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Village
Member
(04-08-2013, 05:41 PM)

#501

> Originally Posted by **AgentP**
> You don't choose your sex, race, etc. Religion is just a set of beliefs. If I believed Harry Potter was real and went around saying it, people would call me out and not respect my beliefs. Why should I respect someone else's crazy talk? Does the number of believers make a belief more or less crazy or respectable?

"Treat people the way you want to be treated", you learned this in kindergarten. Why cant anyone remember this when they grow up.

CouldBeWorse
Member
(04-08-2013, 05:42 PM)

#502

> Originally Posted by **AgentP**
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Most people are born into religion and indoctrinated at an early age. It's not like you graduate from college, start fresh with a clean slate and a number of options on a plate, and then go from there.

There's no need to judge so harshly and ignorantly.

Eight Diagram Bat Fighter
Banned
(04-08-2013, 05:43 PM)

#503

> Originally Posted by **KiNeSiS**
> Who said I was atheist I just said the bible is a work of fiction & that Jesus isn't god no human is or was. God is a force not a physical being. Something got this ball rolling & each of us are a piece of God. Traditional religion is extorting people for hope. No one wants to face death. They do not want to believe that we fade back into nothingness. Preachers are equivalent to vultures & other scavengers. They work a couple of times a week & get fat off of their flock. They are false prophets out for profit ,in the business of selling false promises. #TAXTHECHURCHES

Thanks for the hashtag. #thanksforthehashtag

Gorillaz
sober as a drunk judge
(04-08-2013, 05:44 PM)

#504

> Originally Posted by **KiNeSiS**
> Ken Levine is a god damned genius I tip my hat to him as well as any developer/artist that pushes the boundries of expression in our beloved medium.
>
> I love you guys despite our differences of opinion I am done for now, thanks for the healthy debate.

For what? He talked up the problems of columbia with religion and race and he didn't do shit with either. In fact he glanced over it.

The only thing impressive was the story of elizabeth and booker

Also add me to the camp that says he either made changes because the original verison was too unbelievable(which wouldn't surprise me) or it was just a PR stunt

Last edited by Gorillaz; 04-08-2013 at 05:46 PM.

partyphone
Member
(04-08-2013, 05:44 PM)

#505

> Originally Posted by **Village**
> "Treat people the way you want to be treated", you learned this in kindergarten. Why cant anyone remember this when they grow up.

And I would hope that if I had a crazy belief that defied reality people wouldn't pay automatic deference to it simply because it's deeply held.

ultron87
Member
(04-08-2013, 05:45 PM)

#506

> Originally Posted by **KiNeSiS**
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Sorry. Swap in Militant Anti Established Religionism and it is the same point.

Guevara
Member
(04-08-2013, 05:46 PM)

#507

> Originally Posted by **Gorillaz**
> For what? He talked up the problems of columbia with religion and race and he didn't do shit with either. In fact he glanced over it.
>
> The only thing impressive was the story of elizabeth and booker

I agree. Simply having racism and religion in a game is not the same as saying something interesting about racism or religion.

Village
Member
(04-08-2013, 05:46 PM)

#508

> Originally Posted by **partyphone**
> And I would hope that if I had a crazy belief that defied reality people wouldn't pay automatic deference to it simply because it's deeply held.

Or treat people with respect no matter what.

You are the person that keeps people out of atheism threads, just wanna alert you of that, I get your point. But that snark, more flies with honey.

Divvy
Canadians burned my passport
(04-08-2013, 05:47 PM)

#509

> Originally Posted by **Guevara**
> I agree. Simply having racism and religion in a game is not the same as saying something interesting about racism or religion.

But the game wasn't really about racism or religion, it was about conservatism. Racism and religion were only vehicles used to illustrate why conservatism is flawed.

KiNeSiS
Banned
(04-08-2013, 05:51 PM)

#510

Right & completely non profit, no corporate interest at hand, with no lobbyists forcing & blocking progress. I want doors blown down for everyone to pass through. Others slam the door of opportunity for example G.W. lets say Gore won the world would be a much better place. Christians are often wolves in sheeps clothing. I do not buy or sell wolf tickets. I am just an Anti-Christ.

