have been paid, then Christ could NOT have died for our sins. It would be the BELIEF that he died for our sins (though, he couldn't possibly have in this scenario) for us to get into Heaven.

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Posted by [R315r4z0r](#) on Mon, 11 May 2009 04:41:01 GMT

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If a debt is forgiven, then a debt is forgiven. It's that debt that separates us from God and Heaven, and that was paid by Christ's death on the cross. Nothing else keeps us from God but our sinfulness. Which, again, is overtaken by Christ's death.

Besides, you just lead me back into my second point. If we have to BELIEVE that Christ died on the cross for our sins, then it wasn't the dying that clears our debt, but our acknowledgment of the falsified payment (that are are to believe is truth!).

Also, we're not capable of earning our way into Heaven. It's through Christ ONLY that we are able to achieve salvation. Having a 'second objective' negates Christ being the ONLY way.

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Posted by [jnz](#) on Mon, 11 May 2009 05:17:10 GMT

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I think because the jews turned against jesus they gave us all a "sin" like god saying "you humans don't like my boy, now you will all go to hell when you die", so when jesus gave himself up. he got on the sweet side of god by saying we don't know what we're doing and please forgive us. I don't see why he couldn't of just said that to him and ran away, but there you go. fairy tales are like that.

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priest of christianity use ferrari

drink romane gonti

devour caviar+cracker+cheese, lobster,foie gras,matsuzaka beef[sirloin],king crab,matsutake

mushroom,truffle

use rolex

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Subject: Re: Question for Christians

Posted by [Dover](#) on Mon, 11 May 2009 09:51:38 GMT

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But that leaves you with the question of "why", which means if you buy into this you're left scratching your balls. Or using some generic cop-out answer like "It's FAITH LOL!" or "God moves in MYSTERIOUS WAYS LOL!".

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Posted by [Spoony](#) on Mon, 11 May 2009 10:22:18 GMT

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Posted by [u6795](#) on Mon, 11 May 2009 10:37:02 GMT

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I'm not exactly 100% Christian, but I've been raised around Christians and am still sort of forced to go to Church and a Christian Youth Group, but from what I've seen people view Jesus's crucifixion with a sort of sad appreciation. I understand completely your point about how terrible it is to live at someones expense, but the way Catholics particularly view it is that albeit horrible the way he was killed, and sad the loss of the messiah etc, it was a display of love by God for us by sacrificing his only child etc. I do find that a little disturbing, but most Christians look beyond that and at the overall purpose of the act for inspiration/faith.

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Posted by [Spoony](#) on Mon, 11 May 2009 14:54:09 GMT

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Posted by [Altzan](#) on Mon, 11 May 2009 15:16:41 GMT

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Most of this discussion seems to me that, for those who do believe, they think that just simply believing in the fact that he died for our sins is ALL you have to do to be saved.



In Christianity, if you believe Jesus died for our sins, but you do not follow the Bible (5-step plan, live a faithful life, ask forgiveness for your own sins), then you're still condemned. Faith is not enough to save you.

Apologies if this is off-subject, but it seems like most of this discussion is about the debt being paid. That debt-being-paid aspect alone won't save anyone.

cheesesoda wrote on Sun, 10 May 2009 14:24

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I'd say that if you don't believe a debt was paid, you also don't believe in the person who paid it, IE Jesus, and I don't think there will be anyone in Heaven who doesn't believe in Jesus (unless they don't have the mental capacity to understand the story, IE children who die at a very young age or those born mentally handicapped).

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Subject: Re: Question for Christians

Posted by [cheesesoda](#) on Mon, 11 May 2009 17:35:51 GMT

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How does not recognizing the debt or the payor somehow negate the payment? The payment is made regardless of understanding that it even existed in the first place.

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Subject: Re: Question for Christians

Posted by [Altzan](#) on Mon, 11 May 2009 18:13:43 GMT

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It doesn't. I'm trying to say that the debt being paid is not the only requirement for being saved.

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Subject: Re: Question for Christians

Posted by [R315r4z0r](#) on Mon, 11 May 2009 23:28:11 GMT

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...No. Not at all. I don't have to "accept" a loan from my parents to pay off student loans if they make the payment for me. I can throw the money away, or actively do something to disrupt the process if I really want to stop it, but I can't passively reject the favor and affect the outcome.

Assuming Jesus died for my sins, my opinion on it doesn't sway the situation one way or the other. It happened several thousand years ago. It's done. How I feel about it isn't going to change it.

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Posted by [R315r4z0r](#) on Tue, 12 May 2009 01:02:40 GMT

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Dover wrote on Tue, 12 May 2009 17:42 Nothing. I'm using the act of paying for one's debt as a metaphor for paying for one's sins.

Well, the metaphor doesn't work.

I only said that "one is in control of their own sins." Not "One is in control of their own sins, like they are with everything else in their life."

In this case, you are obligated to either accept or deny that he died for your sins. If you accept it, then you accept forgiveness and get your sins renewed. If you deny, than you just go on living like you are.

It has nothing to do with anything else.

I mean, if someone said "I have a cold" would you automatically assume they were going to die simply because the fact that there are other diseases out there that are fatal?

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Now realize that I, in fact, don't believe in any of the nonsense I've been saying.

Therefore, both your post's accusations of people in this thread are wrong.

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Is this what you're talking about?

Altzan wrote on Tue, 12 May 2009 19:57 since nobody has really changed anything except let be known where they stand...

Maybe I was too hasty in attaching people's thoughts here to their beliefs. You're not actually attaching yourself to either side, just simply join in the discussion. (That makes you a good debator, R315r4z0r...)

Still, if anyone's opinion has changed in this thread, I have yet to see it.

It is a good thing to hear the opposing point of view, though. It allows for a good comparison. For instance, if a bunch of Jehovah's Witnesses came to my door, I would know what was right and wrong about their beliefs but I would have a hard time explaining it.

I am getting experience in how to respond to such questions, although it's source being a gaming forum is still kind of odd to me.

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Subject: Re: Question for Christians

Posted by [Muad Dib15](#) on Wed, 13 May 2009 03:47:31 GMT

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My brother has "turned into an atheist". However, when asked why he just says, "You wouldn't understand." Idiot hasn't realized that I have had my beliefs tested for about 3 years now on a monthly, sometimes weekly and daily basis. I'm pretty sure I'd understand why as you guys have caused me to question sometimes. Thanks, you have helped strengthen my faith. idiot brother.

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Subject: Re: Question for Christians

Posted by [Spoony](#) on Wed, 13 May 2009 11:00:49 GMT

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[NEFobby[GEN] wrote on Tue, 12 May 2009 18:52]I'm not even a Christian, and yet I'm also getting sick of it. People should stop shoving their beliefs down other peoples' throats; that includes Christians, Jews, Atheists, and any other body that would want to do something as silly as that.

I don't really desire to convert anyone else to atheism, but as long as religion has undemocratically earned power over people like me (and in my country, it absolutely does) I reserve the right to challenge it and point out what a big crock of shit it all is.

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Subject: Re: Question for Christians

Posted by [R315r4z0r](#) on Thu, 14 May 2009 00:40:31 GMT

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You're just not getting it. You're thinking in black in white.

This isn't comparable to other situations. That's what I was getting at with the cold example. Just because there are other things in this world that exist that don't work the same way as this situation, doesn't make this situation wrong. It just makes it different.

It's just how it is. Do you argue why there are certain rules in different games? Like "Why do I have to put red cards on black cards in solitaire?" It's like that because it's like that, don't try comparing it to anything else saying "Well, since this is like this, obviously that can't be right."

Basic Summery:

-His death is the price he pays to have everyone's sins forgiven.

-You are ultimately in charge of your own sins, so you're sins wont be forgiven unless you give your consent to them being so.

-By accepting the fact that his death gives you forgiveness, you receive that forgiveness.

-By denying it, you don't receive the forgiveness.

Bottom line, if you want to accept his offer to renew your sins, you believe in him. That's about as simple as it gets.

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But it's NOT different, at least not suitably different. Logic applies to everything, all the time, forever. No exceptions. To say "These are the rules, accept them as such and don't question them" is just a wordier variation on "idk it's faith LOL!!1!". Anything else is a cheap(er) cop-out.

Bottom line: Just because that's what it says it some book doesn't make it make any more sense.

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Subject: Re: Question for Christians

Posted by [cheesesoda](#) on Thu, 14 May 2009 03:11:34 GMT

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R315r4z0r wrote on Wed, 13 May 2009 20:40-You are ultimately in charge of your own sins, so you're sins wont be forgiven unless you give your consent to them being so.

How in the fuck do you figure that? If I don't give my parents consent to pay for my loan fees, but they do it anyway, how does that stop my fees from being paid? They're paid regardless of what I want/say/do. If someone pays for your debt, the debt is paid.

You can say, "fuck you, Jesus, I don't need your paying for my sins", but if he already DID die for your sins, that doesn't change a fucking thing.

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Posted by [Ma1kel](#) on Mon, 18 May 2009 16:46:32 GMT  
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Subject: Re: Question for Christians  
Posted by [The Party](#) on Mon, 18 May 2009 16:53:57 GMT  
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Posted by [Altzan](#) on Tue, 19 May 2009 13:19:32 GMT  
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MasterEvolution wrote on Mon, 18 May 2009 11:53I don't think that these forums are the best place to talk about religion.

I'd have to agree.

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Posted by [Spoony](#) on Tue, 19 May 2009 13:36:14 GMT  
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I've always found them adequate for the purpose.

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Subject: Re: Question for Christians  
Posted by [R315r4z0r](#) on Sun, 24 May 2009 01:27:44 GMT  
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You guys are being thick headed. Think for a second, it's not a hard concept to understand.

I don't believe it and yet it makes perfect sense.

And no, Dover, you're wrong. Logic dictates what's supposed to happen (or what has happened) if a specific even occurs ("If this is like that, then logically this will happen.")

It's not a way to uniform every single choice for every different problem out there to have the same or similar answers/results.

If you haven't noticed, religion isn't logical. It's believe or don't believe. That's it. There is no reasoning why, there is no connecting the dots between events. It simply is what it is.

As for the money thing. Even if it didn't end up the way you wanted, that doesn't deter from the idea that you are ultimately in charge of things you want and don't want. (For example, you obviously wouldn't want to be shot, but that doesn't mean you wont be if you run into someone with a gun.)

However, more over, accepting/denying money is of a totally different situation than what we are speaking of. Maybe if I simplify the idea I'm trying to express by combining it with what you seem to be stuck on, it will be easier to understand.

Let's say for example, your parents come into enough money to pay off your tuition costs. However, they ask you and give you the option of if you want them to pay it for you or if you want to pay it for yourself. Thinking about it this way is the same thing I'm trying to say with this whole Jesus thing.

Jesus has come into the power to renew your sins. However, he leaves the choice up to you as to if you want them renewed or not. Since you obviously can't just walk up to him and ask him to renew your sins, you simply either believe he can do it or deny he can do it.

That's it. You guys are thinking into it way too much. It's just:

Jesus: Do you want your sins renewed?

Person1: Yes

Jesus: Ok, then all you have to do is believe in me.

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Subject: Re: Question for Christians

Posted by [cheesesoda](#) on Sun, 24 May 2009 04:45:48 GMT

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You're right... if Christianity was simply about the BELIEF in Christ, but that's not it. The debt was paid by Christ's dying on the cross. The belief being needed is what's in question. Again, going back to the quote in my first post... if it's the belief, then Christ's dying on the cross is a psychological ploy. If his death on the cross was the payment, then there's no need for belief.

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Subject: Re: Question for Christians

Posted by [R315r4z0r](#) on Sun, 24 May 2009 18:07:52 GMT

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We are just going in circles. It's as if there is some sort of psychological block that makes it impossible to understand what I'm saying.. You asked a question, and I'm trying my best to help you obtain an answer. But all I'm getting from you people are insults and hostility. I'm not doing anything to offend anyone, I'm just trying to aid in the understanding of the idea this topic was made to discuss, so why is everyone hating on me? It's as if no one wants to know what the answer to what they are asking. "What? You're trying to talk on topic? What are you? A moron?"

