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Date Posted: Apr 23, 2003 #201

The Cell saga is my favorite part of DBZ! Cell rules.

Definitely.

MegaVolt67
16-bit Mod

Joined: Jun 7, 2001
Messages: 17,402

Hey, the struggle to be as "perfect"(good, righteous) a person as possible is a part of many religions. So let's just take this as maybe just a little OT but still cool enough to mention.

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MegaVolt67, Apr 23, 2003 Report

Nightblazer87
Noob

Joined: Apr 9, 2003
Messages: 6,335

Date Posted: Apr 23, 2003 #202

"One question. How can it be possible to become equal to God? Even Lucifer, who was God's head angel and most powerful next to him could not equal him. Then when he tried to exceed him, well...we know the story. I don't think that human beings, by design, could ever come even close to equalling what God is through the Christian understanding. He's omnipotent, omniscient, and omnipresent. From my view, it doesn't seem possible that I could ever match something like that..."

You have to understand one thing i left out (forgot) to understand this. mormons also believe that god was at one time like us, living an "earthly life" and went to a heaven after death, eventually obtaining perfection and becoming a god of his own universe and such. this is also why mormons believe that god understands our problems and sins. he went through them, overcame them, and now can help overcome them. long ago (dont know if they still do) some religions used to teach that god was disgusted with humans and hated them, just waiting to throw them down to hell. why would you create something you are disgusted with?

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a face you barely loved
empty all your pockets
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Nightblazer87, Apr 23, 2003 Report

MegaVolt67
16-bit Mod

Date Posted: Apr 23, 2003 #203

So what do Angels represent then, according to the Mormons? If a human can be like God, can an Angel? Or do humans have an ability that Angels lack? I'm just curious as to the Mormon perspective on this.

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MegaVolt67, Apr 23, 2003 Report

theunentitled
Level 9999

Joined: Feb 21, 2002
Messages: 20,299

Date Posted: Apr 23, 2003 #204

Angels are former humans I think. The humans that were excessively obedient to God became angels. An exception is Adam (first man). He became an angel, though his name is something else now. I don't know exactly how it happens though...

Dogs love me cause I'm crazy sniffable

Do you see what happens, Larry, when you find a stranger in the Alps?

FYI, I can be used for snu-snu.

theunentitled, Apr 23, 2003 Report

poopsex
Noob

Joined: Apr 3, 2002
Messages: 1,650

Date Posted: Apr 23, 2003 #205

angels are not former humans.

Treasure hunter and trail-worn traveler, searching the world over for relics of the past...
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check it out - http://www.myspace.com/boxcarjoei

poopsex, Apr 23, 2003 Report

theunentitled
Level 9999

Joined: Feb 21, 2002

Date Posted: Apr 23, 2003 #206

Adam's an angel. I'm not sure where the rest got it, but I know they believe that Adam is one.

Edit: I just asked my dad (Mormon) about it. He concurred. So yeah, apparently angels are just ascended humans.

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Do you see what happens, Larry, when you find a stranger in the Alps?

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MegaVolt67
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Date Posted: Apr 23, 2003 #207

Former humans, huh? That's interesting. So some believe Angels to be seperate beings and some believe them to be the next step in evolution for man.

Anyways, I've always wondered about something else. Females weren't supposed to exist at all until God created Eve, right? And yet people claim sightings of female Angels. In the bible, the only Angels mentioned are male, like Michael and Gabriel. So I would assume that female angels did not exist. I suppose that the Mormon philosophy would make it possible that they could, but the other Christian view wouldn't. If Angels are seperate, then God created woman just as a companion for man. And yet it's common that these Christians claim to have seen female Angels and such... It doesn't make sense.

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MegaVolt67, Apr 23, 2003 Report

-Mustadio-
Noob

Joined: Feb 26, 2003
Messages: 221

Date Posted: Apr 23, 2003 #208

"I have came beyond a point where I need a super natural being to help me deal with my troubles. I can look within myself for the answers to my problems. I feel like I have gone through enough, even though I'm 14, that I no longer need mythical creatures looking over me. "

Well, timmyjoe, if you have really gone through that much in 14 years, you must have one heck of a life. And I wouldn't call aethism a "religion", it's more of an ideology. Actually though, it sounds like you may be more spiritual than you think.

