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I have studied the ancient pagan faiths that came before this more recent obsession with a single, divine creator. They seem to have focused more on the fundamental forces at play in the world around us and less on arbitrary moral rules...

The sun rises in the morning and sets in the evening. The tides ebb and flow. Grass grows, withers, dies, and then in time, emerges from the ground once more. The air turns warm then cools and back again. Some hidden energy keeps us fitted to the ground and pulls us back when we attempt to leave it.

Each of these movements was represented before by a god or goddess. Each force given face, but recognized as something distinct and powerful. Which is not to say there were not connections between these forces - a pantheon of individual spirits - of rules. Invisible hands guiding the progress of the world around us.

And so here there was an attempt to categorize, study, explain, and understand the way things work - even if it was flawed. But no more. Now we are asked to succumb to a far more simplified explanation. How naive to believe there might be a single answer to every question. Every mystery. That there exists a lone divine light which rules over all. They say it is a light that brings truth and love. I say it is a light that blinds us - and forces us to stumble about in ignorance.

I long for the day when men turn away from invisible monsters and once more embrace a more rational view of the world. But these new religions are so convenient - and promise such terrible punishment should one reject them - I worry that fear shall keep us stuck to what is surely the greatest lie ever told.

~ Altair

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[–] **[deleted]** **53 points** 6 months ago

Altair's just angry that God didn't give him the ability to swim.

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[–] **internetsyndicate** **1 point** 6 months ago

Or to climb trees

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[–] **thehalo1pistol** **160 points** 6 months ago

I miss this sort of thing from the first two Assassin's Creed games, the games pondered some interesting historical and philosophical questions and gave the heroes and villains realistic motivations and views on morality. I was pretty disappointed when later games explained a lot of the mystery with some nonsense about solar flares and bickering ancient aliens, and the characters and plots became repetitive and drawn out.

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[–] **Nukleon** **30 points** 6 months ago

Did you play Revelations? It has quite a lot of this, with old man Ezio pondering the nature of the often maligned and titular creed of the Assassin Brotherhood

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vrrI0LJP7Yk

This is very close to the end of the game, so it might be somewhat spoilery.

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[–] **Vendetta1990** **13 points** 6 months ago

That game gets a lot shit, but the lore of that game is easily just amazing.

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[–] **PostwarPenance** **5 points** 6 months ago

It also had, IMO, the best setting of the series. Loved the architecture and culture of Turkey.

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[–] **Nukleon** **5 points** 6 months ago

I understand the way people don't like the way that it was more of the same, and the new gameplay additions didn't feel all that fitting, but boy was the game written amazingly. Roger Craig Smith delivers an absolutely amazing performance as an aging Ezio, and it's a joy to play the final years of this man we've known since he was nothing but an innocent young man.

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[–] **agse10** **-7 points** 6 months ago

You could say Ezio had a.....(•_•) (•_•)>⌐□-□ (⌐□_□), Revelation.

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That's some cold shit, Princess

[–] **skoolmaksusmartt** **14 points** 6 months ago

Wow it's almost as if that's why the game is called that or something

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[–] **all_are_throw_away** **14 points** 6 months ago

Yes. That is what you could say.

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[–] **Nukleon** **2 points** 6 months ago

Everyone is being rather cruel, but yes, that's why the game is called that. People assumed it'd be some major twist, but as it turned out it was actually a much more personal story.

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[–] **Tom38** **47 points** 6 months ago

Yup back when Assassins Creed was not only a trip back in time to a historical setting but also presented and explored many religious and philosophical questions and stuff. Plus the mystery surrounding 2012 and the first civilization that just seems to have been dropped from the series after AC3.

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[–] **Rybis** **12 points** 6 months ago

> *Plus the mystery surrounding 2012 and the first civilization that just seems to have been dropped from the series after AC3.*

Damn it, I'm only up to AC3 so far and I was hoping all that cool myterious stuff would have an answer by now.

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[–] **leigonlord** **20 points** 6 months ago

i think ac3 explains it then chucks out the window for the next games.

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[–] **sradac** **4 points** 6 months ago

Ancient Civilizations is the entire reason AC:U exists

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[–] **jesus_sold_weed** **5 points** 6 months ago

So they're the ones to blame for that abortion...