GhaleonQ
Member
(04-08-2013, 05:51 PM)

#511

> Originally Posted by **Mechazawa**
> Boosh.
>
> He infers that as a result of his discussion with the team member(s?), Comstock and Lady Comstock were expanded on.

Get your INFORMATION out of here! This is about bickering!

For real, that's odd, unless I wasn't paying attention for something at the end.

Anyway, cheers for Levine as a human resources manager.

canedaddy
Member
(04-08-2013, 05:52 PM)

#512

> Originally Posted by **Divvy**
> But the game wasn't really about racism or religion, it was about conservatism. Racism and religion were only vehicles used to illustrate why conservatism is flawed.

Just coming into this thread, but if that's what you took out of it, you really missed the point.

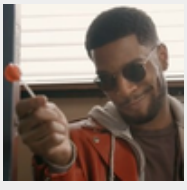
Divvy
Canadians burned my passport
(04-08-2013, 05:53 PM)

#513

> Originally Posted by **canedaddy**
> Just coming into this thread, but if that's what you took out of it, you really missed the point.

Explain

SteveWinwood
Banned
(04-08-2013, 05:54 PM)



#514

> Originally Posted by **canedaddy**
> Just coming into this thread, but if that's what you took out of it, you really missed the point.

Shocker: Different people can take different things out of stuff.

KiNeSiS
Banned
(04-08-2013, 05:55 PM)

#515

> Originally Posted by **Village**
> Or treat people with respect no matter what.
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> You are the person that keeps people out of atheism threads, just wanna alert you of that, I get your point. But that snark, more flies with honey.

No, complacency keeps them from seeking knowledge. People are mostly born & bred into belief systems I wouldn't try to change brainwashed minds. I just use logic against the illogical.

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partyphone
Member
(04-08-2013, 05:57 PM)

#516

> Originally Posted by **Village**
> Or treat people with respect no matter what.
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> You are the person that keeps people out of atheism threads, just wanna alert you of that, I get your point. But that snark, more flies with honey.

Right. But questioning someone's religious beliefs or calling those beliefs silly isn't disrespectful. Calling that person a retard or an idiot is.

And you'll actually attract more flies with vinegar. You should try it some time.

Gorillaz
sober as a drunk judge
(04-08-2013, 05:58 PM)

#517

> Originally Posted by **Divvy**
> But the game wasn't really about racism or religion, it was about conservatism. Racism and religion were only vehicles used to illustrate why conservatism is flawed.

If it was meant to be a vehicle it wasn't done well. It was half baked [redacted]

The fact that he never really went anywhere with it makes it a waste.

CouldBeWorse
Member
(04-08-2013, 06:00 PM)

#518

> Originally Posted by **KiNeSiS**
> No, complacency keeps them from seeking knowledge. People are mostly born & bred into belief systems I wouldn't try to change brainwashed minds. I just use logic against the illogical.

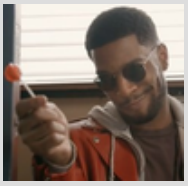
Shaming and name-calling aren't logic.

If I was dependent upon your arguments (that you've made thus far in this thread) to change my mind about religion, I would have gotten even more entrenched in my original position that I was born into.

You don't realize that when you act like you do, it really turns people off to your argument, even those who basically agree with you.

The same situation is playing out a few threads over on the gender debate.

SteveWinwood
Banned
(04-08-2013, 06:00 PM)



#519

> Originally Posted by **partyphone**
> Right. But questioning someone's religious beliefs or calling those beliefs silly isn't disrespectful. Calling that person a retard or an idiot is.
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> And you'll actually attract more flies with vinegar. You should try it some time.

That's how we killed all the flies in our kitchen.

Fun DIY: Take a shot glass, fill it with apple cider vinegar. Put a drop of hand soap in it to break the

surface tension. Watch the flies try to land on it and drink and slowly sink to the bottom. Before a week is over you have a shot glass full of dead flies.