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-Mustadio-, Apr 23, 2003 Report

Date Posted: Apr 23, 2003 #209

Woah. This thread got a whole bunch of pages really fast. Geez.

X-pert74
cute

Joined: Feb 28, 2002
Messages: 71,248

cute

"One time Dragonforce and Death had a metal off, and Chuck Schuldiner got cancer as a result."
- yourlocalguy
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http://backloggery.com/Xpert74 - for a fully-updated look at my collection

X-pert74, Apr 23, 2003 Report

timmyjoe012345
Noob

Joined: Aug 22, 2002
Messages: 15,764

Date Posted: Apr 23, 2003 #210

"Well, timmyjoe, if you have really gone through that much in 14 years, you must have one heck of a life. And I wouldn't call aethism a "religion", it's more of an ideology. Actually though, it sounds like you may be more spiritual than you think."

Really, I would like to hear more of what you think about me. I would like you to evaluate me. Please let me know what you mean by spiritual.

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timmyjoe012345, Apr 23, 2003 Report

Nightblazer87
Noob

Joined: Apr 9, 2003
Messages: 6,335

Date Posted: Apr 23, 2003 #211

Megavolt, ill get back to on your question about female angels. you see i cannot claim to have an infinite knowlege about mormonism, but my mom has a very high understanding of it. i would ask her but shes not home right now:

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Nightblazer87, Apr 23, 2003 Report

-Lenin-
Noob

Joined: Apr 24, 2002
Messages: 18,711

Date Posted: Apr 23, 2003 #212

Timmy, at 14 you are quite wise.

You might end up like me when you're 20..

I am far and beyond even looking within myself for the answers. While introspection is a glorious thing to use, many things in our life are as simple as looking around yourself.

=)

Then again, life is a bit depressing when you start to see the big picture in everything. I believe we human beings are unable to actually comprehend it, but rather 'see' parts and pieces of it.

Which is why I really don't have THAT big of a problem with religion existing in our world, because without it we'd just kill each other out of sheer depression.

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timmyjoe012345
Noob

Joined: Aug 22, 2002
Messages: 15,764

Date Posted: Apr 23, 2003 #213

lenin, aka oopa loompa,(sorry I coulnd't resist) I believe you are right. Without religion to help explain things, might not be the right explantion but at least it is one, we would see things in a more depressing manor. Without religion the world would know no morals. Things would become chaotic.

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timmyjoe012345, Apr 23, 2003 Report

Date Posted: Apr 23, 2003 #214

lol it is perfectly fine.

Absolutely nothing offends me anymore, whether that is a good thing or not remains to be seen.

-Lenin-
Noob

Joined: Apr 24, 2002
Messages: 18,711

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MegaVolt67
16-bit Mod

Joined: Jun 7, 2001
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Date Posted: Apr 23, 2003 #215

Without religion the world would know no morals. Things would become chaotic.

Well, it looks to me like things are heading that way already... Ooh, watch those evil liberals!

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MegaVolt67, Apr 23, 2003 Report

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timmyjoe012345
Noob

Joined: Aug 22, 2002
Messages: 15,764

Date Posted: Apr 23, 2003 #216

THis topic has gained so many posts because of the importance it plays in our lives. Whether it be atheism, christianity, or buddism, religion is a major part in our culture. This seems like a fitting ending to this thread, but it isn't. For as long as there are differences in the way people think, there will always be different ideals. Every person is unique; and there are theories that fit your personality. I enjoyed sharing my opinions with you people, even though we have differences in beliefs you remained respectful, for the most part. That is the way threads like these are supppose to be. Don't think this should be the last post on this thread, because it should not, this disscussion just like all disscussions of the sort will only end when we know the truth. We all are opinionated people, use it to the best of your ability.