Let me make one thing clear:

What I've been saying in this thread is all conjecture from my own personal behalf about what I believe the idea behind what's in question means. I, in no way, believe it or chose to believe it, I'm simply trying to understand what is trying to be conveyed.

Now, as for the topic. His death ALONE isn't the cost! It's his death and your belief. It's not one or the other, its both!

By him dying, he came into power to forgive your sins. That's all that amounts to. Just because he has that power, doesn't mean he will use it. But because he has that power, and is willing to use it, he is giving people the choice of if they want that power used on them or not.

If they want the power used on them, they have to believe in him. That's the cost of forgiveness. If they don't want the power used on them, then they don't have to do anything.

His death is not the price he payed to renew your sins, its the price he payed to gain the ability to

do so.

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Subject: Re: Question for Christians  
Posted by [Altzan](#) on Mon, 25 May 2009 03:40:58 GMT  
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I agree with you, Razor. The only part I don't agree with (and I know you might not either) is:

R315r4z0r wrote on Sat, 23 May 2009 20:27  
Jesus: Do you want your sins renewed?  
Person1: Yes  
Jesus: Ok, then all you have to do is believe in me.

The aspect of whether the debt is paid by your awareness or not is important, but in the big picture, it's only one step to being saved. If someone heard the story of Jesus, believes, and prays for forgiveness, asks for the debt to be paid, and that's all they do... they're going to hell. Why? There's more to it.

To those questioning the debt aspect... which do you believe: faith is all you need, or faith + works (5-step plan to salvation)?

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Subject: Re: Question for Christians  
Posted by [R315r4z0r](#) on Mon, 25 May 2009 15:34:12 GMT  
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Yea, you're right about that, Altzan.

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Subject: Re: Question for Christians  
Posted by [u6795](#) on Tue, 26 May 2009 02:03:25 GMT  
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I believe in the Force.

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Subject: Re: Question for Christians  
Posted by [Dover](#) on Tue, 26 May 2009 05:24:32 GMT  
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Subject: Re: Question for Christians  
Posted by [Altzan](#) on Tue, 26 May 2009 05:50:30 GMT  
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The problem is that we live in a day and age where everyone wants hardcore proof before believing anything. It's good to be cautious, but this is one of the things you simply have to apply faith.

Hebrews 11:1 Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

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Subject: Re: Question for Christians  
Posted by [R315r4z0r](#) on Wed, 27 May 2009 01:07:45 GMT  
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Two things:

Your statement is incorrect. To have something that denies or defies logic, doesn't mean it denies its validity. It just means that its validity is called into question.

That takes me into the second thing that I wanted to say.

You are still missing the point of what I'm trying to say. Just because something exists that says something else is what it is, doesn't make it an absolute truth. For example, scientific laws that were defined centuries ago are still, to this day, being proven incorrect and new theories and knowledge is taking their place. There is always at least one exception to every rule.

Denying the logic of something doesn't deny its validity, it only puts its validity into question. Or, it puts the logic behind it into question.

Now, moving onto what I was trying to imply. All "logic" isn't the same, like you seem to be implying. It depends on the situation and what you are taking into question. If you can logically figure out something one way, that doesn't mean that one way will work for every other problem out there.

Just like that parents paying your tuition example is different and uses different logic to this Jesus example. They are different situations, different rules to different games, if you will. If you have to roll a 6 in order to start moving your chips in the game 'Trouble,' that doesn't mean you have to follow the same rule when you are playing a game like Monopoly. Even if the 'games' have similarities, that doesn't mean they follow the same ideals.

In one example, you are given the choice of what happens. In the other example, you aren't. Therefore, with that fact alone, the two are completely different and therefore are unrelated. You cannot relate them through logic because the logic used is different in each scenario.

You seem to be too tied down to life to understand. Take what my signature says to heart and use it to move ahead!

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Subject: Re: Question for Christians  
Posted by [Altzan](#) on Wed, 27 May 2009 01:54:41 GMT  
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Posted by [Rocko](#) on Wed, 27 May 2009 03:23:58 GMT  
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Posted by [R315r4z0r](#) on Wed, 27 May 2009 04:17:26 GMT  
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Holy crap, Rocko said something intelligent.

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You misunderstand the term "law" when it comes to science. Things that have even the remotest possibility of being incorrect are not laws. That's why it's still called "Theory of Gravity", even though the concept of gravity is pretty basic.

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TL;DRing these several paragraphs, and combining them with your "Religion isn't logical" comment from earlier, it seems like you're trying to create a protected, logic-proof status for religion(s). While it would be nice from a believer's perspective, the world simply doesn't work that way.

R315r4z0r wrote on Tue, 26 May 2009 18:07You seem to be too tied down to life to understand. Take what my signature says to heart and use it to move ahead!

Kick logic to the curb? I'd rather get AIDS and die.

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Actually, the people wanting proof are those desperately looking for a reason not to believe

something they don't want to believe because they want an easier path.

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Subject: Re: Question for Christians

Posted by [Starbuzz](#) on Thu, 28 May 2009 03:19:45 GMT

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I thought I could ignore this thread but...

Altzan wrote on Tue, 26 May 2009 20:54 If you firmly will not believe something unless there's proof and logic to back it up, you're a hopeless case.

Most definitely not when it comes to religion.

With all due respect, the fact of the matter is that a thousand religions came before yours. The God of Judaism, Christianity, and Islam came into existence ONLY because of thousands of years of religious consolidation of ideologies in which the concept of polytheism grinded down into monotheism. We still have polytheism left over in a select few areas of the world while monotheistic religions today prominently fall into the category of major religions.

So how can ANY of the major religions impose their TRUTH (or their flavored versions) when they themselves owe their existence to dead pagan religions?

Once you sincerely realize that very important truth, you will see 100% of the credibility of your religion gone. But you probably still got some more steam left:

-fear of hell

-faith (either in desperation or a "my religion is still right!" tone)

Let me point out to you one very important thing and I challenge you to answer it. Where do you think the souls of the non-Christian humans go after they die? It's a very fair question to ask. I would really like to know where the souls of those who worshipped Ra, Zeus, Athena, and Buddha went. They can't possibly be in the Christian hell with them having never heard of it.

As far as faith goes, it is nothing but the one-word stunner to make one console themselves (or make themselves comfortable in times of adversity) to be correct while in fact they are usually dead wrong. Faith amounts to nothing...absolutely nothing but a form of self-conviction that a certain view is correct no matter how many times it has been proved wrong.

I left Christianity when I discovered that it is indeed full of violence and that I have been lied to all these years by ministers and my parents.

As Spooky pointed out earlier, God forbids not to kill yet he wiped out most humans in a massive flood. He then makes a covenant in which he regrets his actions and promises never to use water to kill again (creates the rainbow as well in the process). And over and over again he uses men like Joshua and King Saul to invade enemy cities and kill "every man, woman, child, and cattle." In fact, he punishes King Saul for sparing the livestock of one of the cities he wanted destroyed.

^ When the dumbfuck in me realized that, I quit Christianity FOR GOOD. I REFUSE to worship such a god who I was fooled into thinking was actually merciful.

For over 2000 years the Church and it's ministers have conveniently ignored the bloodythirstiness and the violence of the Christian religion. Ask anyone on the morning train to work and they will all say how Christianity is the peaceful one of all the three major religions! Once you see through this veil and inform yourself, you will see how absolutely disgusting it is. But I doubt you will be disgusted just yet as you still think that Jesus dying on a cross painfully was well worth it, right?

I will refer back to what Spoony posted earlier:

Spoony wrote on Mon, 11 May 2009 05:22

the irony is, the people who've been telling us this tripe for two thousand years... CLEARLY view the whole crucifixion business as a good thing. i can just imagine their inner joy if they were there, whereas if i was there i'd do what i could to stop it.

Jesus seems to be the grandest of all blackmail ploys. Absurd is how contrary the teachings of Jesus is compared to his murderous Father;

This was the God who became so angry that Israeli men were sleeping with Moabite women during their Exodus from Egypt that his anger was "not lifted" till a faithful Israeli stuck a spear through the bodies of the Israeli man and the Moabite woman while they were making love in a tent. How absurd and unfair is that? Cruelly killed for heeding to the law of nature! And God becomes happier after that!

And you check back to Jesus and what does Jesus do to the woman who committed adultery? He says to the accusers that she can only be stoned if they [accusers] are clean themselves! Nice attitude change all of a sudden. And let's not forget that Jesus WAS God in human form.

It's pretty obvious Jesus physically died on the cross. The fairy tale about his return was most probably written by unknown authors decades later.

During my 2nd year in college a few years ago, during the exams, I went down to my favorite spot in the library to study. It was the perfect spot to study in, no traffic, no noise. But on that day, two girls came to that same exact spot. How dare they intrude upon my secluded study spot! But I was pleased that they were quiet.

Many hours passed and finally one of them got up to leave. She said quietly to her friend, "we will do well, I will pray to Allah." The other responded "I will pray to Allah too and we will pass." She left.

I was a Christian at that point (the devout type that prays before taking exams, food, etc). And I sat there like an absolute douche as the enormity of what I just heard went through my mind. I could not study from that point onwards; my brain went hyper. Wait a minute! I prayed to Jesus for help in the exams. And I know Jesus never fails me! But these girls...these girls are praying to Allah! He is not real...he is fake! How can he help them pass! He is a warmongering criminal! He orders the suicide bombers! A killer!

The thoughts that went through my head that day always haunted me.

That incident kickstarted my quest to uncover the truths about religion. Which religion is right? Which one is wrong? Is religion just made up by isolated groups of humans to help them go thru their everyday life? Is that why there were and are so many religions on our planet?

I concluded recently that all of them must be right; they are all correct in their tiny little worlds that they create for themselves.

I asked myself, those girls don't know Jesus so they must be going to hell to be tortured. Pastors will always sing to you and tell how if you accept Jesus you get everlasting life but what they forcefully ignore is that those who don't accept Jesus will go to hell. They never tell you this. I refuse to belong to such sadistic hypocrisy. When will you face the hard facts and answer the difficult questions, Altzan? Or will you sink back to your protected religious cocoon and condemn those who don't belong in your group as "worldly" people?

Though I don't have to do this and hate to reveal personal stuff, let me write about my belief chronology. Just so you know that I humbly and truly mean what I have said so far.

-born into a conservative Christian family

-finished reading the Bible around 12

-wanted to be a pastor when I was 15-16

-for next 5 years, my resolve weakened and I became a normal Christian (sin during weekdays, repent on Sundays)

-living with my parents throughout high school, they protected me well against non-Christian ideals:

Taken to Church every Sunday, taken to group prayer meetings in people's homes, went to churches around the country for monthly meetings, did Church related volunteering work (all are deadly effective control ploys to keep you from challenging your beliefs and going off course). Why do you think Muslims are commanded to pray 5 times a day? Not to appease Allah but to keep their minds in line and not stray off.

We are talking SERIOUS thoughtcrime here...

If today you were dragged to a Mosque and told to worship Allah, will you do it? Of course not. That's how I felt when I was literally screamed at and told to shut the fuck up and get in the car to church. You probably have not faced such a situation so my words are just garbage to you but I am being absolutely honest here. When I think back to those horrible days, it sends a shiver down my spine...I feel sick and nightmarish when I think back to those days.

I have been a Christian every step of the way; I read the Bible, wanted to be a minister, was a devout follower at one point, then became a casual Christian, then a Christian who just did not care, then some form of anti-religious freak, then back for some reason to Christianity with great

zealous force (even despising homosexuals to a point I never reached before) but that did not last long, then finally to who I am now and who I will be.