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[–] **leigonlord** **1 point** 6 months ago

i dont know, i havent played any of the games.

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[–] **Shortdeath** **-3 points** 6 months ago

After 2 and until black flag is a shit

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[–] **mr_duong567** **5 points** 6 months ago

AC3 moved from those questions to conspiracy and moral questions. It had a similar dynamic to the religious and philosophical questions as the first two games but it wasn't played out as much because the game was clearly rushed. It makes sense because those who are in power in the first two games are religious leaders, whereas in the 1700's, the people in power are kings and military officials.

Also the hate for AC3 is too real, and it's easily my second favorite of the series behind AC2.

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[–] **[deleted]** **2 points** 6 months ago

I hated AC3. It had way too much wrong with it (wilderness is too vast and obnoxious, too few teleport points, repetition repetition repetition, poorly programmed guard AI, characters so vague and uninteresting I couldn't even remember who they were, etc.).

But I loved Black Flag. I was done with AC completely after 3, despite 2, 2.1, 2.2, 2.3 being some of my favorite games in general, but someone gave me a copy of Black Flag.

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[–] **MetalSeagull** **3 points** 6 months ago

I loved the wilderness. That was my favorite part. It was the main storyline that bored me. Also, there were a couple of frustrating chases that needed a rework. And I thought Connor's personality vascillated wildly between stoicism and shit-stomping anger, which made him feel less believable.

Still, at least he was more interesting than poor Arno. Arno was as riveting as a bowl of unseasoned oatmeal.

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[–] **mr_duong567** **1 point** 6 months ago

Tbh I loved the wilderness. Going into the trees and shooting arrows and rope darts at soldiers was immensely fun. There could have been more travel points, but I actually found the colonial cities bland and all of the fun in the wilderness, especially when it snowed.

Also I'm the complete opposite of you and I really disliked black flag. The gameplay mechanics were much more consistent and polished than 3, but I felt like I spent way too much time sailing between islands which bored me to death. I also didn't connect with any of the characters except for Adewale which meant less interest and motivation to finish the main story. IMO the game was perfect for people who wanted to do side quests all day, which isn't bad ... It's just not my cup of tea.

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[–] **[deleted]** **1 point** 6 months ago

> *2, 2.1, 2.2, 2.3*

2.1 = Brotherhood, 2.2 = Revelations, so what was 2.3?

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[–] **[deleted]** **1 point** 6 months ago

Dunno, I lost track mostly.

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[–] **CH_GOROG** **8 points** 6 months ago* (last edited 6 months ago)

I'm Christian, but I loved the series more philosophical and ethical explorations more than the "Good-guy Assassin's vs. obviously evil Templars" conflicts.

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[–] **marchov** **1 point** 6 months ago

As an atheist I get uncomfortable when a story or game questions my beliefs, though I try to play and enjoy them anyways and often do. Glad to see somebody on the

other side of that.

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[–] **CH_GOROG** **4 points** 6 months ago

My beliefs are what they are. If a story is about atheism, Judaism, Christianity, polytheism, etc., then that's fine with me as long as it's a good story.

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[–] **BruceRee33** **3 points** 6 months ago

Assassin's Creed 2 and Brotherhood both had some excellent puzzles and conspiracy-esque tidbits. I really enjoyed those and can only hope that they can bring them back in some way. Even if it's too late, those two games are totally worth holding on to and replaying every few years in my opinion. I also thought they did an excellent job with the way Revelations wrapped up Ezio's and Altair's stories.

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[–] **Smallus_Dickus** **1 point** 6 months ago

find the apple

"Fuck this shit"

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[–] **ValMonstar** **5 points** 6 months ago* (last edited 6 months ago)

To be fair, they weren't ancient aliens. They used similarities to that idea as a way to draw parallels with real world conspiracy theories, but the First Civilization of Assassins Creed is actually Spoiler [redacted] It was just executed poorly in (amongst other things) what they deemed important to emphasize.

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[–] **thehalo1pistol** **2 points** 6 months ago

Yeah I guess aliens isn't the right word, they didn't come from another planet or anything. I agree that it was a cool twist to have God-like beings that seemed omniscient and all-powerful until you realized they were just incredibly advanced with technology. Also I never thought of the Sun thing like that, also a cool concept

that like you said was mishandled. It's too bad the storyline suffered so much from the demands of AAA gaming, first by being unnecessarily stretched out with the Ezio trilogy and then by being rushed to a sloppy conclusion in AC3.

