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Subject: Re: Catholic adoption agencies and homosexuality

Posted by [Starbuzz](#) on Thu, 10 Jun 2010 08:25:53 GMT

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Altzan wrote on Wed, 09 June 2010 22:57: Either a belief that no higher power exists, or a very skeptical view of the idea of a higher power.

I suppose you could also define atheism as being open-minded and unresolved, maybe, but my impression of an atheist usually incorporates someone who has clearly decided his belief on whether or not any higher power exists.

When there is no evidence of a "higher power watching over, rewarding, punishing, and guiding" then there's no need to believe so.

Altzan wrote on Wed, 09 June 2010 22:57: Seriously? It's happened countless times, a small error ending with the failure of a mission (on any front, not just space exploration).

The rocket analogy is just fine but comparing it to denominational differences isn't since denominations are just differences in opinions.

Altzan wrote on Wed, 09 June 2010 22:57: Many details that denominations pick over deal with matters that are sins if done improperly. Baptists, for example, do not believe that baptism is necessary to be saved - if they're wrong, then there's a big problem...

So a person can be a very devout christian; accept jesus as saviour, be prayerful, faithful, reading the scriptures, being compassionate, and loving everyone around yet go to hell just for not being baptised?

The entire concept of baptism (like every other christian concept) comes down to wrangling and nitpicking bible verses to form such varied opinions. There is absolutely no reason to think that baptism is necessary to be saved.

These differences are really trivial.

Altzan wrote on Wed, 09 June 2010 22:57: Now you're making assumptions on my first impression of atheism? Nice try, but wrong.

I didn't have to assume anything considering you illustrated well with that example:

Altzan wrote on Thu, 13 May 2010 00:58

Fine. I'll go on a murdering spree and kill everyone even remotely religious, saying that they're poisoning our civilization and ruining our gene pool, and that I'm purifying the human race.

Oh, and I'll mention how I'm an atheist.

And you can't say that he's not a true atheist to cover yourselves, because that's just "pulling a fast one".

Altzan wrote on Wed, 09 June 2010 22:57 If it's the only suggestion, it's automatically valid?

You miss the point. That's the only suggestion I could come up with to avoid killing the children. What suggestions have you brought up to avoid having them killed? That's the point of this.

And christians have better morals than atheists? Here's someone who can't bring himself to object to the mass-murder of children. And I will remind you that there were so many cities the israelis raided and slaughtered off the populations that did not have practice any child-sacrifices.

Altzan wrote on Wed, 09 June 2010 22:57 One example is health - homosexuality can be physically unhealthy.

You are too vague here.

Altzan wrote on Wed, 09 June 2010 22:57 Another could be how people's relationships can be ruined by the homo/hetero social gaps. I suppose that could be attributed to a public lack of acceptance of the lifestyle, but there you are.

There used to be a time when a non-white person in America was treated differently than a white person. And your country was more christian then. And it's scary to think how "normal" it was. It is unthinkable now.

imo, "public lack of acceptance" is irrelavent. Tyranny of the majority shouldn't stop anyone from enjoying their lives. It was the same with race, it was the same with gender, it was the same with interracial marriages, and I feel is is the same with homosexuals.

Altzan wrote on Wed, 09 June 2010 22:57 It's difficult, however, to explain to a child the evidences against a religion while avoiding drawing conclusions for him or her.

so here's a christian concerned about atheists inadvertently "drawing conclusions" for their child. The irony kills me.

I wonder what makes you think atheists are going to cram such topics to a "child" in the first place?

Altzan wrote on Wed, 09 June 2010 22:57 But not so insignifigant that it should be ignored. It's ridiclous to vindicate any abuse over an idea by comparing it to another.

There's no need for you to play victim here. And I don't know how you came to the conclusion that we are "vindicating abuse" when what we are saying is hell and verbal threats are absolutely not equal.

Altzan wrote on Wed, 09 June 2010 22:57 Spooky wrote on Mon, 07 June 2010 10:07 Quote: Either you or Spooky believes it can be impossible for an individual to believe in Christianity. eh?

Here:

Spoony: what i can't do is flick a switch and make myself believe any of this, it's not the way the mind works, or at least not the way my mind works.

You too would be unable to "flick a switch" and just believe if a person from another religion was trying to sell it to you. Won't you request solid proof, evidence, and actually think about it while trying to come to a decision? It's the same deal with atheists about christianity.

It's crazy what religious indoctrination can do to a person...it makes them absolutely sure that they are right. I have the luxury of knowing what it feels like i.e, having "faith." And you cannot have "faith" if you take away childhood brainwashing.

Altzan wrote on Wed, 09 June 2010 22:57It's quite plain to see that challenging my ideas and beliefs is "interference". Not negative, but interference nonetheless.

Simply stating it is interference doesn't make it so. How is it interfering? Any specifics?

Altzan wrote on Wed, 09 June 2010 22:57I don't know what you mean by a comparison to their love life - it's just another debate over a different topic, that one being homosexuality. Challenging their ideas on it and calling that "interfering with their love life" is the same as challenging a religious person's ideas and calling that "interfering with their religious life".

Trying to have laws that prohibit a certain lifestyle is definitely interfering. You would be obstructing and hindering someone from living out their life in whichever way they choose to live just because YOU have a problem with it.

How did someone challenging your beliefs obstruct and hinder you from practising your faith?

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