Why all these changes? It difficult to ignore the facts all the time. I tried very very hard to be Christian and my Christian friends here in this forum know it too well. But ultimately the steel door of religion that I was imprisoned behind failed to hide it's cracks and at one point the cracks became so obvious I was just able to kick the fucker down and run out. Without the help of a few good people who stood up for what is truly right, I would not have been able to do so.

I am not a self-righteous intellectual prick; I WAS. I am not arrogant but I WAS. The moment I stopped to fear hell was the moment I can claim I truly reclaimed my mind. All the belief system I had been ingrained with were flushed out. The Christian insurance system of hell (to hold on to your mind) is something I casually laugh at today without fear. I would hope you think about all these things.

For the first time in my life, I feel like a massive weight has been lifted off my mind. Like as if somebody just erased everything from a board. I have a fresh slate to work on. Damn it's a good feeling to not be a slave. I feel like I don't belong to any group and that is tremendously satisfying to me.

I did not make this wall post to stamp anything on you or anyone. I did not make this post to show off any superiority. I did not make this post to show how better off I am.

I had been honest with the writing of this post and revealed some personal information and shared real experiences; all to try to get across the point that I am NOT the "hopeless case" here as you imply of all those who choose to think freely with their minds outside corrupt religious thought control. That I have chosen to be what I am; NOT because I found religion too hard to follow or because I found an easier path (as you conveniently mention in your last post) but because the very foundations of Christianity and EVERY religion is false as explained above (refer to polytheism to monotheism) and that I want no part in the immoral bloodmongerism.

In fact, I feel very very sorry for those still living behind the bars. I really really do.

In the end, you can fearlessly dismiss the content of religions and thereby dismiss religion itself.

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Subject: Re: Question for Christians

Posted by [Spoony](#) on Thu, 28 May 2009 04:43:03 GMT

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ljbh... you must feel better saying that, right?

i've a question... that stuff you PM'd me about earlier and told me to keep quiet about (I have done so) - am I the only person you said that stuff to until now?

Starbuck wrote on Wed, 27 May 2009 22:19Altzan wrote on Tue, 26 May 2009 20:54If you firmly will not believe something unless there's proof and logic to back it up, you're a hopeless case.

Most definitely not when it comes to religion.

With all due respect, the fact of the matter is that a thousand religions came before yours. no shit. there have been thousands of gods throughout recorded history (well, of course, there have thought to have been...). When I hear a Christian/Muslim/whatever ask me why I don't believe in Yahweh or Allah, I just fail to see why I'm the one with any explaining to do. I don't think any of them are real - he thinks 4999 of them are not real but 1 of them is. Like I said... am I the one with any explaining to do here?

Starbuck wrote on Wed, 27 May 2009 22:19 I left Christianity when I discovered that it is indeed full of violence and that I have been lied to all these years by ministers and my parents.  
^^ mmhmm.

long ago you asked me what's wrong with bringing kids up to be christians?

the answer is: there's nothing wrong with teaching kids about religion so long as it's done fairly. this means pointing out the bad sides of it as well as the good, it means pointing out the fact there's no proof for much of it, pointing out that we now have much better explanations for the creation of the world and the universe and ourselves, pointing out the fact the bible contradicts itself over and over and over etc etc etc...

but of course, when people want to bring kids up to be christians, they don't do any of the above, and that is brainwashing.

Starbuck wrote on Wed, 27 May 2009 22:19 As Spooky pointed out earlier, God forbids not to kill yet he wiped out most humans in a massive flood. He then makes a covenant in which he regrets his actions and promises never to use water to kill again (creates the rainbow as well in the process). And over and over again he uses men like Joshua and King Saul to invade enemy cities and kill "every man, woman, child, and cattle." In fact, he punishes King Saul for sparing the livestock of one of the cities he wanted destroyed.

^ When the dumbfuck in me realized that, I quit Christianity FOR GOOD. I REFUSE to worship such a god who I was fooled into thinking was actually merciful.  
yep. in almost every religious debate i come across a christian or a muslim who claims to be devout - i find myself asking them if they've read the bible properly? they invariably haven't. i once made a challenge to a christian who was ranting about the devil. i said: go through your bible, every page, and make a note of everything bad Satan does. i'll go through mine and make a note of everything bad God does, or orders to be done, then we'll come back in a week's time and compare the lists.

Starbuck wrote on Wed, 27 May 2009 22:19 It's pretty obvious Jesus physically died on the cross. The fairy tale about his return was most probably written by unknown authors decades later. i don't have much of a problem accepting that a man called Jesus existed, or that he may have been a moral teacher and philosopher... or even that he was crucified. these are, after all, not extraordinary claims. anything supernatural is another matter entirely...

Starbuck wrote on Wed, 27 May 2009 22:19 But these girls...these girls are praying to Allah! He is not real...he is fake! How can he help them pass! He is a warmongering criminal! He orders the



suicide bombers! A killer!

here we have another irony. Allah purports to be the same god as Yahweh, simply a more recent revelation. Earlier I asked why someone would be convinced of one god's existence but sneers at the other thousands. well, if someone is convinced that Christianity is a genuine revelation from a genuine god (on no evidence)... why dismiss a more recent update from that god?

surely islam supercedes christianity in the same way that christianity claims to supercede judaism. by extension, mormonism supercedes islam...

Starbuck wrote on Wed, 27 May 2009 22:19 I asked myself, those girls don't know Jesus so they must be going to hell to be tortured.

yep. and most people just don't seem to realise the sheer evil of this concept. we quite rightly condemn the likes of stalin, who would kill you simply for disagreeing with him. but at least when you were dead he was more or less finished with you... with god, the real fun's just about to start.

Starbuck wrote on Wed, 27 May 2009 22:19 Pastors will always sing to you and tell how if you accept Jesus you get everlasting life but what they forcefully ignore is that those who don't accept Jesus will go to hell. They never tell you this.

I'm honestly surprised by this, I hear it all the time.

Starbuck wrote on Wed, 27 May 2009 22:19 If today you were dragged to a Mosque and told to worship Allah, will you do it? Of course not. That's how I felt when I was literally screamed at and told to shut the fuck up and get in the car to church. You probably have not faced such a situation so my words are just garbage to you but I am being absolutely honest here.

Yes, I know this stuff really happens, and I am fortunate to have parents who have always let me make my own mind up religion-wise. I actually thanked them for this exact thing a few months back.

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But you do have it better than some; the penalty for leaving Christianity isn't actually death...

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you almost certainly aren't finished making your mind up, but then as an atheist or agnostic, you've got time on your side.



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Posted by [Altzan](#) on Thu, 28 May 2009 13:50:39 GMT  
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Quote:Let me point out to you one very important thing and I challenge you to answer it. Where do you think the souls of the non-Christian humans go after they die? It's a very fair question to ask. I would really like to know where the souls of those who worshipped Ra, Zeus, Athena, and Buddah went. They can't possibly be in the Christian hell with them having never heard of it.

Why not? Why would they not go to hell simply because they never heard about it?

Quote:As far as faith goes, it is nothing but the one-word stunner to make one console themselves (or make themselves comfortable in times of adversity) to be correct while in fact they are usually dead wrong. Faith amounts to nothing...absolutely nothing but a form of self-conviction that a certain view is correct no matter how many times it has been proved wrong.

Incorrect. Especially the last statement. "No matter how many times it has been proved wrong"? I don't see how Christianity has been proven false even once. Most people find it hard to accept faith because it is belief in something you can't see clearly. People convince themselves that there's no way any of this could be true, they refuse to believe it, but they'll know in the end.

And when it comes down to debate over a person's faith, it's really down to one word against another. Throwing "proofs" around won't change someone else's opinion.

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Posted by [Spoony](#) on Thu, 28 May 2009 15:40:39 GMT  
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Altzan wrote on Thu, 28 May 2009 08:50 Why not? Why would they not go to hell simply because they never heard about it?

well, if they did, it would just be yet another example of how appallingly cruel and unjust this Yahweh character is... as if we needed another.

he's also staggeringly incompetent; if he's gonna have a revelation which all humans must heed or suffer horrific punishments, he could at least have done it a little better. firstly it was centuries before some parts of the world heard about christianity (the whole jesus business, if it happened at all, happened in an illiterate hellhole... wouldn't it have made more sense to stage the whole thing in, say, China, where people can actually read and write?), secondly he shouldn't have made the whole thing so shaky and hard to believe in the first place. the only evidence we have is

a book which contradicts itself at every turn, has signs of being tampered with, and doesn't even have a single consistent style of writing.

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see above re: the bible continually contradicting itself. also see almost anywhere you see a religious person saying "no, it's a metaphor!"

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Do you believe these claims? If not, why not?

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Posted by [Altzan](#) on Thu, 28 May 2009 15:54:46 GMT

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And the only people who will go to heaven without following God's plan of salvation are those who are physically incapable of understanding it.

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Subject: Re: Question for Christians

Posted by [Herr Surth](#) on Thu, 28 May 2009 16:10:04 GMT

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Spoony wrote on Thu, 28 May 2009 10:40

Frozen yoghurt can make a man invisible.

coincidentally, this is true.

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Posted by [jnz](#) on Thu, 28 May 2009 16:18:26 GMT  
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Well 'god' controls every single atom of our existence. So he controls our choices and our actions. Even if he does not control them now, he knew what would happen in his 'infinite' wisdom. He also set off a massive chain of events when he 'created' the earth which would lead to people doing these actions.

So this implies that god is in fact just as evil as satan. So it's either one or the other. Either god doesn't know everything or he didn't create anything or he doesn't exist.

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Subject: Re: Question for Christians

Posted by [Dover](#) on Thu, 28 May 2009 21:31:44 GMT

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Altzan wrote on Thu, 28 May 2009 06:50 Most people find it hard to accept faith because it is belief in something you can't see clearly. People convince themselves that there's no way any of this could be true, they refuse to believe it, but they'll know in the end.

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Posted by [Altzan](#) on Thu, 28 May 2009 21:40:58 GMT

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The only way she could have "got to me first" would be through my parents, so I possibly might

have. I doubt that would hold up over time, though.

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Posted by [Dover](#) on Fri, 29 May 2009 02:35:52 GMT  
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Why not? With the exception of the minute details, it would probably be pretty similar to the faith you hold now. Change "Jesus" and "God" to "Unicorn", and you have an equally-valid religion. You can even make smug, holier-than-thou comments about it, likeAltzan wrote on Thu, 28 May 2009 06:50Most people find it hard to accept faith because it is belief in something you can't see clearly. People convince themselves that there's no way any of this could be true, they refuse to believe it, but they'll know in the end.

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Posted by [Altzan](#) on Fri, 29 May 2009 02:39:50 GMT  
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Subject: Re: Question for Christians  
Posted by [AADude7](#) on Fri, 29 May 2009 03:09:58 GMT  
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Altzan wrote on Thu, 28 May 2009 18:39You should actually try to start this religion and spread it. I'd like to see how far it goes

Considering how many people actually believe in religions, I'm guessing it would go far (if you create a nice plot, of course.)

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Posted by [cheesesoda](#) on Fri, 29 May 2009 03:14:52 GMT  
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It doesn't even have to be a "nice plot" or even convincing. It just needs to be appealing. Also, you have to start with children. I mean, just look at how many kids were hooked into Pokemon, Neo Pets, Harry Potter, and now the Twilight books. None of them are "good" plots by any means, yet wildly popular. Again, the secret: kids.

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We already have our own Wikipedia page.

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Subject: Re: Question for Christians

Posted by [nikki6ixx](#) on Fri, 29 May 2009 04:13:24 GMT

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cheesesoda wrote on Thu, 28 May 2009 22:14I mean, just look at how many kids were hooked into Pokemon

The first couple video games were pretty awesome though.

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Posted by [Altzan](#) on Fri, 29 May 2009 04:31:21 GMT

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I lol'd at "irreligion"

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Posted by [jnz](#) on Fri, 29 May 2009 06:12:21 GMT

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Altzan wrote on Thu, 28 May 2009 22:40

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Yes, it does. Our brains are nearly a mass of conductors that fire messages around the body. If god created every single atom of our existance then he not only created our brains and designed how it would react in diffrent enviroments, he also created that enviroment.