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timmyjoe012345, Apr 23, 2003 Report

Date Posted: Apr 23, 2003 #217

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Noob

Joined: Apr 9, 2003
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ability."

totally agree

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Nightblazer87, Apr 23, 2003 Report

toddbyron
Noob

Joined: Jan 9, 2003
Messages: 176

Date Posted: Apr 23, 2003 #218

this thread took a long time to read. I even skipped a lot. I wanted to put my ideas in but I want force it upon people. But I ll say I learned a thing our two about thing exspesially athesim and mormuns. Hope I spelled it right. What a hot topic this would be my goal to get this many post.

toddbyron, Apr 23, 2003 Report

timmyjoe012345
Noob

Joined: Aug 22, 2002
Messages: 15,764

Date Posted: Apr 23, 2003 #219

I'm glad you learned a lot reading this topic. I would like to hear your opinions. I wouldn't feel like your imposing your beliefs on me.

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timmyjoe012345, Apr 23, 2003 Report

toddbyron
Noob

Date Posted: Apr 23, 2003 #220

lets just say Im a christian Im not going to make you Beleive what i believe but if u ask I will tell. I have no proof that im right I just have a feeling to go this way you may have it another way our heck not any way.

Joined: Jan 9, 2003
Messages: 176

toddbyron, Apr 23, 2003 Report

Date Posted: Apr 23, 2003 #221

timmy MUST be wise. he thinks the xbox i horrible

Nightblazer87
Noob

Joined: Apr 9, 2003
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Nightblazer87, Apr 23, 2003 Report

Date Posted: Apr 23, 2003 #222

HAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHA!!!!!!!!!!

timmyjoe012345
Noob

Joined: Aug 22, 2002
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timmyjoe012345, Apr 23, 2003 Report

Date Posted: Apr 23, 2003 #223

yes he must be the smartest of all to figure the X box sucks

toddbyron
Noob

Joined: Jan 9, 2003
Messages: 176

toddbyron, Apr 23, 2003 Report

Date Posted: Apr 23, 2003 #224

hehe...thats something we all KNOW to be true

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Noob

Joined: Apr 9, 2003
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Nightblazer87, Apr 23, 2003 Report

Date Posted: Apr 23, 2003 #225

stands up and claps

X-Box sucks. I hate people who worship it. Not literally but they annoy me to an extent.

vengeanceismine
Noob

Joined: Mar 1, 2003
Messages: 3,458

"I saw that venge...it's not rape if it's consentual ^_^ " -frdrizzt
"Stops Diarrhea? That would be exlax. Go take some of it. You'll feel much better..." - gcg
Thanks to Yatta for the adoption ^_^

vengeanceismine, Apr 23, 2003 Report

Date Posted: Apr 23, 2003 #226

Timmyjoe,
what I mean is that if you are able to look within yourself for answers, then really that may be a form of prayer for you, even if you don't want to label it that. So when I said earlier that I feel sorry for people with no religion, I was thinking more of those people who see existance as ultimatly meaningless, and therefore have nothing to lean on for strength and will. Does that make better sense?

-Mustadio-
Noob

Joined: Feb 26, 2003
Messages: 221

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-Mustadio-, Apr 23, 2003 Report

Date Posted: Apr 23, 2003 #227

vengeanceismine
Noob

Joined: Mar 1, 2003
Messages: 3,458

I'd tell you guys about my beliefs, but I'm afraid that I'd seriously offend some of the people that believe in God.

Not that I hate God or anything, I'm not Aetheist or whatever, but I'm not Christian either. I respect people's views of God, but I don't believe in one directly. That's why I'm afraid of offending people.

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vengeanceismine, Apr 23, 2003 Report

-Lenin-
Noob

Joined: Apr 24, 2002
Messages: 18,711

Date Posted: Apr 23, 2003 #228

Mustadio, enlighten me.

If you want to call looking within oneself prayer, fine go right ahead but you know it isn't.

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timmyjoe012345
Noob

Joined: Aug 22, 2002
Messages: 15,764

Date Posted: Apr 23, 2003 #229

I understand what you mean mustadio. The reason I look within myself can be thereputic as well as meaningful, just like prayer. Just because I have nothing to worship does not mean I don't worship at all. I look at myself for answers therefor I may be my own god in a way. Just like people console to their god I console to myself which is my form of worship, I guess.