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[–] **FrequentlyHertz** **2 points** 6 months ago

I just want to add to this by saying that I never enjoyed an AC more than the first one. It. Was to fresh and new. The locale was exotic and interesting. It's still up there in my all time greats.

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[–] **IthinkitsaDanny** **2 points** 6 months ago

Unity does this, a lot of the entry's for historical area & puzzles have commentary under their summary on what you just looked at.

It's still something.

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[–] **Hippocr1t** **1 point** 6 months ago

What belongs to the entry?

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[–] **jokersleuth** **1 point** 6 months ago

Que money after AC:Brotherhood

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[–] **BlesstheGains** **1 point** 6 months ago

I loved the mystery and conspiracy of the earlier games, especially the Glyphs. Now the series has been reduced to random story arcs in different periods and places with no overarching narrative. People hated on the modern day aspect but that was the best part, that's where all the story was at and ever since Desmond died we lost our real protagonist. And what the hell is even happening with Juno?

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[–] **Metalwrath22** **0 points** 6 months ago

Indeed. Now the game is just a shallow action game.

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[–] **thelordofcheese** **1 point** 6 months ago

Like the deus ex machina that was later X Files.

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[–] **robinredhood** **29 points** 6 months ago

Tide goes in, tide goes out

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[–] **PhantomRUS9** **33 points** 6 months ago

You can't explain that.

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[–] **MeityMeister** **5 points** 6 months ago

I understood that reference

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[–] **solarbrigadier** **1 point** 6 months ago

Way to go Cap.

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[–] **Ravazaur9000** **1 point** 6 months ago

Hey dude, its Neptune or Poseidon or whatever water related dude out there that does that.

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[–] **brberg** **7 points** 6 months ago

Plus there's a monotheistic bottleneck whenever you want to do something. Like if you're a kid and you want to do something and your dad says no, you can get another chance by asking your mom. The more gods you have, the more chances you get. If Shiva tries to give you crap about sleeping with your cousin, you're fine, because you had the forethought to ask Zeus. He married his sister, so you know he's cool with it.

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[–] **Velocirapt0r2** **4 points** 6 months ago

Vladimir Bartol - Alamut is the book this is ripped from everyone

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[–] **Loistelias** **4 points** 6 months ago

Altair - what a well-made character with lots of story and depth. Meanwhile, in Assassin's Creed 3...

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[–] **boochenhiem** **47 points** 6 months ago

Man people seem real butthurt about this, I just thought it was an interesting quote.

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[–] **The_Trojan_Horse** **44 points** 6 months ago

AC codex entries are neat, but this isn't really anything special. It's cool if you identify with it, but this is dragging /r/Atheism into /r/Gaming. I'm not sure how receptive this subreddit would be if someone linked a quote by a Christian or Muslim character that basically said "In which X explains why Atheism was a step backwards."

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[–] **BunkyFuttlovin** **29 points** 6 months ago

Pretty much any post on here can be associated with another subreddit, though. Or is it just religion for some reason that can't be discussed by gamers? Should we discourage thoughtful discussion in video games altogether?

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[–] **The_Trojan_Horse** **-18 points** 6 months ago

I wouldn't call this thoughtful discussion by any means, would you? Religion and politics have always been sort-of "off the table" as it were, particularly because it often ends up heated/inflammatory. If there was something to actually be discussed, that's fine and I have zero issue with it, but right now it seems to be:

"Here's a quote by Altair."

"...cool! I agree!"

"FIN."

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[–] **BunkyFuttlovin** **7 points** 6 months ago

There's no thoughtful discussion because it's nipped in the bud. It's more like:

"Here's a quote fro--"

"No this doesn't belong here fedora hat leave religion to the religion subreddits. FIN."

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[–] **TurmUrk** **29 points** 6 months ago

But this isn't advocating atheism, it's advocating polytheism.

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[–] **The_Trojan_Horse** **42 points** 6 months ago

The last part advocates atheism -

"I long for the day when men turn away from invisible monsters..."