UltimaPooh
Member
(04-08-2013, 06:02 PM)

#520

> Originally Posted by **Divvy**
> Explain

Well the game's ultimate theme isn't about conservatism, it's about cause and effect and physics.

However Conservatism and early 1900's Americana are significant themes, though I wouldn't say conservatism is flawed. It like any other ideology can be out of control, look at modern day conservatism or even within the game itself the conservative capitalist end game with Fink MFG.

But the game also shows that there is a side to conservatism that wants answers to things and wants to understand the human condition. There's a reason why a lot of people still believe in religion because to them it means something on a base level, not everyone seeks to use it to oppress others.

Infinite is such a wonderful game that I love that people come away from it with different ideas. It's a mark of great art.

ASIS
Member
(04-08-2013, 06:04 PM)

#521

> Originally Posted by **KiNeSiS**
> No, complacency keeps them from seeking knowledge. People are mostly born & bred into belief systems I wouldn't try to change brainwashed minds. I just use logic against the illogical.

Why do you assume religious people are illogical?

Village
Member
(04-08-2013, 06:05 PM)

#522

> Originally Posted by **partyphone**
> Right. But questioning someone's religious beliefs or calling those beliefs silly isn't disrespectful. Calling that person a retard or an idiot is.
>
> And you'll actually attract more flies with vinegar. You should try it some time.

Thats all fine, however "questioning " seems to be interrogation and ridicule to many.

> Originally Posted by **KiNeSiS**
> No, complacency keeps them from seeking knowledge. People are mostly born & bred into belief systems I wouldn't try to change brainwashed minds. I just use logic against the illogical.

So believing in a higher power keeps people from being productive members of society.No, being a jackass might though.

partyphone
Member
(04-08-2013, 06:06 PM)

#523

> Originally Posted by **ASIS**
> Why do you assume religious people are illogical?

They aren't logical when it comes to reconciling their religious beliefs with reality. They're probably perfectly logical when it comes to almost any other topic.

bodyofanamerican
Member
(04-08-2013, 06:07 PM)

#524

I always figured the "religious guy almost quit" was exaggerated for PR, and I'm gonna stick with that assumption, personally. Easy way for them to hype up the serious themes of the game.

partyphone
Member
(04-08-2013, 06:08 PM)

#525

> Originally Posted by **Village**
> Thats all fine, however "questioning " seems to be interrogation and ridicule to many.

It's highly situational!

TheBaronOfNA
Banned
(04-08-2013, 06:10 PM)

#526

> Originally Posted by **partyphone**
> Right. But questioning someone's religious beliefs or calling those beliefs silly isn't disrespectful. Calling that person a retard or an idiot is.

Beign condescending is actually a for of disrespect.

> And you'll actually attract more flies with vinegar. You should try it some time.

Dunno If that's a good human advice.

Wynnebeck
Banned
(04-08-2013, 06:11 PM)

#527

After reading the story and then going through Infinite, I didn't see anything offended me or made me want to quit playing so I'm thinking this original story might have been exaggerated.

Divvy
Canadians burned my passport
(04-08-2013, 06:14 PM)

#528

> Originally Posted by **UltimaPooh**
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To the first point, I don't really know if physics is really a theme per se, but I was a bit reductive saying conservatism was the focus, when there were several themes in this game. You're also right, and I should have said that the game examines the dangers of white-washing the past (an aspect of conservatism) rather than that conservatism is inherently flawed. However, to me, it is still the central theme to Infinite, as everything seems to revolve around breaking apart the present and coming to terms with history. As well as the contrast between characters that have and haven't done so.

> Originally Posted by **UltimaPooh**
> Infinite is such a wonderful game that I love that people come away from it with different ideas.

> It's a mark of great art.

Agreed wholeheartedly.

partyphone
Member
(04-08-2013, 06:14 PM)

#529

> Originally Posted by **TheBaronOfNA**
> Beign condescending is actually a for of disrespect.
>
> Dunno If that's a good human advice.

It's not automatically condescending to challenge something someone believes.

And not taking conventional wisdom for granted is great advice!