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Posted by [Spoony](#) on Fri, 29 May 2009 06:43:27 GMT

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The Bible doesn't contradict itself? Have you even properly read it? For starters, the gospels disagree on almost every major event in Jesus' life.

by the way, if you and jnz could take a minute from arguing over which colour the tooth fairy's shoes are, answer these two questions.

Spoony wrote on Thu, 28 May 2009 10:40The Emperor Hirohito was the physical incarnation of a god.

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altzan wroteYou should actually try to start this religion and spread it. I'd like to see how far it goes It's already doing better than Islam. The Prophet Muhammed initially tried to spread his religion by means of non-violent preaching, and after a decade or so of that, hardly anyone gave a shit (certainly fewer than the number of people who, when asked their religion, say the unicorn religion). It was only once he changed his tactics and decided force would work better that Islam had any real followers, and the unicorn religion hasn't sunk to that level. Nor does it have a record of brainwashing children, for example, without which Christianity would be drastically less popular today. in this very thread you have a shining example of a person who's been literally brainwashed, and finally - after a great deal of strife - reached a level of intellectual freedom he didn't know existed before. and this is not in north korea or saudi arabia... this is in america.

As for "we can all freely make a choice on what we believe"... what an odd definition of "freely" you seem to have. if you've been lied to by your education and/or your parents, it's not informed... and if you're threatened with horrific punishments for making the wrong choice, it's not 'free'.

presumably you don't have a problem with the likes of Stalin, who would kill you simply for disagreeing with him? that is, after all, a more lenient punishment than the one you've alluded to, without a hint of defensiveness or regret.

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Subject: Re: Question for Christians  
Posted by [Scrin](#) on Fri, 29 May 2009 06:59:36 GMT  
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Spoony wrote on Fri, 29 May 2009 01:43

Kim Jong-Il and Kim Il-Sung are two incarnations of the same divine being, descended from heaven.

AirCraftKiller wrote on Tue, 04 March 2003 20:10  
NO ONE FUCKING CARES ABOUT YOUR MODIFIED VERSION OF TSE-CHENG LO'S C&C CANYON MAP.

more 'Dum Fuk Los' plox

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Subject: Re: Question for Christians  
Posted by [Starbuzz](#) on Fri, 29 May 2009 11:49:55 GMT  
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Spoony wrote on Wed, 27 May 2009 23:43ljbh... you must feel better saying that, right?

I don't feel like a hero or anything! but very very relieved to get that off my mind.

Spoony wrote on Wed, 27 May 2009 23:43i've a question... that stuff you PM'd me about earlier and told me to keep quiet about (I have done so) - am I the only person you said that stuff to until now?

Thanks for keeping that private; I appreciate it. I had not revealed it to anyone else; the stuff I told you were not discussed. I only had to say most of it here because without all my personal experiences and history, I felt it would be kinda empty.

Spoony wrote on Wed, 27 May 2009 23:43Yes, I know this stuff really happens, and I am fortunate to have parents who have always let me make my own mind up religion-wise. I actually thanked them for this exact thing a few months back.

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The main problem is that the chances of such discussion occurring in real life are slim to none. Not many people want to sit and talk and discuss this stuff. Unless they themselves are trying to raise awareness, of course but running into those people are rare.

On the web, it is more straight forward. And I think you not retorting to petty insults and staying on-topic makes what you are saying have more credibility.

In the end, if an idea is pointed out to be wrong and there is no need to follow it, then it makes sense not to follow it.

It's like jumping off a ship into the sea because you realize that contrary to what people on the ship are saying, you find out the ship's going nowhere. And so there is no need to stay onboard.

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There's no going back now.

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that's not really true in my mother's case.

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Subject: Re: Question for Christians  
Posted by [halo2pac](#) on Fri, 29 May 2009 18:22:00 GMT  
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Im going with Roshambo's answer, changing 'if' to "there is a God", and adding "synapses" near brain.

Also for fun:

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Subject: Re: Question for Christians

Posted by [IAmFenix](#) on Thu, 04 Jun 2009 00:27:58 GMT

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Posted by [Dover](#) on Thu, 04 Jun 2009 15:37:33 GMT

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IAmFenix wrote on Wed, 03 June 2009 17:27according to my beliefs.

It's a shame how those four words can justify any idea, no matter how retarded.

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You're just as much of a sinner as the rest of us. Christ's death pays for everyone's sins, present and future from that point. It's what allows people to be Christian.

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Subject: Re: Question for Christians

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Posted by [AADude7](#) on Fri, 05 Jun 2009 18:15:45 GMT

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What allows people to be Christian is their IQ. If it's below 100, you're in.

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Bit late for that, isn't it

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Subject: Re: Question for Christians

Posted by [Altzan](#) on Wed, 10 Jun 2009 14:20:11 GMT

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I had a feeling this thread wouldn't die.

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Subject: Re: Question for Christians

Posted by [Spoony](#) on Wed, 10 Jun 2009 15:33:09 GMT

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I am genuinely interested in hearing your answers to this:

Spoony wrote on Fri, 29 May 2009 01:43 by the way, if you and jnz could take a minute from arguing over which colour the tooth fairy's shoes are, answer these two questions.

Spoony wrote on Thu, 28 May 2009 10:40 The Emperor Hirohito was the physical incarnation of a god.

Kim Jong-Il and Kim Il-Sung are two incarnations of the same divine being, descended from heaven.

Frozen yoghurt can make a man invisible.

Do you believe these claims? If not, why not?

Spoony wrote do you suppose yourself to be a Christian? if so, answer the question i asked earlier. why aren't you a Muslim instead, since that revelation claims to come from the same god.

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Posted by [Altzan](#) on Wed, 10 Jun 2009 23:21:06 GMT

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Posted by [Dover](#) on Thu, 11 Jun 2009 00:30:03 GMT

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Subject: Re: Question for Christians

Posted by [Spoony](#) on Thu, 11 Jun 2009 01:25:18 GMT

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Altzan wrote on Wed, 10 June 2009 18:211. No, I do not believe these claims. As you have mentioned, those claims (and mine) are based on faith. It's my choice in what I put my faith into. really?

well...

Altzan wroteThe problem is that we live in a day and age where everyone wants hardcore proof before believing anything. It's good to be cautious, but this is one of the things you simply have to apply faith.

Quote:Hebrews 11:1

Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

I can't really add to Razor's post, but I'll say this: religion is one of the few things that doesn't follow [scientific] logic. If you firmly will not believe something unless there's proof and logic to back it up, you're a hopeless case.

Actually, the people wanting proof are those desperately looking for a reason not to believe something they don't want to believe because they want an easier path.  
your words, not mine. when the Emperor Hirohito or Kim Jong-Il make similar claims to divinity that Jesus made (if he even did), you "simply have to apply faith", and you're a "hopeless case" if you happen to think they're full of shit. it's not their fault for making such ludicrous claims... it's yours for not believing them.

Altzan wrote on Wed, 10 June 2009 18:212. Muslims have a similar, yet different set of beliefs. I'm not familiar with their entire set, though. I might do some research later to familiarize myself with it. you haven't read the qur'an and the hadith? how negligent! they claim to be revelations from the same god you worship, and they came several centuries after the time of Jesus, so hadn't you better check on Yahweh's more recent instructions to you?

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Posted by [Altzan](#) on Thu, 11 Jun 2009 02:28:19 GMT

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Subject: Re: Question for Christians

Posted by [Spoony](#) on Thu, 11 Jun 2009 02:58:28 GMT

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Posted by [Muad Dib15](#) on Thu, 11 Jun 2009 03:01:35 GMT

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It's not based on what Christ said. It is a totally different religion based on the same God. Christ never said anything about Muhammed starting Islam otherwise he wouldn't have bothered telling Peter to start a universal church if someone was just going to come along and start a new religion.

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Subject: Re: Question for Christians

Posted by [Spoony](#) on Thu, 11 Jun 2009 03:13:06 GMT

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are you following me? you can't debunk someone else's religion just by pointing out that your own unproven religion doesn't mention it.

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Posted by [Dover](#) on Thu, 11 Jun 2009 03:51:10 GMT

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Care to expand on that?

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Posted by [Ryan3k](#) on Thu, 11 Jun 2009 04:12:31 GMT

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fyi i'm the REAL last prophet and sorry guys, god wants me to tell you that the whole mohammad/jesus shit or whatever the fuck we were talking about before was bullshit a test of faith. please consult the book of scientology for your new instructions.

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Subject: Re: Question for Christians

Posted by [Altzan](#) on Thu, 11 Jun 2009 14:28:03 GMT

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Would you want to be affiliated with that group simply because they have the same goal?

@Dover: I have a feeling these are going to get shot at, but here are my reasons:

1. I grew up with it. No point hiding that. That doesn't mean I was brainwashed into it or some other crackpot theory.
  2. The religion does not seem improbable from my viewpoint. The creation by God seems more believable to me than the evolutionist theory, for example.
  3. Christianity is fairly well spread. If a false religion spread this well, and it simply isn't true, that certainly leaves humanity with something to be desired. And I don't think we're that gullible.
  4. If anything, Christianity isn't teaching horrible things (like sacrificing humans or killing infidels). The moral code is something everyone would like to be treated with. (Why would you want to be mistreated or abused, at any rate.)
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Subject: Re: Question for Christians

Posted by [Spoony](#) on Thu, 11 Jun 2009 15:45:39 GMT

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I don't see what you're getting at here, frankly.

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nobody who's been brainwashed thinks they've been brainwashed. it wouldn't be very effective if that were the case, would it?

Altzan wrote on Thu, 11 June 2009 09:282. The religion does not seem improbable from my viewpoint. The creation by God seems more believable to me than the evolutionist theory, for example.

then explain how this god of yours came into being; was he created by something else? did he evolve into a god from something less powerful? your statement is pretty useless unless you know the answer to this, surely. Know, not make an unsupported guess.

Altzan wrote on Thu, 11 June 2009 09:283. Christianity is fairly well spread. If a false religion spread this well, and it simply isn't true, that certainly leaves humanity with something to be desired. And I don't think we're that gullible.

firstly, christianity hardly the only religion that is "fairly well spread". secondly, given it's history, it'd be a catastrophic failure if it WASN'T "well spread". for nearly two millenia in many countries it's had an iron grip on politics, social structures, and most insidiously of all, education. We have only recently entered a time when you can criticise religious beliefs without something horrible happening to you; if you want to know what that was like, just go to Saudi Arabia or Pakistan. And yet the structure of brainwashing is still very much in place. Even in liberal, enlightened Britain, in the supposedly secular primary and secondary school (at least, not obviously Christian), Christian prayer was compulsory for me every day, and the ridiculous bible myths were taught with the same certainty as what was taught in maths, science, geography. This is brainwashing, and this is probably the shiniest end of the wedge. If the brainwashing kids have been subjected to for nearly 2000 years was only THIS bad, one would expect Christianity would still be pretty widespread. Of course, for most of history it was much, much worse than this.

Altzan wrote on Thu, 11 June 2009 09:284. If anything, Christianity isn't teaching horrible things (like sacrificing humans or killing infidels). The moral code is something everyone would like to be treated with. (Why would you want to be mistreated or abused, at any rate.)

It isn't teaching horrible things?

I disagree with christianity. What will be my punishment for this thoughtcrime? That's right: the most horrific idea we ever came up with. Hell.

The likes of Stalin would kill you simply for disagreeing with him, but at least after you were dead he was more or less finished with you (except when he felt like photoshopping you out of a few pictures). It wasn't claimed that he would torture your eternal soul until the end of time. Christianity doesn't teach horrible things? Several Christians, including you, have either threatened me with this or at the very least alluded to it. And it's sad to see that they have absolutely no idea of the sheer evil of what they're saying. Thankfully I'm a grown man and I don't believe this appalling threat for a moment, but you're still a disgusting individual in making it. And we subject children to this.