It starts off praising paganism, dismissing monotheism, and then advocating atheism.

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[–] **ArTiyme** **-22 points** 6 months ago

You're kind of selectively reading. Sure, it might be favoring Atheism, but not necessarily promoting it. The bit about fear and steering away from rational thought instead of acceptance and understanding the world as is as best we can seems like the real message.

Step away from the convenient answers and try to find the real ones, and don't let beliefs supersede your morals. That's not Atheism, it's just a good way to view the world.

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[–] **Timmymac23** **12 points** 6 months ago

You can try and twist it, but it still favors Atheism.

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[–] **ArTiyme** **2 points** 6 months ago

I literally said that. How can I twist what I literally said?

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[–] **Timmymac23** **0 points** 6 months ago

No, at first glance it may look like that but it is obvious that you are trying to twist the words.

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[–] **ArTiyme** **2 points** 6 months ago

I said "It favors atheism. But for these reasons it's not directly atheism." How is that twisting? Show me explicitly where I said otherwise?

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[–] **Timmymac23** **0 points** 6 months ago

I can't, as you twisted it in such a way as to make it difficult.

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[–] **The_Trojan_Horse** **1 point** 6 months ago

It's not selectively reading, it's quite literally what the quote does in order.

It begins praising pre-Monotheistic paganism by stating that it appeared more intelligent, rational, and observant of the world. It then discusses monotheism in a negative light, calling it "blinding." Finally, it ties that in with his final point by stating that men should break away from "invisible monsters."

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[–] **TurmUrk** **1 point** 6 months ago

Everyone also forgets that the crusades are powered by religious ancient alien technologies that may give more weight to what this fantasy character is saying within his own universe and what will become Catholicism is leading that.

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[–] **downvotemeto0blivion** **-1 points** 6 months ago

there is no one set "good" way to view the world

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[–] **ArTiyme** **1 point** 6 months ago

Seems like no one is actually reading what I said. One guy said "You can twist it, but it favors atheism!" Yeah. I said that. 2nd sentence. I never said it was **THE** good way to view the world, I said it is **A** good way, which is my opinion. You people just have to try to find a fault where there isn't one.

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[–] **downvotemeto0blivion** **-3 points** 6 months ago

and, like i had repeated before, there is no objective good way to view the world.

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[–] **ArTiyme** **0 points** 6 months ago

Yes. Because that was my claim. It's right...oh..no, I didn't say that, did I? Thanks for making my point.

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[–] **downvotemeto0blivion** **-1 points** 6 months ago

can you please highlight that?

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[–] **Nukleon** **10 points** 6 months ago

So rationalism is atheism now?

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[–] **Psyanide13** **-8 points** 6 months ago

Being rational doesn't lead to invisible sky wizards as answers for everything.

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[–] **Dman331** **5 points** 6 months ago

People can be rational and be religious...

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[–] **JCP1377** **0 points** 6 months ago

See. Finally someone who can see that just because your religious doesn't mean Your some backwards thinking, bible thumping, uneducated hick.

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[–] **Psyanide13** **-1 points** 6 months ago

Sure and a otherwise very intelligent rational person can believe the moon landing was fake.

People can have pockets of idiocy despite everything else about them being rational.

Magic is not real, not matter who controls it.

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[–] **boochenhiem** **3 points** 6 months ago

I don't really identify with it but it's just food for thought ya know? I do understand what you're saying although I think I would find the opposite interesting as well. I guess this kind of stuff just doesn't bother me ¯_(ツ)_/¯

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[–] **Canopenerdude** **-4 points** 6 months ago

To be fair, Monotheistic religion DID hold science back for hundreds of years. As a former Catholic, this is something everyone acknowledges. It sucks but it did happen.

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[–] **The_Trojan_Horse** **7 points** 6 months ago

I'm an atheist as well, but your claim just isn't true. Everyone can acknowledge something, but that doesn't make it true. A great number of scientists were monotheistic - the Muslims in the Middle East and the Christians in Europe and the Americas, for example - and contributed greatly to their field.

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[–] **Logios** **-5 points** 6 months ago

He's referring to the dark ages where scientific progress regressed and was suppressed for about a thousand years. Who knows what kind of technology we'd have today if it weren't for that gigantic gap in scientific advancement.