KiNeSiS
Banned
(04-08-2013, 06:15 PM)

#530

All I asked was for someone to show me the logic in christianity. Every point I made is valid instead I am berated for having no repect for a christian belief systems. Its just a flimsy counterpoint to all of my points.
I do not respect christianity people are free to believe what they choose & I have stated my opinion on those particular beliefs. I have over 5,000 hours of forced bible studies so I have a backround into this I even got shipped off to week long christian summer camps. As a teenager the stuff was laughable as were the artificial personalities of this cult known simply as church of christ.

ASIS
Member
(04-08-2013, 06:22 PM)

#531

> Originally Posted by **partyphone**
> They aren't logical when it comes to reconciling their religious beliefs with reality. They're probably perfectly logical when it comes to almost any other topic.

That's because faith is not a logical train of thought to begin with. You only obtain faith by the lack of any existing facts or evidence, which basically means any side can neither prove nor disprove a certain theory. In that sense, firmly believing that a divine power doesn't exist is just as illogical as asserting that it does.

In such a futile argument, then, why would that be enough to laugh and judge people when, as you said, religious people can be just as logical (an in some cases more so) than their atheist or agnostic counterpart?

KiNeSiS
Banned
(04-08-2013, 06:24 PM)

#532

> Originally Posted by **Village**
> So believing in a higher power keeps people from being productive members of society.No, being a jackass might though.

Weak, that tired old without christ the world would lack moral compass type argument. My brother is a hardcore chistian & fucked more hookers than he's had girlfriends. I myself never paid for sex, never had a problem with healthy interactions with the opposite sex. For a jackass I have a devoted live in gf for the past 4 years, how about you. I have my redeeming qualities I suppose.
Again Christians besides your family introducing you to your religion of choice, What makes you stick with it?
Do you take the gospel as.... gospel?

TheBaronOfNA
Banned
(04-08-2013, 06:26 PM)

#533

> Originally Posted by **partyphone**
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I'm talking more of your attitude in general, not only in this thread.

Village
Member
(04-08-2013, 06:28 PM)

#534

> Originally Posted by **KiNeSiS**
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1) Didn't even imply that argument.

2) You and your "brother" (if he exists), aren't the entirety of people on the planet.

3)Wat? I was saying acting like a jackass isn't exclusive to any school of thought/

KiNeSiS
Banned
(04-08-2013, 06:28 PM)

#535

> Originally Posted by **partyphone**
> They aren't logical when it comes to reconciling their religious beliefs with reality. They're probably perfectly logical when it comes to almost any other topic.

This guy here doesn't wear blinders, Seems to think logically. *internet fist of respect*

UltimaPooh
Member
(04-08-2013, 06:28 PM)

#536

> Originally Posted by **Divvy**
> However, to me, it is still the central theme to Infinite, as everything seems to revolve around breaking apart the present and coming to terms with history. As well as the contrast between characters that have and haven't done so.

Interesting. I never thought about that.

It's brilliant how he, as well as his team, used both science and religion to explore this theme.

Last edited by UltimaPooh; 04-08-2013 at 06:41 PM.

TheBaronOfNA
Banned
(04-08-2013, 06:30 PM)

#537

> Originally Posted by **KiNeSiS**
> My brother is a hardcore chistian & fucked more hookers than he's had girlfriends.

Then probably was not as hardcore as you think.

OmahaG8
Member
(04-08-2013, 06:34 PM)

#538

My thoughts on people thinking the content in Infinite wasn't explicit enough, therefore the story was exaggerated. Have you guys ever talked to someone who is extremely religious? They are as thin skinned as they come, because if they can't get everyone to believe in their fantasy world, then their fantasy world falls apart.

Wickerbasket
Member
(04-08-2013, 06:35 PM)

#539

> Originally Posted by **ultron87**
> You're the one trying to force your militant atheism into this thread.

Oh no, not militant atheism. He might say some naughty things about your religion on the internet. The horror.

That always gets a laugh out of me.

Come on, if your faith is that strong just brush it off.

ultron87
Member
(04-08-2013, 06:38 PM)

#540

> Originally Posted by **Wickerbasket**
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>
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>
> Come on, if your faith is that strong just brush it off.