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Posted by [Herr Surth](#) on Thu, 11 Jun 2009 15:49:23 GMT

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Quote:

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I lol'd

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Posted by [Dover](#) on Thu, 11 Jun 2009 16:07:28 GMT

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Altzan wrote on Thu, 11 June 2009 07:281. I grew up with it. No point hiding that. That doesn't mean I was brainwashed into it or some other crackpot theory. This, by itself, simply isn't good enough. Other people have been raised with far more harmful beliefs, like the children of neo-nazis (inb4 Godwin's law; I'm not comparing the two just making a point, and I could easily apply some less-tainted example). If people believed everything, or at least most things they were taught by their parents, humanity as a whole would make very little progress. It's okay to start out believing what you were raised with (that's what being raised is!), but part of growing up is questioning what you've been taught.

Altzan wrote on Thu, 11 June 2009 07:282. The religion does not seem improbable from my viewpoint. The creation by God seems more believable to me than the evolutionist theory, for example.

I don't know how you could see things this way. The bible is full of improbable/impossible shit, like burning bushes, worldwide floods for 40 days/nights (how would that even work? The water has to come from somewhere), pillars of salt, the Red Sea parting, talking snakes, and who knows what other kinds of crazy improbable/impossible stuff. It's been said that the only two constants in the bible is a bunch of stuff that's hard to believe and the frequent mention of wine (Then one conjectures about which came first in the writing).

If you're up to it, I would like to discuss why you believe the theory of evolution is so crazy.

Altzan wrote on Thu, 11 June 2009 07:283. Christianity is fairly well spread. If a false religion spread this well, and it simply isn't true, that certainly leaves humanity with something to be desired. And I don't think we're that gullible.

There's quite a bit of history behind that. Most of the time, it was spread fairly violently. But that's beside the point. This is a logical fallacy known as "Argumentum ad populum". You can do your own reading on it if you'd like, but the basic idea is just because an idea is popular doesn't make it true.

And I would argue that we are (Or at least were) that gullible, and that humanity does have something to be desired. I certainly don't think we're perfect, and I'm pretty sure you'd agree with me there.

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Some would argue that it DOES call for violence against infidels, but even if it didn't, couldn't you get the same moral code without subscription to the religion itself, without the ritualistic and theocratic baggage that goes along with it? My set of morals is pretty close; Don't kill, don't steal, don't lie, etc etc

At the risk of sounding arrogant, your reasons aren't good enough. They basically boil down to;

- 1) My parents did it
- 2) It's not impossible (lol)
- 3) Everyone else is doing it
- 4) It doesn't harm anyone

..Which, truthfulness of the statements aside, are either appeals to external sources, reasons to not-believe. Surely, there has to be some better reason you've placed your faith where you have?

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Question for christians:

Why the fuck didnt Adam and Eve listen to Admiral Ackbar?

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Subject: Re: Question for Christians

Posted by [Altzan](#) on Thu, 11 Jun 2009 18:47:45 GMT

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**Subject: Re: Question for Christians**  
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I'm not calling for proof. I'm calling for your reasoning behind your beliefs. I'm willing to settle for something short of reproducible scientific results, I'm just looking for something more than "Everyone else I know is doing it, I should too."

I think you misunderstand my motivations here. I'm not trying to convince you of anything--you're just text on a screen for me. I'm just trying to gain a little more insight into the mind of a Christian, and maybe share a little thought experiment with you in the process. You can dig your heels in and give the typical reaction when these conversations reach this point ("HA HA YOU CAN'T CONVERT ME!!1!"), or you can let your mind wander and actually consider the things being said. I promise God won't smite you for it.

And you're right, you shouldn't be worried about hell, even if you are, I suspect your God wouldn't approve anyway. If you're a good person for the sake of avoiding punishment, you're really not a good person after all. This kind of thinking is indicative of the lowest stages of Lawrence Kohlberg's theory in moral development. Even infants avoid punishment and pain by reflex, yet it's a sign of a mature and well-developed individual to do the right thing, regardless of punishment or reward involved (Something Kohlberg terms "Principled consciousness")

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So we come back to my question of why you sneer at other religious claims, including ones purporting to come from the very same god you believe in. They don't have much in the way of proof either (although the Emperor Hirohito or Kim Jong-Il's claims to divinity start from a better standpoint than Jesus, since we know for a fact they existed at all)

Your earlier statements about faith were all to the effect that if a religious claim can't be proven, it

becomes the person's fault for not believing it. "Hopeless case", remember. Yet you only apply this to one religion, and the rest of them be damned. And you think we're the ones with any explaining to do?

Altzan wrote on Thu, 11 June 2009 13:47 and if Christianity isn't true, why worry about Hell, eh? Did you read my post? I'm not worried about hell, I don't think there is such a thing. I was talking about the sheer evil of the likes of you threatening people with this punishment for nothing worse than disagreement. If you recall, you said Christianity doesn't teach evil things. I would argue that there are plenty of evil things it teaches; this is just one example. So far you've come to a rebuttal is: "ok, we threaten you with this, but we might be lying". This is an improvement, is it? The gun you mug someone with is unloaded, is it?

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God Sucks? Yes.

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I never threatened anyone either. And before you say "HELL", I didn't come up with the idea. And who said I was trying to change anyone's mind?



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Altzan wrote on Fri, 12 June 2009 07:56And before you say "HELL", I didn't come up with the idea.

Thanks for clearing that misconception up

Altzan wrote on Fri, 12 June 2009 07:56And who said I was trying to change anyone's mind? "Equally hostile grip on atheism" doesn't really make sense otherwise.

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When I said "right from wrong", you are aware that I was talking about 'morally right', rather than 'factually correct'?

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So you don't think there's anything wrong with threatening somebody with horrific punishment for nothing worse than disagreement? Once again, see above re: my stalin comparison. Perhaps you think it's pointless, but only because you aren't the one on the sharp end of this evil, evil threat. I stand by my earlier statement; if you can't see anything abhorrent about this doctrine, you simply don't know right from wrong.

Also, you still haven't answered my question about the origin of this god of yours; if you don't know that, it's pretty ludicrous to compare it to evolutionary biology in terms of "more believable". If you're gonna take the creationist viewpoint, then you're comparing the wrong two events. The origin of life would NOT be the point when life on earth was created by god... it would be the origin of god itself.

We have some pretty convincing theories about how the first spark of life arose on this planet (as well as laboratory tests proving that organic matter can arise from inorganic substances); ask anyone where God came from and all they can do is make completely unsupported guesses that defy our understanding of science.

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Right, I'll tell you mine if you tell me yours.

My what? I'm not the one who said "I've done things that would send me to hell if I didn't repent of them".

Hide your 'sins' if you're so ashamed of them, but just fill us in on what you mean by 'repented'.

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^^ yeah, like I said... are atheists the ones with any explaining to do?

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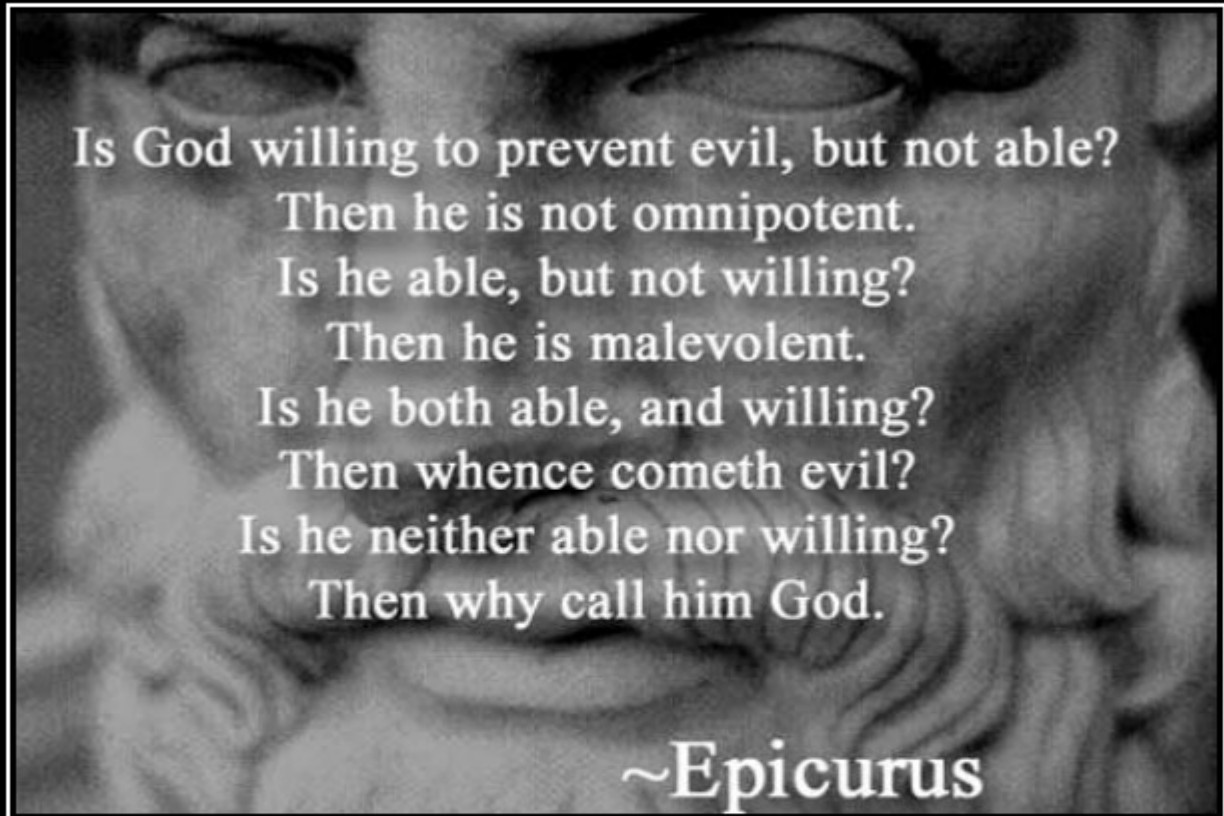
The difference being that atheists are willing to admit when they don't know something, and are willing to revise their positions in light on new information. Nobody really KNOWS, and nobody can be expected to, but atheists keep an open mind and seek THE answer, not just their answer.

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Subject: Re: Question for Christians

Posted by [Altzan](#) on Fri, 12 Jun 2009 21:51:38 GMT

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Quote: The difference being that atheists are willing to admit when they don't know something, and are willing to revise their positions in light of new information. Nobody really KNOWS, and nobody can be expected to, but atheists keep an open mind and seek THE answer, not just their answer.

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This sounds a lot like blind faith. >:[

And that's a bad idea, especially since that picture is kind of silly. By reducing a complex argument to nothing but two-syllable words and omitting parts crucial to it making sense, you murder your credibility. It's like if I said:

"There was this guy and he made everything out of nothing and then he flooded everything but he saved some of everything and then he was a burning bush and then he impregnated some woman and had a son who was really himself all along because this guy is really three guys and then he died but he didn't really and then he came back to life even though he never died.

Christianity makes sense LOL!!1!"

I'd look like a fucking moron.

Altzan wrote on Fri, 12 June 2009 14:51 EDIT: Oh, he is able. But if he did stop evil, then what's the point in our existence, if it's predetermined?

That's an even better question than God's existence (or lack thereof). If you're actually asking me, I don't know. I believe that existence is what you make of it, although I don't have any evidence to support that.

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Subject: Re: Question for Christians  
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Subject: Re: Question for Christians  
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you do realise, altzan, that 'atheist' is not actually a synonym for 'believes in the big bang theory and the theory of evolution'?

It's certainly true that those two theories tend to be more widely accepted among atheists than by the religious, but atheism is a word which says what you don't believe, not what you do believe.

Epicurus's challenge may seem popular, but a quick flick through the Bible reveals that if the book is accurate, God is evil.

