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21 [PC] [WSIB] Looking for a PC game with religious themes (self.ShouldIbuythisgame)
submitted 3 months ago by Dranzogger

Hi all,

I'm taking a class about religion and pop culture and have a project to showcase an example of religion in pop culture. Being a gamer, I'd love to use a video game.

Skyrim was my first thought but I'd like to get some input from you guys

thanks!

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[–] UnknownCode94 50 points 3 months ago
Bioshock infinite is set in a religious autocracy floating in the sky. And it's an excellent game.

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[–] Farts_McGee (< • • • • • 7 points 3 months ago
Yup, in addition to that, the story of founding a zion with a mysterious prophet who goes on to have a falling out with the United states and concerns for racist undertones is quite parallel to the Mormon experience in the mid 1800's

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[–] hritter 0 points 3 months ago*
Yeah, everything starts great until the plot takes a nosedive by the end.

EDIT: Why the downvotes? I'm speaking in terms of what OP is looking for as a religous game. The AU plot device just barges in and obliterates any attempt to reinstate the theme.

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[–] Elaine_Benes_ 4 points 3 months ago
I really don't like BioShock Infinite, but I've accepted that saying that on Reddit is like saying you hate kittens

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[–] TheEvilGerman 2 points 3 months ago

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Also apparently the 2nd one wasnt good...I LOVED the second one!

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[–] **hritter** 1 point 3 months ago

The 2nd one was okay. It was a tough act to follow and felt more like an Expansion Pack. But I don't not like Sophia Lamb and her insertion into the universe.

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[–] **ReservoirDog316** 22 points 3 months ago

You literally get baptized at the beginning of Bioshock Infinite.

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[–] **ZX_Stryker** 1 point 2 months ago

Spoilers mate.

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[–] **ReservoirDog316** 1 point 2 months ago

It's the first 5 minutes I think?

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[–] **ZX_Stryker** 1 point 2 months ago

OOPS sorry I thought you were talking about the end i forgot about the part in the very beginning... carry on.

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[–] **ReservoirDog316** 2 points 2 months ago

Shhhhh. Spoilers ;)

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[–] **ZX_Stryker** 2 points 2 months ago

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[–] **hritter** 29 points 3 months ago

If you want something tongue-in-cheek and/or directly unsettling, theres Binding of Isaac. One look at the intro and the game pretty much explains this choice.

If you want something more philosophical in nature, there's the Talos Principle. You play as a robot who is constantly being tested by a couple of AI's (who may or may not be working together) as they try to dissuade you from following a literal God hovers over you and tells you what to do.

For something more in the lore of it, there's the first and fourth Broken Sword game, which explores biblical myth and perpetuating a modern conspiracy that plots to rule the world. Broken Sword 1 is about "the sword of Baphomet" and the

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Knights Templar, while Broken Sword 4 is about the Ark of the Covenant.

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[–] **Rudey24** 3 points 3 months ago

Came here to suggest The Binding of Isaac (Rebirth), but reading your comment made me realize OP really need to play The Talos Principle!

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[–] **SRTroN** 11 points 3 months ago

Dantes Inferno is a God of war clone that covers the different levels of hell as per the famous poem.

Quite fun too!

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[–] **naturemage** 8 points 3 months ago

The Dragon Age series (particularly the first and third) has some of the best developed religions in any game I've played. Most plots in the game relate directly to one of the four religions (Faith of Andraste, Qun, the Elven old ways, and the dwarven Ancestor worship).

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[–] **crashnburn254** 8 points 3 months ago*

After Egypt on TempleOS: https://youtu.be/RzhRYGm_b9A

The guy made an entire operating system just to make a game that serves as a religious oracle.

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[–] **birdsandberyllium** 11 points 3 months ago

I'll just spout off a list of games that come to mind:

- Skyrim
- Bioshock Infinite
- Halo series
- Age of Empires? *Woolulu*
- ...Age of Mythology.
- Assassin's Creed

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[–] **LotusBunny** 2 points 3 months ago

> Age of Empires? Woolulu

That brought me back to my childhood like that scene from Ratatouille.

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[–] **Frezzwar** 5 points 3 months ago

Well... You could take a look at Crusader Kings or Europa Universalis. They are grand strategy games where you play as a nation and do whatever you

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want for 400 years. They both have a big focus on how countries of different religions fought each other in the real world.