He isn't even talking about anything I believe in. But saying: "It just seems religious people try to force thier agendas upon others." and then going off like he has in this thread is rather hypocritical.

KiNeSiS
Banned
(04-08-2013, 06:40 PM)

#541

> Originally Posted by **Village**
> 1) Didn't even imply that argument.
>
> 2) You and your "brother" (if he exists), aren't the entirety of people on the planet.
>
> 3)Wat?

I have a million stories of hardcore christians faking the funk. Just watch your "conservative" politicians.

Pro life want to force people to have kids, Want to cut welfare or make the requirements harsh, These same politicians then overwhelmingly support giving billions to oil companies for corporate welfare. Christ like?

They want to cut disability & shit on the weakest & poorest in society. Guess who keeps voting for them, evangelical christians. Why? You would think they would support people who were more inline with their lord.

One of my favorites, They claim pro life but love sending young people to war. They also love the death penalty. This is prolife? Or is this staged political theatre aka political pro wrestling.

Htown
STOP SHITTING ON MY MOTHER'S HEADSTONE
(04-08-2013, 06:42 PM)

#542

Kinesis, you should know that your fedora makes you look like an idiot.

Village
Member
(04-08-2013, 06:43 PM)

#543

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Corrupt politicians are the entirety of the of religious peoples I see.

TheBaronOfNA
Banned
(04-08-2013, 06:43 PM)

#544

> Originally Posted by **Wickerbasket**
>
> Come on, if your faith is that strong just brush it off.

> Originally Posted by **KiNeSiS**
> I have a million stories of hardcore christians faking the funk. Just watch your "conservative" politicians.

A lot of assumptions in this threat...

KiNeSiS
Banned
(04-08-2013, 06:44 PM)

#545

Actually I want to dead this issue but wario guy keeps summoning me via quote post. You are as well ball buster. I just won't backdown from my stance. Christianity is a farce & a tax free business that offers no actual product other than selling propaganda. I am done so enough quoting my posts.

Wickerbasket
Member
(04-08-2013, 06:47 PM)

#546

> Originally Posted by **ultron87**
> He isn't even talking about anything I believe in. But saying: "It just seems religious people try to force thier agendas upon others." and then going off like he has in this thread is the height of hypocrisy.

I was just laughing at the use of the term militant atheism. Like, when you stick militant in front of any religion and you're usually talking about terrorist groups.

I mean, can't you just be straight out with it and call him an asshole atheist? You can be right, and still be an asshole; it's all about how you communicate.

> Originally Posted by **Village**
>
> That logic is asinine, no one would get offended by anything.
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> But obviously that isn't the case is it.

There's nothing wrong with being offended, it's a normal reaction to someone saying something you don't like. You don't have to use labels like 'militant atheist' though, if you think someone's being an asshole just say that.

Last edited by Wickerbasket; 04-08-2013 at 06:51 PM.

KiNeSiS
Banned
(04-08-2013, 06:48 PM)

#547

What threat? What harm do I cause by showing the facts that conservative mentality is pure evil yet they present themselves as the god fearing party, using smear campaigns on those "godless liberals". It's just good cop bad cop, problem is I never met an actual good cop.

TheBaronOfNA
Banned
(04-08-2013, 06:52 PM)

#548

> Originally Posted by **Wickerbasket**
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Again, a lot of assumptions right here.

KiNeSiS
Banned
(04-08-2013, 06:52 PM)

#549

> Originally Posted by **Htown**
>
> Kinesis, you should know that your fedora makes you look like an idiot.

Yeah Fedoras only look good on Freddy Krugar.

H-Town WWE has been for children for about 9yrs.

Wickerbasket
Member
(04-08-2013, 06:53 PM)

#550

> Originally Posted by **TheBaronOfNA**
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>
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Google militant Christianity. Or any other for that matter.

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ultron87
Member

#551

> Originally Posted by **Wickerbasket**

(04-08-2013, 06:53 PM)

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Fair enough. The term "militant" isn't actually correct but "militant atheism" has seen wide enough use now as shorthand for "atheist who actively and aggressively tries to instill their philosophy on others" that it gets the proper meaning across. I suppose finding a better more accurate term could be useful. (Though according to the poster in questions using "atheist" at all is incorrect here, for which I apologize for my assumption.)