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[–] **kmeisthax** **8 points** 6 months ago

Two problems here:

1. The dark ages happened in Europe. This doesn't explain, say, the middle east, where a bunch of Islamic scholars were busy copying and improving upon Greek scientific texts. Or China.
2. Catholics and Christians did not cause the dark ages. That was the fall of the Roman empire followed by the division of Europe into warring states. The rise of Christianity happened concurrently with this, but I've yet to see anything inherent in the philosophy of Christianity or Roman Catholicism that would preclude scientific advancement any more than the philosophy of the pre-existing Greco-Roman polytheistic systems.

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[–] **The_Trojan_Horse** **2 points** 6 months ago

The idea of the Dark Ages being void of all scientific achievement is false.

This comment by another Redditor explains how the so-called Dark Ages weren't due

to religious intervention.

This video , by Professor Anthony Esolen of Providence College, outlines some of the achievements of the Dark Ages.

If you don't want to watch the video, the summary is:

- Universities (a number of them in Europe)
- Art/Literature (Giotto, Dante's Divine Comedy)
- Music (Notation, Harmony, Christmas Carols)
- Politics/Philosophy (Chartered towns, Free associations)

The Catholic Church also has a hand in funding science and became the catalyst for many discoveries/theories during the time period. Here's a Wikipedia article which outlines Catholic involvement.

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[–] **Canopenerdude** **-3 points** 6 months ago

Maybe i worded it a bit strongly; perhaps 'generally accepted' would be a better term than 'true' and as such, Altair could simply be reflecting those views. He is, after all, an individual that can have his own opinions.

Side note: I'm not an atheist. I'm a Deist :P

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[–] **dukeofgonzo** **11 points** 6 months ago

G.K. Chesterton in The Everlasting Man makes the opposing argument. He claims that monotheism made scientific progress easier by making only one church that could claim blasphemy rather than dozens.

I used to buy that but this Altair guy makes a good case, or at least an intriguing "what if?" scenario had polytheism continued as the dominant mode of religion.

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[–] **blackarmchair** **7 points** 6 months ago

But when power is distributed among many churches no one church can really enforce their blasphemy rules on many people at one. When churches have consolidated power they can exert very strong sociopolitical force (even in the modern day).

Also, what is blasphemy for one church may be just fine for another. It's possible that if we drew a Venn Diagram of blasphemy for "pagan" churches that no topic would be off-limits to everyone whereas this is eminently possible under a consolidated model of god.

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[–] **randomdudeontheweb** **-6 points** 6 months ago

Well, that would be true, if it weren't for the small fact that we are humans. The church only abused said power. In the end, it was monotheism that caused the dark ages.

So, in a scenario where humans are devoid of flaws and corruption, yes, Chesterton's argument would make sense. But in the real world, it couldn't be father from the truth.

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[–] **[deleted]** **13 points** 6 months ago

> *In the end, it was monotheism that caused the dark ages...*

You need to do some more reading if you actually believe that is the case.

There was no "Dark Age," other than the one in Dark Souls. The "Middle Ages" were only due to the fall of the Western Roman Empire and the power pocket that appeared after the Visigoth invasions. Rome never truly fell, it simply lost economic and military dominance and importance. By the 400s, the Eastern Roman Empire (Byzantium) had largely retaken all that Rome had lost, but decided to recede in many cases due to costs, and in others, were beaten back by hordes, Islamic and steppe in nature.

By the jubilee year, what *was* Rome had been replaced by the Franks under Charlemagne at one point, but had now broken down into hundreds of duchies, principalities, kingdoms, and states. It was at this point that the Church, Orthodox and Catholic, actually saved intellectual learning and writing. In many cases, it was only the monks of the local monastery who could actually read. Often times, a monk would be at the court because the ruler himself could not read. It was the careful writing and copying of monks, translating Ancient Greek and such into the Vulgate, and from the Vulgate into the common tongues of the day (All except the Bible, which would not be translated until Wycliffe in the 1380s, and in wide distribution by Guttenburg and Luther in the 1520s). Without these monks, copying and writing, the chasm of learning would have been far greater. Indeed, Pope Sylvester II himself was a mathematician and astronomer, and a former professor at Rheims.