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timmyjoe012345, Apr 23, 2003 Report

Date Posted: Apr 23, 2003 #230

In my understanding of Xenogears, you don't [hl=000000]destroy god (the wave existance) so much as free god from that Zohar Modifier[/hl]. But then again I haven't quite beaten the game yet, so things could change...

deviant555
Noob

Joined: Aug 1, 2000
Messages: 10,165

Mark your spoilers next time please - Drizz

Remember people, good communications skills gave Hitler his rise.

deviant555, Apr 23, 2003 Report

timmyjoe012345
Noob

Joined: Aug 22, 2002
Messages: 15,764

Date Posted: Apr 23, 2003 #231

Thanks for that great spoiler.

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timmyjoe012345, Apr 23, 2003 Report

tyler_11_11
Noob

Joined: Aug 3, 2001
Messages: 1,535

Date Posted: Apr 23, 2003 #232

vengeance, i feel the same way. i don't care what anybody says, one god is the only god, but it doesn't matter which god it is. different people see their god in different ways, but that's like us looking at bush as a decisive president and the iraqi's seeing him as a imperialist dictator. it's the same guy, but through different eyes.

Playing: Wind Waker
Waiting for: Golden Sun 2, Soul Caliber II

tyler_11_11, Apr 23, 2003 Report

Date Posted: Apr 23, 2003 #233

I will explain my theories, and I don't want anyone who is a die-hard god-lover to get angry with me, I mean no harm

My belief is simply along the lines, that if you believe something, then it

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Noob

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happens for you. I do know this doesn't always happen, and I know is it a really really stupidly corny sounding belief, but here's what I mean.

This one time I needed to drink something desperately, for reasons unimportant to this story. Unfortunately I did not know the guy who gave me his water had strep throat. And I didn't want to get it, because my bf was visiting, and I didn't want to pass on any germs to him. So I simply refused to get strep throat. And I didn't. That sort of thing. I mean if you ACTUALLY TRULY believe something that works for you, then by all means.

I think for most people, your "God" is like your form of ACTUALLY TRULY believing in something. It is something/someone who gives you that hope, and that strength. I personally don't believe in one, but I believe in my own abilities to do what I want.

Please don't hurt me but I also believe in the theory of evolution and I like Charles Darwin and Biology.

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timmyjoe012345
Noob

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Date Posted: Apr 23, 2003 #234

vengean, you express yourself in a somewhat crude fashion. But I like that in a girl. I too believe in evolution. There has been a lot of evidence supporting evolution and you should not be persecuted because of it. Your beliefs are remarkablely similar to mine. Don't feel hesitant to reveal your opinions to others, it will only make you lonely in the end.

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timmyjoe012345, Apr 23, 2003 Report

-Lenin-
Noob

Joined: Apr 24, 2002

Date Posted: Apr 23, 2003 #235

"that if you believe something, then it happens for you"

Actually I thought that for awhile, and I still toss that idea around.

For the most part though i've stopped really worrying or caring about it. I figure when I die i'll either find out, or I won't.

I'd sure like to come back in a few thousand years.. if any humans still

Messages: 18,711

exist then. =)

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-Lenin-, Apr 23, 2003 Report

-Lacan-
Noob

Joined: Sep 25, 2002
Messages: 11,561

Date Posted: Apr 23, 2003 #236

If you want to call looking within oneself prayer, fine go right ahead but you know it isn't.

There is no true definition of prayer. It means different things to different people. You cannot tell someone whether it is prayer or not. It's up to the individual.

~R|D~
Witty movie quote here

-Lacan-, Apr 23, 2003 Report

-Lenin-
Noob

Joined: Apr 24, 2002
Messages: 18,711

Date Posted: Apr 23, 2003 #237

Point taken.

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-Lenin-, Apr 23, 2003 Report

methxx
Noob

Date Posted: Apr 23, 2003 #238

I don't know if I believe in god anymore. If he does exist than he just must want me to suffer. Almost all my family has died in the past 2 years, 2 Aunts, Uncle, Grandma, Grandpa, 3 cousins, Great Uncle, Great Aunt, Great Grandma. My best friend murdered in front of me, Grandpa is on dialasys right now and is looking bad. All I do is suffer, only way to get out of it is be with my friends and play video games and be with my girlfriend.. Some ppl can only take so much.. god either doesn't exist or is a stupid freaking bastard that toys with lives of good ppl.

