HK-47
Oh, bitch bitch bitch.
(04-23-2013, 06:45 AM)
Quote

#301

> Originally Posted by **Laughing Banana**
> Well, it is pretty blatant that Alilat is meant to be Allah, as there has been speculation by some that Allah is actually derived from a deity/idol that came before Islam emerged.

No...Alilat is pretty blatantly the Meccan goddess from pre Islamic times. She is described as a daughter of Allah in the Koran.

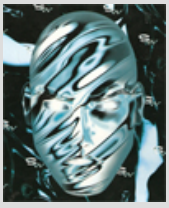
BocoDragon
or, How I Learned to Stop Worrying and Realize This Assgrab is Delicious
(04-23-2013, 06:47 AM)
Quote

#302

I love when they turn real-world religions into the framework for fantasy stories.

The dead sea scrolls would be so much more interesting if they were actually blueprints for building giant robots to defend the earth against aliens (Evangelion).

TreasureHunterG
Member
(04-23-2013, 06:50 AM)
Quote



#303

> Originally Posted by **thetrin**
> Technically, that portrayal of YHWH/YHVH is pretty accurate to Old Testament.

Depends. I find the way you can describe how YHWH is to be subjective. There's very distinct ways on how he's described in the Old Testament, I think the SMT2's portrayal is mostly based on the punisher/lawful aspect of Old Testament's YHWH.

Laughing Banana
Weeping Pickle
(04-23-2013, 07:03 AM)
Quote

#304

> Originally Posted by **HK-47**
> No...Alilat is pretty blatantly the Meccan goddess from pre Islamic times. **She is described as a daughter of Allah in the Koran.**

...what?

That Allah has no sons or daughters is one of the most central cores of Islamic teaching. I severely, severely doubt that there is a mention of Allah having a daughter in the Qur'an, Islam's Holy Book.

XANDER CAGE
WELCOME TO THE XANDER ZONE
(04-23-2013, 07:07 AM)
Quote

#305

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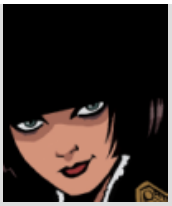

Pre-Islamic Allah (as in, early Meccan creation myths) actually was taught as having sons and daughters, including one named al Lat, which is probably where SMT draws its lore from. She wouldn't have been mentioned in the Koran, that's correct, since Islam later teaches Allah in a different way.

Last edited by XANDER CAGE; 04-23-2013 at 07:10 AM.

Jackson
Big Boss
(04-23-2013, 07:25 AM)
Quote

#306

> Originally Posted by **Laughing Banana**
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Which is why Al-Lat's mentioning in Sura 53:19 is referred to as part of the "Satanic Verses". It was removed sometime in the 9th century. Salman Rushdie had a fatwā issued against him for writing a book about it.

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Satanic_Verses

They have to be rejected by Muslims because of what you said above. There's an obvious on-going discussion about them. It's fascinating stuff.

Last edited by Jackson; 04-23-2013 at 07:30 AM.

Mr_Appleby
Member
(04-23-2013, 07:29 AM)
Quote

#307

all i know is that looks great, how can i play it these days?

NoirVisage
Banned
(04-23-2013, 07:46 AM)
Quote

#308

> Originally Posted by **Soriku**
> IDK. What side is Michael Jackson on?
>
> www.youtube.com/watch?v=fzKbz1DxuRE

> Originally Posted by **cj_iwakura**
> Chaotic Good.

Can't hate that.
I'm not mad, I just wouldn't play the earlier ones because I would be uncomfortable with some of the choices I'd have too make..

Fimbulvetr
Member
(04-23-2013, 09:21 AM)
Quote

#309

> Originally Posted by **NoirVisage**
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Just be Neutral. It pretty much equated to being reasonable in SMTI and II.

Pro from Dover
Member
(04-23-2013, 09:24 AM)
Quote

#310

Only one deity SMT is missing...

patientx
Member
(04-23-2013, 10:35 AM)
Quote

#311

SO, I didn't know these series included this kind of story, is the latest game coming to 3DS contain these too ?

Mauricio_Magus
Banned
(04-23-2013, 11:01 AM)
Quote

#312

Being neutral in most SMT games means you kill EVERYONE

And I love it, can't wait for SMT4

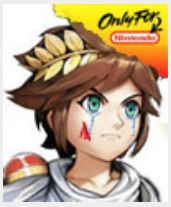
Fimbulvetr
Member
(04-24-2013, 04:17 AM)
Quote

#313

> Originally Posted by **patientx**
> SO, I didn't know these series included this kind of story, is the latest game coming to 3DS contain these too ?

"This" kind of story?

hatchx
Member
(04-24-2013, 04:19 AM)
Quote



#314

> Originally Posted by **Captainsweatpants**
> lol am I the Bible Guy?
>
> [IMG]http://25.media.tumblr.com/9870ac0e6a45f874b7858cef73068ee3/tumblr_mfoeupK0xd1rsa4a6o1_500.jpg[IMG]
>
> There was a Game about the Pope?

I knew this thread would be problems from the title alone, and you, my friend, made it all worth while.

Fireblend
No *Member*
(04-24-2013, 04:21 AM)
Quote

#315

> Originally Posted by **Fimbulvetr**
> "This" kind of story?