Tell me, altzan, if you suddenly found out that you were created not by your parents in the usual way, but instead in a laboratory by some crazy mad scientist who also happened to have killed a shitload of the other humans he'd created, loosed plagues upon the world etc, and wrote a book demanding everybody obey him or suffer horrific punishment...

...would you obey him?

Quote:Yeah, there's a lot I don't know, such as how God came to be. I still believe he came to be, though.

You and every other creationist. And yet you all still say you find creationism more credible than evolution.

Evolution says the origin of life was the most primitive sparks of life which took millions of years to evolve into anything that you would even see had you walked past it. (and remember, we've had laboratory tests proving that organic matter can arise from inorganic matter).

For Creationism on the other hand... the origin of life is absolutely NOT the bits in Genesis where God makes the animals and man and woman. No, no, no. Creationists all think it is, but if you have an entity with extraordinary power who created all the animals and humanity, and is also capable of spying on both our actions and our thoughts... then the origin of life is when he came into being.

So let's compare the credibility of the two. What's more likely?

1. extremely primitive forms of life arose (we pretty much know how) and spent millions and millions of years evolving (we know how)
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you know, our understanding of science develops gradually. before people like darwin, einstein, newton, democritus, galileo etc came along, our explanations for certain things would've been so stupid that they would embarrass a modern-day child. but they were the best we could do. there was a time when our best guess of how everything came about literally was "god did it". now, we've got much better explanations.

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Posted by [Dover](#) on Sat, 13 Jun 2009 00:12:06 GMT

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I don't see Earth coming to be by accident, ie not planned by someone or something.

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Posted by [Spoony](#) on Sat, 13 Jun 2009 00:33:44 GMT

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Not sure what you're getting at here.

You're talking about the "point" of existence. This tends to be a big part of creationist argument; they say things like being part of God's masterplan is better than us just being more advanced animals whose only purpose on life is to reproduce and survive.

I expect this does make sense to the religious; I personally find it laughable. I like the fact we can choose for ourselves what we want our lives to be all about, so long as we maintain a healthy respect for others. It doesn't strike me as particularly appealing to think that we're all under the command of an unchallengeable dictator (and it surprises me how many Americans don't have a problem with that either).

But, hey, you're part of God's plan so you must do as he wants, right? The "point" of your existence is decided by the entity that created you. (although presumably you don't apply this logic to your parents after you reach a certain age...?)

Well, what if my hypothetical scenario was true? You found out that you were created by a deranged lunatic in a lab? If he created you, wouldn't that mean you were HIS serf? In my position I think I would want to see him arrested. By creationist logic, you're his servant.

What if we found out that the human race was created by an advanced race of aliens? (another form of creationism... it may seem like bizarre science fiction, but it seems marginally more credible than being created by a 'god') Would the "point" of our existence be what they ordered us to do? Freedom be damned!

Altzan wrote on Fri, 12 June 2009 19:16More like:

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I don't see Earth coming to be by accident, ie not planned by someone or something. You completely miss my point. Either that or you're just trying to move the goalposts.

Your original statement was" evolution is less likely than being created by God. YOU'RE COMPARING THE WRONG TWO EVENTS. You're TRYING to compare the origin of life, so the

actual two events are...

Origin of life from an evolutionary viewpoint: extremely primitive forms of life which took millions of years to develop, and we know quite a lot about how this could've happened.

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Alright, I misunderstood you. So we don't know how God came to be. We don't know how these 'extremely primitive forms of life' came to be either.

Also, I don't completely identify with this quote, but I agree with its view.

Stomper saidI don't fool myself into thinking faith can ever be rational. How does that make me delusional?

There is no such thing as rational faith. That's an oxymoron. Of course you would rather debate someone willing to walk into that trap, and fool themselves into thinking they can "prove" anything about faith. But its not really a debate if you get to make all the rules and define the terms so that you never lose.

Why do you fear the possibility that there are parts of the human experience beyond the reach of empiricism? That's part of the beauty. I embrace that possibility -- and your only response is to

dismiss me as a loon. Wow. THAT's a compelling argument.

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Subject: Re: Question for Christians

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It's really the quantifier "blind" that I was focusing on. There are plenty of things that can't be proven. For example, I can't prove the sun will rise tomorrow, yet I choose to have faith that it will. This isn't blind faith; The sun has a fairly good track record of rising and setting on schedule.

To believe in something without any rhyme or reason (Or a garbage reason, like "I was raised this way"), that's blind faith. And that's a bad thing. Fact. Always. Forever. No exceptions.

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Subject: Re: Question for Christians

Posted by [nikki6ixx](#) on Sat, 13 Jun 2009 00:57:15 GMT

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Altzan wrote on Fri, 12 June 2009 15:57

There's a couple problems with this. Atomic theories make perfect sense, and can be proven, and replicated in a controlled environment.

We have yet to have religious people demonstrate that there actually exists a benevolent almighty 'God' in a similar environment. Faces of Mary on grilled cheese sandwiches do not qualify.

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I still stand by my previous statement. I can't call God down to prove he exists. Yet I believe he does.

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Posted by [Spoony](#) on Sat, 13 Jun 2009 01:46:47 GMT

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Doesn't it compare to God? Doesn't it compare to the creationist argument that we ought to do what God says because he created us? (that, of course, is really why creationists want to brainwash children in science classes).

No, my opinion is not "God is evil and deranged". My opinion is that this god of yours is fictional. But if the Bible is correct (the closest thing we have to "proof" that he exists, and I'm really doing the word "proof" an injustice there) then it does portray God as a cruel, unjust, murderous, dictatorial super-bully.

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Hell is a big reason many dislike Christianity. "He'd never do something like that if he loved us!" Why?

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So\_say\_we\_all's list is actually a pretty powerful argument, a graphic example of an argument I've made several times in religious debates (and so far it's never been countered).

There have 'been' hundreds or thousands of gods throughout history, if we define 'been' as 'was thought to exist. Let's say 1000. (I reckon it's probably more than that). Your typical atheist thinks all 1000 are fictional; the people who say they exist are either lying or crazy or just plain wrong

(arguably the same as 'crazy'). You on the other hand, think 999 are fictional but one is the real thing. I really don't think the atheist in this scenario is the one with any explaining to do.

See, as far as Apollo or Thor or Odin or Zeus or Baal or Horus or the Emperor Hirohito or Kim Jong-Il are concerned, you're just as much an atheist as I am. With Yahweh, the rules change; you say it's all about faith. Sure you can't prove it but you believe it nonetheless, and anyone who doesn't believe it is a "hopeless case". You only apply this method of thought to one of the 1000; the other 999 can go fuck themselves.

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Altzan wrote on Fri, 12 June 2009 19:44And don't evolutionists brainwash children in science classes?

I can't speak from experience, because evolution wasn't taught in science classes at my schools. The ridiculous bible myths were, with the same certainty as what was taught in maths or geography or history, and the teacher never said "by the way, there's no proof at all for any of this, it does defy most of what we understand about the world and the universe and ourselves" - that, my friend, is brainwashing. If you tell people God did this and that as though it was a fact, without



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Billions, actually. Add a few zeroes.

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Nah. My arguments about faith and proof apply to the others. My only point was the overflow of people trying to "prove" Christianity wrong.

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Subject: Re: Question for Christians

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Altzan wrote on Fri, 12 June 2009 20:54

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The word 'brainwash' doesn't really apply, because evolution is being based upon factual, hard evidence. Plus, good teachers, and textbooks will always state that evolution is still a theory, although there is a wealth of evidence that helps to support it. You can actually go, and get hard evidence and find explanations.

In the case of religion, there is little in the way of hard evidence of there being a benevolent being. Instead, people have to believe that there actually is a God, based only on fairy tales, and dubious accounts, and a book that is older than Joan Rivers. If that isn't brainwashing, I'm not sure what is.

This applies to pretty much any religion, and not just Christianity in particular. Unfortunately, radicals, and fanatical regimes like to prey upon this 'suspension of disbelief.'

Altzan wrote on Fri, 12 June 2009 21:20

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Overflow? I actually think that there are more people on this planet that believe in God, than there are people that believe in evolution. That actually makes me a little concerned.

Edit: No offense to Joan Rivers. I think she's awesome.

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Apology for the exaggeration. Let me fix.

Quote:the people trying to "prove" Christianity wrong.

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Uh, 'binding to science'? What does that even mean?

I get the feeling you only said that because I said it. NO U! Read my post again; I was speaking in moral terms, not in terms of which scientific ideas are true. If you can't see anything morally wrong with threatening people with the most horrific punishment imaginable for the 'crime' of disagreeing with you, then you really, REALLY don't know right from wrong, and I don't think religion ought to be absolved from inflicting this damage upon you.

Altzan wrote on Fri, 12 June 2009 21:19Let's put it this way: if God did create everything, etc etc, why wouldn't you obey? Because you don't agree with what you think his views are? See how far that goes.

It's certainly a good start. As I've said, the Bible portrays him as an unjust, merciless, cruel, bullying mass murderer. Maybe you haven't fully read it, or maybe you just think it's ok for him to behave in such an appalling manner as the book reports him as behaving. Even if that wasn't the case, I still think ideas like democracy, freedom of choice and so on are worth having, and my ideas on human rights are nearly two thousand years more advanced. For example, I think women ought to have the same rights in society as men. I think a person ought to be able to enjoy their sex life with other consenting adults. I think thoughtcrime is immoral. I think democracy is better than an unchallengeable dictatorship. I think freedom of speech trumps blasphemy laws. I think a child's right to a fair education trumps their parents' (or the state's) right to indoctrinate

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Every time geological, archaeological or astronomical studies show the earth to be very much older than 10000 years old is fake, is it?

What've you got proving the other side? The Bible. Answer these questions, please.

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When?

Why?

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Did they see the events for themselves, and if so, is it possible they were mistaken?

Did they instead hear it from other people, and if so, is it possible they were lying, or crazy, or mistaken?

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Subject: Re: Question for Christians

Posted by [Altzan](#) on Sat, 13 Jun 2009 03:51:53 GMT

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Spooky wrote on Fri, 12 June 2009 22:31 I get the feeling you only said that because I said it. NO U! Read my post again; I was speaking in moral terms, not in terms of which scientific ideas are true. If you can't see anything morally wrong with threatening people with the most horrific punishment imaginable for the 'crime' of disagreeing with you, then you really, REALLY don't know right from wrong, and I don't think religion ought to be absolved from inflicting this damage upon you.

The pity is irrelevant. You don't care what I think about you, I don't care what you think about me. It changes nothing.

Spooky wrote on Fri, 12 June 2009 22:31 We're back in "the gun I'm threatening you with isn't loaded" territory.

Only if you believe there isn't a gun.

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I imagine they did witness the events.

And, no.

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If it's a private sin, a repentance through prayer.

If public, a repentance made in Church.

And of course, it has to be sincere, not hollow words.

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Subject: Re: Question for Christians

Posted by [AADude7](#) on Sat, 13 Jun 2009 06:15:31 GMT

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When?

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And, no.

Okay, many people wrote the bible and they did it through God. Oh, and you imagine them to have witnessed the event. If I heard anyone today tell me they heard a message from God, not to mention witness events from God, and were told to write a book of it, I would call them lunatics. In fact, if anyone told me they heard a message from God at all I would think they were crazy.

I like how you use the word "imagine," as it reminds me of how the bible was written. I also love how these religions control people so easily; "don't do that, or this will happen to you" or "...whoever believes in Him shall not perish..."

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Subject: Re: Question for Christians  
Posted by [Spoony](#) on Sat, 13 Jun 2009 06:41:27 GMT  
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Altzan wrote on Fri, 12 June 2009 22:51The pity is irrelevant. You don't care what I think about you, I don't care what you think about me. It changes nothing.  
If someone said I didn't know right from wrong, said I was evil... I would probably try to refute that. I say you don't know right from wrong based on the fact you can't see anything morally wrong with threatening someone with horrific punishments for the 'crime' of disagreeing with you. In your place I would certainly challenge that statement.