And I could do the other thing, but I generally try to avoid directly insulting others on GAF.

Yoshichan
I've played over 500 hours of DMC2 and consider the game good.
(04-08-2013, 06:54 PM)

#552

> Originally Posted by **shinobi602**
> ...really?

I guess this is a common response.

TheBaronOfNA
Banned
(04-08-2013, 06:54 PM)

#553

> Originally Posted by **Wickerbasket**
> Google militant Christianity. Or any other for that matter.

Use a dictionary?

TucoBenedictoPacifico
Banned
(04-08-2013, 06:55 PM)

#554

> Originally Posted by **TheBaronOfNA**
> Beign condescending is actually a for of disrespect.

While I wouldn't go far enough to call religious people "idiots" or "retarded" as others did, I wish people would stop to claim that "their believes must be respected".

No, they don't. First, because I don't feel any impulse or obligation to be respectful toward what I genuinely think it's a form of mass delusion; a collective, socially accepted hysteria.
Second, because challenging people's beliefs is not a hate crime, no matter how oversensitive people will try to paint it as such. It's part of any healthy debate.

We do it all the times, we debate scientific theories, political views, forms of art, etc. Do you know in what other field of thought outside of religion we "respect" other's people beliefs? None. We don't. We challenge what other think all the times when we don't agree with them.
"Forcing your views on others" and "militant atheism" my ass.
If anything, religion can brag exceptional privileges denied any other belief system in modern society.

Last edited by TucoBenedictoPacifico; 04-08-2013 at 06:59 PM.

Eight Diagram Bat Fighter
Banned
(04-08-2013, 06:55 PM)

#555

> Originally Posted by **KiNeSiS**
> No, complacency keeps them from seeking knowledge. People are mostly born & bred into belief systems I wouldn't try to change brainwashed minds. I just use logic against the illogical.

It has nothing to do with you, and everything to do with themselves wanting or not wanting to seek knowledge. Also, who are you to decide that for them?

Wickerbasket
Member

#556

(04-08-2013, 06:58 PM)

> Originally Posted by **ultron87**
> Fair enough. The term "militant" isn't actually correct but "militant atheism" has seen wide enough use now as shorthand for "atheist who actively and aggressively tries to instill their philosophy on others" that it gets the proper meaning across.
>
> And I could do the other thing, but I generally try to avoid directly insulting others on GAF.

Like I said, I just think it's funny to use the term "militant" considering how it's used in relation to other religions in the media. It makes the "athiest" seem a lot more aggressive than they actually are.

They can be assholes, but they're not going to restrict your daily life.

> Originally Posted by **TheBaronOfNA**
> Use a dictionary?

:)

TheBaronOfNA
Banned
(04-08-2013, 06:58 PM)

#557

> Originally Posted by **TucoBenedictoPacifico**
> While I wouldn't go far enough to call religious people "idiots" or "retarded" as others did, I wish people would stop to claim that "their believes must be respected".
> .

Fun thing is that I'm not talking about "believes must respected". More like, respect your fellow communicative receptor.

KiNeSiS
Banned
(04-08-2013, 07:01 PM)

#558

It just seems people try to castrate debates by labeling everything as offensive. Some things offend me like how no one had one counterpoint other than calling me names or direct weak attacks & labels. Fact is how much do you believe in what you say? Those that I offended did a piss poor job representing their belief systems. I feel like Ahmed Deedat when Rev Jimmy Swaggert had nothing for him, In their Jesus isn't god debate.

KiNeSiS
Banned
(04-08-2013, 07:04 PM)

#559

> Originally Posted by **Eight Diagram Bat Fighter**
> It has nothing to do with you, and everything to do with themselves wanting or not wanting to seek knowledge. Also, who are you to decide that for them?

Thats what I just said you agreed with me. Who said I want to change minds? I question the belief & logic seeked answers & received none.