I think he means heavily based on mythological themes and figures from christianity and other world religions, with dubious and suggestive moral grey areas to those that follow them. Isn't that pretty much the discussion that's going on in this thread? No need for witty questions.

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cj_iwakura
Member
(04-24-2013, 04:25 AM)
Quote

#316

> Originally Posted by **Fireblend**
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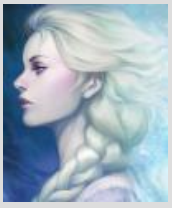
Lucifer is in SMTIV, so that means The Great Will and his angels will figure into the plot as well.

AuthenticM
Member
(04-24-2013, 04:30 AM)
Quote



#317

If they were to remake this game, they would censor the fuck out of this. But they shouldn't. I want to see Fox news reporting on this.

Fimbulvetr
Member
(04-24-2013, 05:07 AM)
Quote

#318

> Originally Posted by **Fireblend**
> I think he means heavily based on mythological themes and figures from christianity and other world religions, with dubious and suggestive moral grey areas to those that follow them. Isn't that pretty much the discussion that's going on in this thread? No need for witty questions.

His post implies he's never experienced a game in the series before and, therefore, most of his context for what "this" story is is most likely reliant entirely on the limited picture painted by the info in the OP and some posts.

So yes, questions are needed to parse his meaning. Or were you under the indication that I was asking for the sake of being contrarian?

SatelliteOfLove
Member
(04-24-2013, 05:45 AM)
Quote

#319

> Originally Posted by **patientx**
> SO, I didn't know these series included this kind of story, is the latest game coming to 3DS contain these too ?

It fucking better make with that dark crazy!

> Originally Posted by **AuthenticM**
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MagusKen
Member
(04-24-2013, 06:36 AM)
Quote

#320

> Originally Posted by **SatelliteOfLove**
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> **Megaten seems interely immune to any outside-gaming criticism of its hijinx. It's wierd.**

I know right, hell P3 even won an award titled, "Most controversial game that created no controversy" funny eh?

Anyway on topic, as a person that was raised in a Christian household and considers himself a Christian (a lazy one at that), the story does not offend me in the slightest. However, I would NOT try to explain the story or content to my family members or friends.

Caerith
Member
(04-25-2013, 12:13 AM)
Quote

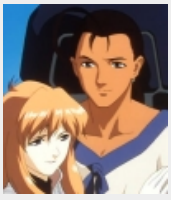
#321

> Originally Posted by **AuthenticM**
> If they were to remake this game, they would censor the fuck out of this. But they shouldn't. I want to see Fox news reporting on this.

Maybe not. Devil Survivor expresses a pretty interesting take on the Judeo-Christian god, angels, etc, and that only came out a few years ago. I know they censored Hitler out of Persona 2, but that's only because there was some stupid change in the CERO law that banned depictions of real persons.

I'm not a Christian, but I grew up amongst them and currently live in the bible belt of California, so I'm familiar with Christians of many stripes. I used to work with a (young) guy who got all in a huff when he asked what video game I was playing and the word "devil" was in the title, and even recently I heard a woman browbeating her six-year old kid for learning about astrology and insisting it's "of the devil" and to "read the Bible," which I thought a bit ironic. While it's evident from even the first page of this very thread that a lot of people are pretty open-minded about religion and in general, there are also lots of people who aren't. But that's human nature.

Taruranto
<3 BioWare <3
(04-25-2013, 12:16 AM)
Quote



#322

> Originally Posted by **AuthenticM**
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? I don't see why. Not to mention it was recently re-released on various platforms.

GhaleonQ
Member
(04-27-2013, 12:47 AM)
Quote

#323

> Originally Posted by **randomkid**
> GHALEON! Not gonna let you quietly damn my favorite franchise, NOPE, not happening! I mean, yeah, Kaneko does use myth as aesthetic, but it's his weirdo connections that make things super interesting and turn style into substance. Schrodinger's Cat and Buddhist hymns and the Nintendo DS as a conduit for Web URLs which is kind of like Solomonic demon summoning (?!), I mean, come on!
>
> Here, read lots of neato interviews:
>
> http://megatengaku.wordpress.com/
> http://www.1up.com/news/postmortem-s...tensei-strange
> http://megatengaku.wordpress.com/int...ide-interview/
>
> *God of War*, sniff, I mean really. Gotta give this franchise a second chance. How you aren't singing Raidou 1's praises at least is a mystery to me.

Whoa, whoa! They're 2 separate things.

1. I don't really appreciate the tone or aesthetic. I'm glad it's around and I think it's objectively very interesting and good, but it's not for me. That's weird because I like horror-comedy and, generally, the mixing of playful and frightening tones. It just feels too Neo Genesis Evangelion-y for me, grimey and syncretic and funky. BUT I WILL READ.

2. I should really like the gameplay more than I do, but I do think nearly every game in the series is very good. It's 1 of my best friend's favorite series, so when we get the chance to meet up, I try to play around with the ones where he's reached the endgame.

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randomkid
Member
(04-27-2013, 03:41 AM)
Quote

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GhaleonQ
Member
(04-27-2013, 04:40 AM)
Quote

#325

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You forgot that it has an arcane title that I can butcher, which is how I self-identify at this point. *laughs* You know me too well. I beat that 1, the next 1, and Jack Brothers.