Altzan wrote on Fri, 12 June 2009 22:51Spoony wrote on Fri, 12 June 2009 22:31We're back in "the gun I'm threatening you with isn't loaded" territory.

Only if you believe there isn't a gun.  
Really?

So I'll be spared hell for the crime of not being a Christian because I don't think hell exists? I don't think hell exists so I won't be going there?

It'd be nice if this was true, but it would directly contradict what Christianity have been threatening people like me with for nearly two thousand years, and still do.

It doesn't really improve your case to say: "ok, we've been threatening you with this appalling punishment for your non-crime... but we're not evil for doing this BECAUSE WE WERE LYING! HAH!"

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The fossils, no. The ridiculous dates? Yes.

Here's a question for you. Read Genesis, the account of the creation of life. (Admittedly there are two and they do contradict each other somewhat, but either of these discrepant accounts will serve the purpose of my question).

There are three types of animal which appear absolutely nowhere.

- Dinosaurs
- Microscopic organisms (Bacteria etc)
- Australian marsupials (kangaroos and whatnot)

There is also a staggeringly simple explanation for why these are conspicuously not mentioned. Unfortunately it's very damaging to the bible's credibility. See if you can work out the reason why they're not mentioned.

I'll give you a clue: it's even more important when you notice the number of times the bible says god inflicted a plague on somebody.

Altzan wrote on Fri, 12 June 2009 22:51As if you care for the answers other than to ask for prove or debunk them.

Isn't that reason enough?

I want to understand the world, the universe, and ourselves. If religion has anything helpful to say, I'd like to hear it. So far, it hasn't. It seems painfully obvious that the bible was not dictated by some kind of superbeing; it was written by humans. At the time, their understanding of the world and the cosmos and the human race was pitifully limited. Some of the claims made in the bible are so ludicrous that I do need something to back them up. Earlier in this thread you said this makes me a 'hopeless case', yet when someone actually DOES prove something like the age of the earth, you seem to dismiss it without even giving it due consideration.

Altzan wrote on Fri, 12 June 2009 22:51Who: Many people. Paul, Matthew, John, etc.

Don't "etc" me. Complete list of everyone who wrote it, please, and who they were. This is hardly an unreasonable request.

Altzan wrote on Fri, 12 June 2009 22:51When: Timespan of 2000-400 years ago.

Pretty vague...

Altzan wrote on Fri, 12 June 2009 22:51How: Through God. (I can already hear snorts of derision here.)

Good, then you must have some conception of what a ridiculous assertion this is.

Altzan wrote on Fri, 12 June 2009 22:51I imagine they did witness the events.

So you don't know; they could've lied to you.

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If it's a private sin, a repentance through prayer.  
If public, a repentance made in Church.  
And of course, it has to be sincere, not hollow words.  
This is what I expected, which only reaffirms my earlier statement that you really don't know right from wrong. You say nothing of actually apologising to people you wronged, nor of trying to make amends for a situation you affected. No, never mind that - you just try to please your imaginary friend.

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Subject: Re: Question for Christians  
Posted by [Dover](#) on Sat, 13 Jun 2009 18:40:19 GMT  
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Altzan wrote on Fri, 12 June 2009 17:58Dover wrote on Fri, 12 June 2009 19:55Altzan wrote on Fri, 12 June 2009 17:17Dover wrote on Fri, 12 June 2009 19:12Yes, it does. Blind faith is a bad thing. Always. Forever. No exceptions.

Opinion. Most of Christianity's foundation is on things that cannot be proved. You think that's a good reason not to buy into it. I don't.

It's really the quantifier "blind" that I was focusing on. There are plenty of things that can't be proven. For example, I can't prove the sun will rise tomorrow, yet I choose to have faith that it will. This isn't blind faith; The sun has a fairly good track record of rising and setting on schedule.

To believe in something without any rhyme or reason (Or a garbage reason, like "I was raised this way"), that's blind faith. And that's a bad thing. Fact. Always. Forever. No exceptions.

I still stand by my previous statement. I can't call God down to prove he exists. Yet I believe he does.

EDIT: NONE of the pictures posted in this thread make sense including mine. So don't take it seriously. It's a ridicule of the others.

And this doesn't bother you? Not at all? The belief system you've been basing your argument in this thread (And to a greater degree, most of your life) is just an accident of fate? You could have just as easily been born into a Taoist or Zoroastran family. I'm not asking for you to prove God's existence--you can no more do that than I "prove" (s)he doesn't. What I'm asking for is your reasoning on why yiu've chosen this faith. The reasons you've given so far are...less than good.

I resent that picture comment. Epicurus's words are not only a fair challenge, but one that is still standing almost two-thousand years later.

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Subject: Re: Question for Christians  
Posted by [Altzan](#) on Sun, 14 Jun 2009 01:01:25 GMT  
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I'm following some anon advice.

Quote:your never going to win this argument with those on here who create threads about Christians just to have something to argue about.

they want you to explain the exists of God in non religious terms. it would be like telling an atheist. why don't you explain yourself in the spiritual realm.

that's why I'm staying out of it. figure the more they start these topics if people just ignored them they'd stop.

I'm glad for the opportunity to 'spar' with others whose views are different than mine. But I saw no reason to believe God doesn't exist, probably you all haven't seen a reason to believe he does.

I know he exists. And for those mouths opening to say "how?" - No. Nothing I say will affect you, that's plain and obvious.

I don't give a damn for the misinterpretations sure to follow this message - "hah, we atheists sure showed him" "he's crazy" "he's giving up" "we win" - because they don't matter. What matters is what happens after we pass on. And those statements will be brought up in Judgement.

And if there is no Judgement? No afterlife? ...then I'm good, as are you all. We'll all go to the same place.

And if there's a different god in power? ...we'll all go to the same place.

Thanks for the practice. Don't think I'm ignoring anything you said - especially Dover and Spooky - because I'm not. I've been brooding over this thread for days now. But I finally realized this is pointless - I don't have to prove myself to anyone. If I spread the word and it is rejected - oh well. Sorry that you don't agree, but if you don't, then I'll move on.

I hope that those who are looking for answers to the big questions eventually find them.

Bring on any rage, spam, or misinterpretations now. I'm done here. If you have any serious questions - not arguements - PM me.

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Subject: Re: Question for Christians

Posted by [Spoony](#) on Sun, 14 Jun 2009 01:36:27 GMT

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Altzan wrote on Sat, 13 June 2009 21:01 I'm following some anon advice.

Quote:your never going to win this argument with those on here who create threads about Christians just to have something to argue about.

Just to have something to argue about? This ideology has continually tried to force itself upon all of us for nearly two thousand years, and still does; in my supposedly advanced nation religion still has a firm grip on society, politics (COMPLETELY undemocratically) and worst of all, education.

Why do you think it's generally Christianity and Islam I criticise? Why not Zoroastrianism, Buddhism etc, or the gods like Apollo, Horus etc? Because Christianity and Islam are the two which constantly try to bully their way into every aspect of life.

There's nothing wrong with challenging this oppression.

Altzan wrote on Sat, 13 June 2009 21:01 they want you to explain the exists of God in non religious terms. it would be like telling an atheist. why don't you explain yourself in the spiritual realm.

No, it absolutely would not.

"Non religious terms" in this context is essentially synonymous with "terms which actually make some kind of sense". The religious keep saying how the usual rules of logic and science don't apply here. How convenient. You say you're above the rules that're applied to everything else, and that's it, game over. The sad part is, every atheist knows that if some palpable proof of, say, Jesus' life and divinity finally showed up, Christians would raise the roof.

Altzan wrote on Sat, 13 June 2009 21:01 that's why I'm staying out of it. figure the more they start these topics if people just ignored them they'd stop.

When Christianity (and Islam) has the decency to keep itself to itself for the first time in history, I probably won't be bothered enough to challenge it.

Altzan wrote on Sat, 13 June 2009 21:01 I'm glad for the opportunity to 'spar' with others whose views are different than mine. But I saw no reason to believe God doesn't exist ...and once again we're back to my question: what reason do you have to believe Horus or Apollo or Zeus or Shiva don't exist? Furthermore, what reason do you have to believe that the "last revelation" (Islam) didn't actually come from your god? You'd better be sure about that, because if it genuinely did come from your god - as it claims to - one would think you should pay attention.

Altzan wrote on Sat, 13 June 2009 21:01 I know he exists. And for those mouths opening to say "how?" - No. Nothing I say will affect you, that's plain and obvious.

You say this as if it says something about us, rather than you. We're back in 'hopeless case' territory, I think.

Altzan wrote on Sat, 13 June 2009 21:01 I don't give a damn for the misinterpretations sure to follow this message - "hah, we atheists sure showed him" "he's crazy" "he's giving up" "we win" - because they don't matter. What matters is what happens after we pass on. And those statements will be brought up in Judgement.

Do you give a damn for my statements that you simply don't know right from wrong? You haven't exactly debunked that by saying "all that matters is the afterlife"...

Altzan wrote on Sat, 13 June 2009 21:01 And if there is no Judgement? No afterlife? ...then I'm good, as are you all. We'll all go to the same place.

Will you be 'good'? You'll have missed a great deal of opportunity. All that time praying when you could've been doing something either productive or enjoyable. All those prohibitions against non-crimes.

Altzan wrote on Sat, 13 June 2009 21:01 And if there's a different god in power? ...we'll all go to the same place.

Well done on finally noticing this part, but you seem oddly unmoved by it.

Altzan wrote on Sat, 13 June 2009 21:01 I hope that those who are looking for answers to the big questions eventually find them.

Me too, though it'd be nice if scientific study wasn't opposed by religion at almost every turn.

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Subject: Re: Question for Christians

Posted by [AADude7](#) on Sun, 14 Jun 2009 02:10:09 GMT

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Altzan wrote on Sat, 13 June 2009 17:01

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No, I'm sure we haven't seen a reason to believe your God exists, and I would appreciate if you would thoroughly explain your reasoning.

Altzan wrote on Sat, 13 June 2009 17:01

I know he exists. And for those mouths opening to say "how?" - No. Nothing I say will affect you, that's plain and obvious.

Ah, I get your point. You know God exists but you won't share the knowledge of how you know this (or you already know how incredibly stupid they must sound.)

Altzan wrote on Sat, 13 June 2009 17:01

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Atheists beliefs are just as "wrong" as a religion's beliefs. By wrong I mean that people don't know how true or false these beliefs actually are - wouldn't it be good just to say that instead of belonging to a group that goes with one side or another?

Altzan wrote on Sat, 13 June 2009 17:01

And if there is no Judgement? No afterlife? ...then I'm good, as are you all. We'll all go to the same place.

"If there is no afterlife, at least I wouldn't have gone to Hell if there was one."

Altzan wrote on Sat, 13 June 2009 17:01

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I wouldn't believe so, since most religions are on the track of "believe in our God or face eternal suffering."

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Subject: Re: Question for Christians

Posted by [Altzan](#) on Sun, 14 Jun 2009 04:04:37 GMT

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I'm sorry if you feel oppressed by other religions. I'm not trying to force mine onto anyone, I'm just defending it, mainly for practice and insight.

As for "not sharing my reasoning" - I did, and that didn't go far. If you want a (hopefully) thorough explanation, PM me.

And I have a better right and wrong sense than you think. My opinions about murder, crime, hate, greed, envy, and such don't differ from yours.

And despite the arguements (debates), I would like to to thank Dover for debating politely in the vast majority of his messages (and Spoonly somewhat). Others as well, but you two placed the most input.

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Subject: Re: Question for Christians  
Posted by [Spoonly](#) on Sun, 14 Jun 2009 09:02:18 GMT  
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Altzan wrote on Sat, 13 June 2009 23:04 I'm sorry if you feel oppressed by other religions. I'm not sure what you mean by "other", and you might wanna replace "feel" with "are".