Htown
STOP SHITTING ON MY MOTHER'S HEADSTONE
(04-08-2013, 07:05 PM)

#560

> Originally Posted by **KiNeSiS**
> Yeah Fedoras only look good on Freddy Krugar.
>
> H-Town WWE has been for children for about 9yrs.

and the pentagram shit has been played out for about 18.

TucoBenedictoPacifico
Banned

#561

(04-08-2013, 07:05 PM)

> Originally Posted by **TheBaronOfNA**
>
> Fun thing is that I'm not talking about "believes must respected". More like, respect your fellow communicative receptor.

And yet you said what you said while arguing that labeling other people's beliefs as "silly" was being condescending, so a form of disrespect.

TheBaronOfNA
Banned
(04-08-2013, 07:07 PM)

#562

> Originally Posted by **TucoBenedictoPacifico**
>
> And yet you said what you said while arguing that labeling other people's beliefs as "silly" was being condescending, so a form of disrespect.

And?

Generally speaking I don't go in the street calling people silly just because...

Last edited by TheBaronOfNA; 04-08-2013 at 07:09 PM.

Demon Ice
Banned
(04-08-2013, 07:11 PM)

#563

> Originally Posted by **ASIS**
>
> That's because faith is not a logical train of thought to begin with. You only obtain faith by the lack of any existing facts or evidence, which basically means any side can neither prove nor disprove a certain theory. **In that sense, firmly believing that a divine power doesn't exist is just as illogical as asserting that it does.**

No. Not even close. That is one of the most common and fallacious arguments you will ever hear in this type of debate. Textbook false equivalency.

If there is a boatload of evidence that suggests that a divine power does not exist and then absolutely 0 to suggest that divine power does exist, you don't get to equate the two.

If you're going to be a religious scientist, then some level of cognitive dissonance is absolutely required, because religion and science are, quite literally, antithetical. They are opposing forces, and if you're going to have both in your life, then there is going to be some bias where the religious views are not examined as closely or thoroughly as the scientific views. Or you'll get some bullshit mental backflip where you arbitrarily place "god" at the start and then let science take it from there. Which, again, is not a scientific way of thinking.

Last edited by Demon Ice; 04-08-2013 at 07:14 PM.

TucoBenedictoPacifico
Banned
(04-08-2013, 07:11 PM)

#564

> Originally Posted by **TheBaronOfNA**
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> And?

Sounds to me like if you're asking to "respect" their faith.
That's all.

> Originally Posted by **TheBaronOfNA**
>
> Generally speaking I don't go in the street calling people silly just because...

Generally speaking I don't talk to people in the street at all.
But if I was arguing with someone about his religious beliefs and I felt they were absurd or silly I would claim the right to describe them in that way.
Which, just to be clear, doesn't mean I would necessarily do it; just that I reserve to myself that right.

Last edited by TucoBenedictoPacifico; 04-08-2013 at 07:14 PM.

KiNeSiS
Banned
(04-08-2013, 07:13 PM)

#565

> Originally Posted by **Htown**
>
> and the pentagram shit has been played out for about 18.

Weird it was never in fashion it represents my disdain for your beliefs.
It is a pure mockery of those who view a god man as a symbol, a mascot if you will.
You wouldn't believe how this very symbol strikes fear in christians heart. They believe Satan is a real physical being, I don't.

It is an Icon to upset those who walk a path predetermined by their mama, I walk the left hand path.
I represent true freedom as my avi symbolic & care not about the judgements of others,
I stand alone you know.... Like Batista.

Last edited by KiNeSiS; 04-08-2013 at 07:17 PM.

spekkeh
Member
(04-08-2013, 07:14 PM)

#566

> Originally Posted by **ThoseDeafMutes**
> Absolute polar opposite for our faculty, which is irreligious in a way that seems impossible given Australian census data.

I guess it could be a culture thing. The Netherlands (where I live) is generally very irreligious anyway, with most people that do still believe are of the 'there's prolly something i dunno' type that only go to church on christmas, if that. The only Christians for which Christian culture is still very meaningful are the staunch, rigid Calvinists. Computer science is a natural fit for them. I thought they found something similar in the USA, but then the science faculties, at least in terms of people that identify with Christian norms, are probably dominated by the WASP descendants of these Calvinists too. I don't think you'll find many evangelicals among computer science.
Australia's major denominations are Anglicanism and Catholicism? I'd imagine them being more bon vivants than rigid workers conversely.