Now, yes, the Catholic Church, well into the 16th Century, was a massive political player, and without question had a hand in many a crusade, political manipulation, etc. They crowned the Holy Roman Emperor for hundreds of years, they were both pawn and king in the Italian Wars, and famous pope's include the Borgia's of Assassin's Creed fame, and several Medici's.

However, to claim that it was the church its self that *caused* the "Dark Ages" (which in reality weren't terribly dark, it wasn't as if after Rome died that the locals suddenly forgot how government worked), is just ignorance.

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[–] **Voltage_Z** **6 points** 6 months ago

Also, Islam brought about a golden age in Arabia that lasted for a couple of centuries after Muhammad.

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[–] **[deleted]** **1 point** 6 months ago

Which came about due to Christians translating Ancient Greek texts into Arabic, but yes, their Golden Age was still an expansion of the Arts and writing. Sadly much of the wealth of Baghdad and the Moors came from conquests, but hey, Arabic medicine was the basis for modern western hospitals, and we use their numeral system instead of the Roman, so it wasn't uneventful to say the least.

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[–] **[deleted]** **2 points** 6 months ago

Going to add on a recommendation for the book "How the Irish Saved Civilization" by Thomas Cahill, which makes a famous argument for the role of Irish monks and monasteries in saving and reforming Western civilization from the Germanic tribes and Huns.

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[–] **randomdudeontheweb** **2 points** 6 months ago

Well, thanks for the long reply, I really appreciate it.

Saying that the church caused the Middle Ages was way too broad and inaccurate, that's true.

But, what is also true is that the church stifled scientific growth, and deemed anyone and everyone that deviated from the dogmatic teachings a heretic. How many people were burned alive for thinking for themselves?

Bottom line is, no, it's not the Church that caused the Middle ages. But it sure as hell did hold back our civilization for nearly half a millenia.

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[–] **[deleted]** **3 points** 6 months ago

Again, I would disagree that religion held anything back. The Catholic Church as an institution? Maybe. But not as a religion. Many famous scientists through history were Christian, including Nicolaus Copernicus.

Indeed, Lutheranism for example, and the Reformation as a whole allowed for one of the largest expansions of thought and philosophy never seen before on the continent of Europe and fueled by the printing press. The Renaissance was a victory for the Arts, but the Reformation in my mind was a victory for philosophy, rhetoric, and high thinking. Through Protestant thought, the way of thinking was introduced that man was inherently good, and that we all have self worth. The rejection of Catholic dogma allowed for a much freer society where faith alone would mean salvation. This positive thinking contributed to not only humanistic ideas, but the Enlightenment of the 1700s as well, and our modern ideas of the inherent goodness in men based on our equality. "All men are created equal" can be traced directly to the biblical studies of Luther and the other reformers before him.

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[–] **zthreed** **6 points** 6 months ago

"30 fps feels good" -Altair

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[–] **cant-thinkofa-name** **1 point** 6 months ago

Well to be fair in a world of 30FPS like assassin's creed anymore would feel weird and unnatural to them.

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[–] **Flapjack_** **54 points** 6 months ago

Tips hood

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[–] **serpentine91** **36 points** 6 months ago

M'assassin

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[–] **kenny4351** **3 points** 6 months ago

Take that religion!

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[–] **zeropat0000** **16 points** 6 months ago

"I'm not a professional quote-maker"

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[–] **Elguybrush** **0 points** 6 months ago

Altair was so euphoric when he said that

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[–] **RepostThatShit** **6 points** 6 months ago

Gravitrix, the god of gravity, I mean being-fixed-to-the-ground.

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[–] **[deleted]** **17 points** 6 months ago

pls no

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[–] **Jandklo** **2 points** 6 months ago

Why the hell isn't this a self post?

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[–] **jesus_sold_weed** **4 points** 6 months ago

If OP posted this on Facebook, they would prolly end up on /r/cringeanarchy or something similar. Just sayin.

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[–] **Hemmer83** **6 points** 6 months ago

Its incredibly well written I'll take my hat off to the dialogue. Its not like most games when they try to tell a thoughtful story, everything out of every characters mouth just comes out sounding childish.