Altzan wrote on Sat, 13 June 2009 23:04 As for "not sharing my reasoning" - I did, and that didn't go far. If you want a (hopefully) thorough explanation, PM me.  
Indeed it didn't go far; my question still hasn't been answered. Why, out of the thousands of gods that are (or were) thought to exist, are you absolutely convinced that one exists (and think someone is a 'hopeless case' for wanting some kind of proof or at least convincing logic) but sneer at the others?

Altzan wrote on Sat, 13 June 2009 23:04 And I have a better right and wrong sense than you think. My opinions about murder, crime, hate, greed, envy, and such don't differ from yours. It would be depressing indeed if you couldn't see anything wrong with murder.

"Crime" is very vague; let's remember that many things are against the law even though there aren't even the most feeble moral arguments against them. Laws prohibiting homosexuals from enjoying their private life in several states, for example. The other three are thoughtcrimes, so I suspect your opinions are actually quite different to mine. Still, the last four pale by comparison to the point I've kept repeating and I've been absolutely baffled by your lack of reaction to it:

threatening somebody with punishment for the 'crime' of disagreeing with you  
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your religion has been doing this for nearly two thousand years. It still does, including - most disgustingly of all - to children. So far the closest you've come to a defence of this evil is: "we might be lying". You think you know right from wrong? I expect you do think that; you also think you haven't been brainwashed; you also think that prayer counts as atonement without any need to bother with apologising to people you hurt or trying to make amends; you also think there are

no fossils older than 10,000 years back. I could go on.

Altzan wrote on Sat, 13 June 2009 23:04 And despite the arguments (debates), I would like to thank Dover for debating politely in the vast majority of his messages (and Spooky somewhat). Others as well, but you two placed the most input. There is no need to be polite when criticising religion.

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Subject: Re: Question for Christians

Posted by [cheesesoda](#) on Sun, 14 Jun 2009 15:27:58 GMT

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Spooky Indeed it didn't go far; my question still hasn't been answered. Why, out of the thousands of gods that are (or were) thought to exist, are you absolutely convinced that one exists (and think someone is a 'hopeless case' for wanting some kind of proof or at least convincing logic) but sneer at the others?

I know you were waiting for him to answer the question, but I'll go ahead and do it.

The reason is very simple. It's the culture of America and the Western world. His parents are Christian, and everything around him supports Christianity. It's no different than choosing a favorite sports team. I live ~30 miles from two universities. My city is essentially split on the fans. One team roots for Michigan State, the other half for Michigan. I, for one, am a Michigan fan. I'm not a fan because I went to the school, nor was my decision influenced by any person I know going to the school. I have no real objective reasons why I am a Michigan fan. My parents are Michigan fans, though. They have been since before I was born. There's absolutely no tangible reasoning as to why I should be a Michigan instead of a Michigan State fan. Religion is the exact same way, and it's how I was a Christian, and I'm sure that's why my brother still is a Christian. It's purely subjective due to nature and/or nurture.

Face it, it's been said several times in this thread already... it's a luck of the draw where you're born and that has a huge impact on what your faith system is. Then to have the audacity to say that your religion is the one, true faith? Had one been born in Sweden instead of America, in all likelihood, you'd probably be an atheist. Were you born in Iran, you'd most likely be a Muslim. Yes, people can switch from "wrong" religions to the "right" religion. Though, I'm willing to bet the percentage of Christians changing faiths is probably not all that different from other faiths leaving theirs. I'll concede that a majority of people switching from other faiths are probably switching to Christianity, but I'll also suggest (with no tangible evidence, as I'm too lazy) that it has a lot to do with exposure to Christianity.

Again, I'll use my sports team analogy. Take several universities across America that are about the same proficiency in sports. Then you poll people who were born and raised in that area to see what sports team they align with. Removing the people who know students/alumni of the university, you'll still have a high percentage of people rooting for the local university. Again, not because their team may be better than another, but because it's the environment they're brought up in, and I bet you that their parents are fans, as well.

There is always going to be exceptions. No model is going to be 100% accurate, but it definitely does give insight as to why people are religious.

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Subject: Re: Question for Christians  
Posted by [nikki6ixx](#) on Sun, 14 Jun 2009 17:00:34 GMT  
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I'd go to church if we were able to do the 'Wave' in the pews, and the organ played some jazzier ditties.

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Subject: Re: Question for Christians  
Posted by [Ryan3k](#) on Sun, 14 Jun 2009 21:43:37 GMT  
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i'd go to church if the girls were easy

...oh yeah, they usually are

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Subject: Re: Question for Christians  
Posted by [\[NE\]Fobby\[GEN\]](#) on Mon, 15 Jun 2009 02:03:09 GMT  
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I think I'd rather die than go to one of these camps:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LACyLTsH4ac>

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Subject: Re: Question for Christians  
Posted by [Muad Dib15](#) on Mon, 15 Jun 2009 02:25:51 GMT  
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[NEFobby[GEN] wrote on Sun, 14 June 2009 21:03] I think I'd rather die than go to one of these camps:

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yeah.

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Subject: Re: Question for Christians  
Posted by [Ryan3k](#) on Mon, 15 Jun 2009 04:22:02 GMT  
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those are some good red-state voters there

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Subject: Re: Question for Christians  
Posted by [AADude7](#) on Mon, 15 Jun 2009 07:14:41 GMT  
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[NEFobby[GEN] wrote on Sun, 14 June 2009 22:03]I think I'd rather die than go to one of these camps:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LACyLTsH4ac>

Don't you love when people force their beliefs onto others, specifically children? My favorite part is when they have them worship George Bush's cardboard body (I don't believe it shows that in that clip, however.) I guess their motto is "get 'em while they're young."

Bill Maher: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=309MCU8TonE>

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Subject: Re: Question for Christians  
Posted by [Spoony](#) on Mon, 15 Jun 2009 14:23:33 GMT  
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AADude7 wrote on Mon, 15 June 2009 02:14I guess their motto is "get 'em while they're young." it's worked for religion for thousands of years, no point letting morality interfere now.

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Subject: Re: Question for Christians  
Posted by [nikki6ixx](#) on Mon, 15 Jun 2009 16:35:45 GMT  
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[NEFobby[GEN] wrote on Sun, 14 June 2009 21:03]I think I'd rather die than go to one of these camps:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LACyLTsH4ac>

Dear God, that old chick in the red shirt looks like she ate the Baby Jesus...

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Subject: Re: Question for Christians  
Posted by [R315r4z0r](#) on Tue, 16 Jun 2009 23:49:58 GMT  
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I haven't entered this thread in a while, but I have a song I want to share.

It's from Green Day's latest album 21st Century Breakdown. The song is called 'East Jesus Nowhere' and I just thought it fit this thread so freaking well, it was scary. It may even answer the original proposed question by Cheesesoda if you listen to the lyrics carefully.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fKU9MU44tiU>

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Subject: Re: Question for Christians

Posted by [Altzan](#) on Wed, 17 Jun 2009 18:50:10 GMT

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Here, to simplify:

Raise your hands now to testify  
Your confession will be crucified  
You're a sacrificial suicide  
Like a dog that's been sodomized  
Stand up! - All the white boys  
Sit down! - All the black girls  
You're the soldiers of the new world

Put your faith in a miracle  
And it's non-denominational  
Join the choir we will be singing  
In the church of wishful thinking

A fire burns today  
Of blasphemy and genocide  
The sirens of decay  
Will infiltrate the faith fanatics

Oh bless me lord for I have sinned  
It's been a lifetime since I last confessed

I threw my crutches in "The river  
Of a shadow of doubt"  
And I'll be dressed in my Sunday best

Say a prayer for the family  
Drop a coin for humanity  
Ain't this uniform so flattering?  
I never asked you a God damned thing

A fire burns today  
Of blasphemy and genocide  
The sirens of decay  
Will infiltrate the faith fanatics

Don't test me  
Second guess me  
Protest me  
You will disappear

I want to know who's allowed to breed  
All the dogs who never learned to read  
Missionary politicians  
And the cops of a new religion

A fire burns today  
Of blasphemy and genocide  
The sirens of decay  
Will infiltrate the inside

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Subject: Re: Question for Christians  
Posted by [nikki6ixx](#) on Wed, 17 Jun 2009 20:03:43 GMT  
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Dancing with danger right until dawn  
The sin that you buy and you sell  
Mom and daddy said "the life that you've led,  
You'll party your way straight to Hell"

On Your knees,  
You shall be on your knees  
Cause I want you on your knees  
You shall be on your knees  
And I need you on your knees  
You shall be on your knees  
Cause I want you on your knees  
You shall be on your knees

Playing with fire, lust in you burns  
Reflecting the flames in your eyes  
Sex and pain insane, they're really the same  
Misused and confused, bound and tied

On Your knees,  
You shall be on your knees  
Cause I want you on your knees  
You shall be on your knees  
And I need you on your knees  
You shall be on your knees  
Cause I want you on your knees  
You shall be on your knees

On your knees that's where you all shall be  
Well I bid you come taste your first deadly sin  
Riding the wild wind and the door to submission  
Will open and you shall fall in

On Your knees,  
You shall be on your knees  
Cause I want you on your knees  
You shall be on your knees  
And I need you on your knees  
You shall be on your knees  
Cause I want you on your knees  
You shall be on your knees

On your knees  
On your knees  
On your knees  
On your knees

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Subject: Re: Question for Christians  
Posted by [cheesesoda](#) on Wed, 17 Jun 2009 22:20:43 GMT  
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Sure enough can't figure out  
Why all that's good is sin  
Why people choose to grovel at  
The feet of some dreamed up king

Too scared to fight their own way  
So easy to be sheep  
Alive but dead inside  
Holier than thou

Condemning all around them  
They're the chosen ones  
Now hypocrisy's king  
Defiling everything  
And at judgement's hour crumble, yeah  
Crumble you mountain of power

Still signs of hope are many  
Reason covers ground  
Two thousand years of twisted lies  
Soon just a burial mound

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You mountain of power  
You mountain of power  
Yeah  
Mountain of power  
Yeah, you mountain of...

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Subject: Re: Question for Christians  
Posted by [Herr Surth](#) on Thu, 18 Jun 2009 12:01:58 GMT

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Can I quote some more captain obvious texts? can I? hooray!

He sewed his eyes shut because he is afraid to see  
He tries to tell me what I put inside of me  
He got the answers to ease my curiosity  
He dreamed a God up and called it christianity  
God is dead and no one cares  
If there is a hell I'll see you there  
He flexed his muscles to keep his flock of sheep in line  
He made a virus that would kill off all the swine  
His perfect kingdom of killing, suffering and pain  
Demands devotion atrocities done in his name  
God is dead and no one cares  
If there is a hell I will see you there  
Drowning in his own hypocrisy  
Burning with your God in humility  
Will you die for this?

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Subject: Re: Question for Christians  
Posted by [nikki6ixx](#) on Thu, 18 Jun 2009 12:15:07 GMT  
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Could God microwave a burrito so hot that even he himself could not eat it?

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Subject: Re: Question for Christians  
Posted by [Spoony](#) on Mon, 22 Jun 2009 20:14:25 GMT  
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east jesus nowhere, like most of green day's recent stuff, has more rhetorical platitude than substance (it's not as bad as American Idiot though). i liked them a lot better when they just wrote songs about masturbation.

i do think i'll probably write a song for my new band on the subject of religion at some stage, maybe not anytime soon though

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Subject: Re: Question for Christians  
Posted by [Herr Surth](#) on Mon, 22 Jun 2009 20:46:30 GMT  
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I thought greenday were always a pile of shit.  
but hey, thats just me.

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Subject: Re: Question for Christians  
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dookie+insomniac+nimrod = ftw  
warning = going downhill here  
american idiot = terrible  
21st = bit better

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Subject: Re: Question for Christians  
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Spoony wrote on Tue, 23 June 2009 13:39each to their own. imo...

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sure, each to their own. i dont mind anybodys music ;P

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