Htown
STOP SHITTING ON MY MOTHER'S HEADSTONE
(04-08-2013, 07:16 PM)

#567

Yeah, it represents, like, freedom of the **mind**, man

All you conformists just got your world ROCKED by the fourth result on my google image search

TheBaronOfNA
Banned
(04-08-2013, 07:17 PM)

#568

> Originally Posted by **TucoBenedictoPacifico**
> Sounds to me like if you're asking to "respect" their faith.
> That's all.

I like to respect faith and believes, but I know that more often than not they need to be questioned. I just don't like the overly combative rhetoric because I feel that benefits nobody.

> Which, just to be clear, doesn't mean I would necessarily do it; just that I reserve to myself that right.

Just remember that it works both ways.

Last edited by TheBaronOfNA; 04-08-2013 at 07:19 PM.

canedaddy
Member
(04-08-2013, 07:18 PM)

#569

> Originally Posted by **Divvy**
> Explain

If you said "extremism" it might make sense. It hits both ends of the spectrum.

Wickerbasket
Member
(04-08-2013, 07:21 PM)

#570

> Originally Posted by **TheBaronOfNA**
> I like to respect faith and believes, but I know that more often than not they need to be questioned. I just don't like the overly combative rhetoric because I feel that benefits nobody.

I prefer to be respectful, but it's very hard not to come across as an asshole when you're telling someone you think a belief that is the basis of their life is a lie.

It's just the nature of non belief. From personal experience, I get questioned on why I don't believe and then they get offended when they don't like the answer.

I prefer not to talk about my beliefs, mostly because I feel like I can't without upsetting people, which is sad.

KiNeSiS
Banned
(04-08-2013, 07:30 PM)

#571

> Originally Posted by **Htown**
> Yeah, it represents, like, freedom of the **mind**, man
>
> All you conformists just got your world ROCKED by the fourth result on my google image search

Poor wittle Htown mad I insulted his wittle Jesus.

Htowns saltier than Jesus sweat & tears while he was nailed to calverys tree.

Htowns saltier than Joseph when "virgin" Mary had some splainin to do about that majik baby bump.

Htowns salty his drug of choice is a bootleg mish mosh fable stolen piece meal from different cultures, pagans, egyptians, etc.

Jesus Mary Joseph they are all more fictitious than the world wrestling entertainment.

So in conclusion jesus ain't shit but a hoe & a trick.
Just getting pimped makin that preacher man rich.
Mass confusion the god delusion.

Sola Scriptura
Member
(04-08-2013, 07:32 PM)

#572

I would be really interested in Levine expounding upon this at some point in the near future. I'd like to know the details regarding what this particular team member found so objectionable and how Levine's alterations play out in the final product.

Tummi Gummi
Member
(04-08-2013, 07:34 PM)

#573

KiNeSiS, are you a writer at Ninja Theory?

JackI
Member
(04-08-2013, 07:34 PM)

#574

I get up from the thread for 2 hours and this is what happens. Well played Levine.

Loginius
Member
(04-08-2013, 07:42 PM)

#575

> Originally Posted by **KiNeSiS**
> obviously trying to piss some people off

And you are actually surprised that no one cares to explain their believes to you when it is that obvious that you are not interested in the slightest?
All you want to do is talk down to them and absolutely nothing will change that.

You do realize that science is built on believes as well?
Scientists, especially in physics assume many things because they cant prove them (yet).

Dont get me wrong, Im not even sure I believe in something like a god but the way you talk is just disrespectful and no names or facts you try to hide behind will change that.

vagabondarts
Member
(04-08-2013, 07:45 PM)

#576

> Originally Posted by **KiNeSiS**
> Snip

Hey man, I'm sorry for whatever happened to you to make you so bitter. I know how you feel because I used to be like that too, until God set me free from it.