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[–] **john_thrilliam** **3 points** 6 months ago

/r/justneckbeardthings

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[–] **powered_by_rebbit** **3 points** 6 months ago

this is some edgy as fuck r/athiesm shit right here

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[–] **Fyrus93** **1 point** 6 months ago

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[–] **Loupip** **1 point** 6 months ago

I was like oh sounds cool, the. I saw the all those words and said fuck that.

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[–] **Deandre_McChicken** **-12 points** 6 months ago

Someone who has photoshop please add a fedora on top of his head.

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[–] **GoldenChegs** **-2 points** 6 months ago

BAM. Fucking truth right there.

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[–] **qvissten** **-1 points** 6 months ago

Ahem, screw theism.

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[–] **downvotemeto0blivion** **-6 points** 6 months ago

same can go for atheism m'lady

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[–] **qvissten** **-3 points** 6 months ago

Atheism's great, except when atheists start hating theists or start acting like they are part of their own religion, that's strange.

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[–] **Logios** **5 points** 6 months ago

Having grown up in GA as an atheist is really pisses me off when people claim atheists are the haters. You know what it's like to not be able to share your beliefs with your family? You know what it's like when you actually DO share your beliefs you are shunned and told you deserve eternal, brutal torture in hell? One of the last things my dying grandmother told me is that I was going to burn in hell. Maybe if religious people weren't so fucking hateful towards other people, even their own family, for simply holding different beliefs then maybe atheists wouldn't be so "mean". So yea, I have a chip on my shoulder about religion, but it was well earned.

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[–] **Retsam19** **1 point** 6 months ago

You start by complaining about when people generalize about atheists, and then you immediately generalize about how all religious people are hateful?

Maybe, just maybe, there are good and bad people on both sides of the divide and it's not just one side that's universally hateful?

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[–] **Haloninja744** **1 point** 6 months ago

Exactly. I'm a Christian, but I'd never tell someone "your not a Christian? Well, looks like it's hell for you" In fact that's actually against the point of Christianity. Your supposed to be the light in the world, and if the first thing you tell people is that your giving out hell invited like Oprah does cars, then your not exactly even following the bible. (Also to /u/logios were not all crazy, and I'm really genuinely sorry people gave you such a terrible hating attitude instead of a kind, welcoming, one.)

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[–] **thelordofcheese** **1 point** 6 months ago

Like Feminism.

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[–] **ToastedFireBomb** **-5 points** 6 months ago

Jesus christ, is it just me or is the fedora brigade in full force the last few days, damn....

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[–] **cant-thinkofa-name** **0 points** 6 months ago

What does this statement have to do with fedoras?

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[–] **Cybrwolf** **0 points** 6 months ago

So very very true!

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[–] **Shafalabaz** **-12 points** 6 months ago

Le fedora tip to you m'lady

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[–] **Le420blazeitfagot** **-20 points** 6 months ago

Shit post

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[–] **Yvese** **-9 points** 6 months ago

That.. that was beautiful.

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[–] **Brendyrose** **-13 points** 6 months ago

I see /r/atheism is poking through. Go tip your fedoras somewhere else.

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[–] **fraccus** **1 point** 6 months ago

The internet is free, cringeworthy maybe, but free

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[–] **Brendyrose** **0 points** 6 months ago

I don't like straight up hypocrisy I see from the atheist community. I'm not religious or an atheist and I have friends from both sides but when someone says they don't like it when religious people are overly preachy about their religion the same goes for atheists. You can't have your cake and eat it too and I don't give a shit about downvotes because I will point out hypocrisy regardless of karma.

You know there's a problem when an atheist is more preachy about atheism than a Catholic priest at a gay bar.

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[–] **fraccus** **2 points** 6 months ago

> *when someone says they don't like it when religious people are overly preachy their religion the same goes for atheists.*

I agree, though this was a quote from a game, assassins creed, which has religious views in it. So i think its fair game that its posted on /r/gaming even if the content of the post would be more appropriate in another thread like /r/atheism

> *You know there's a problem when an atheist is more preachy about atheism than a Catholic priest at a gay bar.*

But the quote wasnt very preachy, it didnt tell anyone what to do, it just remarked on the ways people think and what (they thought) was wrong with that.