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[–] **Erwin__Rommel** 4 points 3 months ago

Much of the warhammer universe is based off a religious cult that is based on Catholicism. They are approachable rts's that hold up fairly well

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> [–] **Not_Like_The_Movie** 2 points 3 months ago
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> Adding onto this, you don't have to go the RTS route to see 40k's religion. If you're wanting a pretty badass action game to play that showcases 40k's religion, then Warhammer 40k: Space Marine is a great choice.
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> The game explores themes like their beliefs and inquisition/religious law enforcement.
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[–] **spinningfaith** 3 points 3 months ago

The Zoo Race, most action packed, thrilling, detailed telling of Noah's Ark *to date*!

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[–] **VampirePlays** 4 points 3 months ago*

I think skyrim is a great example. The war which is the main storyline showcases a war on freedom of religion(the stormcloaks want the freedom to believe in Talos when the imperials banned believing in it), which is an amazing example to use since it fits with nowadays issues.

Edit:I think Halo 2 goes huge into belief by prophets and the idea of you killing one and the effects on the enemy(covenant).

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> [–] **grey_lollipop** 3 points 3 months ago
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> Also, another thing with Skyrim is the fact that gods show up a bit more than most gods IRL, which leads to some interesting things.
>
> It was a while since I played it, but there has to be an example or two of people who have met one god, but believe in another, right? A scenario that would be quite rare here because we don't meet our gods in the same ways.
>
> However, as I said I haven't played in a while, so there might be something that explains this in-game, but this is probably something I would look deeper into if I took your class OP.
>
> Fallout is also quite interesting, I've played it a bit more recently than Skyrim, so it might be because of that, but the children of the atom or whatever it was called would be quite interesting to present IMO since they have an interesting standpoint on nuclear weapons.
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[–] **arashimikata** 2 points 3 months ago

Old School - NES - Spiritual Warfare. Basically a Legend of Zelda style game where you search for the Armor of God, a la the book of Ephesians. The Fruits of the Spirit are used as weapons, and there are other religious (most specifically Christian) themes. It has been over a decade and a half since I've played it, so I'm going mostly off half remembered details.

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[–] **f0rmality** 2 points 3 months ago

bioshock infinite is the answer

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[–] **Varlin** 2 points 3 months ago

The Talos Principle. Heavy philosophical/religious/existential themes. Plus, it is one of the best puzzle games I have played and looks great.

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[–] **Z0bie** 2 points 3 months ago

SMITE is a F2P moba with ~70 gods from various religions. You can read and learn about their lore, which is often reflected in their abilities and play styles, but there's really no storyline seeing how it's a moba.

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[–] **SingularityParadigm** 2 points 3 months ago*

Clearly the best answer is Super 3D Noah's Ark (1995), a Wolfenstein 3D clone in which Noah shoots tranquilizing food at rampaging animals. Steam has video of the gameplay.

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[–] **grabbinsumpillz** 1 point 3 months ago

Only one I can think of that hasn't been mentioned is Binding of Isaac: Rebirth, but I'm not sure that's the kind of religious content you're looking for.

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[–] **MxM111** 1 point 3 months ago

Civilization series has religion, probably starting from CivIII.

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> [–] **Goomich** 3 points 3 months ago
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[–] **Kite23** 1 point 3 months ago

Can't really think of any games with religion in a positive light. Oblivion kind of did at the very end of the main campaign

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> [–] **Dranzogger** [S] 1 point 3 months ago
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> Doesn't necessarily need to be in a positive light.
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> > [–] **Kite23** 1 point 3 months ago
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> > It was kind of a comment that I don't really think pop culture likes or respects religion
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[–] **kaas332** 1 point 3 months ago

Binding of Isaac: Rebirth is probably great for a school project!

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[–] **Scorp1on** 1 point 3 months ago

Lots of people have mentioned Bioshock Infinite, Binding of Isaac, and The Talos Principle, which would be 3 of my suggestions, but I haven't seen Dark Souls listed, which is another. Looking at the way Miracles work, and if you dig into the lore of the game(s), religion actually has quite a large impact on the world.

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[–] **Jahandar** 1 point 3 months ago

the Thief series (the classics, not the recent one) dealt a lot with religions, including Hammerites and their Mechanist offshots, and the pagans.

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[–] **Mrsparklee** 1 point 3 months ago

Super 3-D Noah's Ark

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[–] **Goomich** -1 points 3 months ago

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