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[–] **Brendyrose** **1 point** 6 months ago

Fair but if you look at the title and what was said yes it did come from a game technically but this was clearly aimed an Atheist circle jerk. I'm glad seeing from the comments people and even atheists are tired of this shit but for people who have spent several years on the internet such as me preachy atheist stuff like this was everywhere so I guess that's why whenever I see this kind of stuff where I believe it shouldn't be like taking some edgy quote from a video game that happens to fit the view of some guy who unironically quoted "in this moment I am euphoric" It bothers people because people don't want to see this.

I could go searching for quotes from video games that say "This is why atheism is a step backwards" or "This is why "X" is a step backwards" Its pointless pandering. Also not to mention regardless of if I did find those quotes or not Reddit tends to be the bad kind of atheist circle jerk so if you say anything bad those fedora sensors go off and its time to downvote someone with a different opinion.

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[–] **fraccus** **0 points** 6 months ago

Maybe i just haven't seen enough of this type of post and yeah the circlejerk can be very annoying for the 1000th time but dont worry about down/upvotes theyre just numbers :P

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[–] **Brendyrose** **1 point** 6 months ago

I've just been trying to get out of the negative numbers for a bit on /r/gaming so I try and keep my mouth shut but when I see this kind of stuff I guess it just activates me. 1 unpopular opinion post if you're not a typical content poster trying to appease to the masses and it can screw your over for quite awhile.

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[–] **fraccus** **1 point** 6 months ago

Buddy, r/gaming has so many children, man children, and fedora tippers that any comment not appeasing the masses/circlejerk is going negative. If you can get high positives from controversial comments thats impressive.

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[–] **Brendyrose** **1 point** 6 months ago

Yeah I guess so lol I consider my about -30 karma on this subreddit decent because of the hivemind.

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[–] **Spine727** **-1 points** 6 months ago

Save that shit as .png next time.

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[–] **lordtaco** **-1 points** 6 months ago

Says the Muslim Hashashin

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[–] **DaTurbanator** **3 points** 6 months ago

Actually, the Assassin Order aims to be a sovereign force, free from nationality, race, or religion.

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[–] **caitsu** **-25 points** 6 months ago

Polytheism isn't any better than monotheism. Any theism except atheism is a waste of everybody's time.

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[–] **ProudMeninist** **18 points** 6 months ago

Careful with that edge.

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[–] **blackarmchair** **2 points** 6 months ago

Why would you assume that all forms of theism are in principle equal? That's not even true amongst theistic beliefs in the same category.

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[–] **Logios** **0 points** 6 months ago

All religions have an equal amount of evidence to support them, which is none (hence "faith"). This is why atheists see all religion as silly.

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[–] **blackarmchair** **2 points** 6 months ago

I am an athiest and I agree that all religions are equal in the sense that they're equally unjustified.

That said, they still differ in terms of the beliefs they promote and may be better or worse on this basis.

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[–] **Logios** **1 point** 6 months ago

Sure but even christianity teaches that anyone who has different beliefs deserves eternal torture in hell, my christian family reminds me of this constantly. That's not something I take lightly.

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[–] **blackarmchair** **1 point** 6 months ago

Right that would be an example of a belief that Christianity teaches that might make it worse than a religion which didn't.

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[–] **Kikariska** **5 points** 6 months ago

did you even read the image

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[–] **SnowGN** [S] **2 points** 6 months ago

What a silly and depressing viewpoint. But, whatever, wrong sub for that debate.

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[–] **ArktheDude** **10 points** 6 months ago

What a silly thing to say, from someone who posted a quote that obviously draws people's thoughts to religion in general.

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[–] **Thisbymaster** **-5 points** 6 months ago

You mean back when gods were just reflections of people? Instead of a goal for humanity to achieve?

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[–] **flyingchemist** **-2 points** 6 months ago

I love this. It is very well written, but the problem did not begin at the creation of monotheism. Judaism, perhaps the first monotheistic religion gave its instructions mainly in Leviticus, which was specifically for the Israelites at that time.

Furthermore, these laws put pressures on people that lead to good outcomes. Max Weber claimed that these constant pressures and threat of going to hell kept Protestants working and lead to Capitalism. Having people follow a strict work schedule keeps them in line and strong. We lost strength as we moved from nomadic tribes to farming villages and this helps us restore it.

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