Joined: Mar 23, 2003
Messages: 220

I swear I didn't kill my mom... My dad just got there first.

methxx, Apr 23, 2003 Report

-Lenin-
Noob

Joined: Apr 24, 2002
Messages: 18,711

Date Posted: Apr 23, 2003 #239

Take a moment and look at death in this fashion:

I really am not bothered by death anymore, but I think that is because I haven't had anyone close to me die in quite some time now (5 years) so i'm way overdue and I know it.

But when it does happen, I will accept it partly because I believe in fate somewhat. I believe that when you die, it is your time to die and you cannot prevent it. There is nothing I can do when someone dies, so I look at it as that I have two choices: 1- Wallow in mourning, 2- Accept it and move on.

I choose 2.

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theunentitled
Level 9999

Joined: Feb 21, 2002
Messages: 20,299

Date Posted: Apr 23, 2003 #240

Everyone has their problems. If you're going to not believe, you could find a better reason.

Dogs love me cause I'm crazy sniffable

Do you see what happens, Larry, when you find a stranger in the Alps?

FYI, I can be used for snu-snu.

theunentitled, Apr 23, 2003 Report

Date Posted: Apr 23, 2003 #241

Who is that directed to?

-Lenin-
Noob

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Level 9999

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Messages: 20,299

Date Posted: Apr 23, 2003 #242

You. It's not to imply that your problems aren't significant. It isn't meant to sound cold. But what I mean is, everyone has issues like that, you aren't alone. A part of life is death. People believe in a higher power knowing this. Why are you different?

edit: oops. the poster above you. sorry

Dogs love me cause I'm crazy sniffable

Do you see what happens, Larry, when you find a stranger in the Alps?

FYI, I can be used for snu-snu.

theunentitled, Apr 23, 2003 Report

legacyAccount
Old Account

Joined: Nov 10, 2011
Messages: 4,475,527

Date Posted: Apr 23, 2003 #243

I don't think those games attack religion as much as human corruption that can ruin it.

legacyAccount, Apr 23, 2003 Report

Date Posted: Apr 23, 2003 #244

Got your edit.

-Lenin-
Noob

Joined: Apr 24, 2002
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-Lenin-, Apr 23, 2003 Report

Deicide_III
Noob

Joined: Jul 23, 2002
Messages: 6,781

Date Posted: Apr 23, 2003 #245

"So when I said earlier that I feel sorry for people with no religion, I was thinking more of those people who see existance as ultimatly meaningless, and therefore have nothing to lean on for strength and will."

I don't consider myself a part of any religion, nor do I idolize any deity, but I do have strength, and I do have will. What your post implies is that someone without religion is just an empty shell of a person - which is not true. I do feel existance is meaningless, human evolution to this high level (Yeah, i know 90 percent of the world are braindead dolts) was accidental in my opinion, but that's going off on a tangent.

I don't need any higher being to lean on to get me through life - in fact I see that as rather weak. Also I couldn't possibly have faith when there's always that possibility that religion is just a policing tactic. (Certainly with the "slave religions" as i call them, anyway. I won't *name* them lest i be banned for the 101st time hehe)

What I'm trying to say in my waffling discursive way, Is that I can have strength, will, hapiness, feelings of accomplishment and fulfillment etc without religion or a god. What's more, as a result of not following any religion, I can say with a degree of pride that my morals are purely my own, my opinions are purely my own, and a set of rules or "commandments" do not dictate how I live out my trivial existance.

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--Hops onto the bandwagaon--

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Since this poll has wander off so far from it's original topic, I guess I'll post my opinion too then.

THIS IS STUPID!

Everyone here is trying to politely point out that their religion and belief is better without actually saying it. If you're going to chat about religion in a forum that is based on a fantasy game, at the very least, stand-your-ground! To those who're trying to stay neutral, just stand back and let these idiots argue and maybe the mods will close the thread. Rather than just fan the flame on.

Some of you commented that those who have faith in a religion are close minded. I believe you are closed minded! If you don't want to believe in a religion, it's all fine. No one is going to try and make you into a martyr if you do anyway! But do not go insulting other people's belief just because you can't see eye to eye with them.

If you think a religion is idiotic, please have more than just, "I can't believe in something that I can't see, touch, hear, taste, or smell." That level of arguement is like saying, "I don't believe in a South American Native Indian because I've never meet one. All those people on the discovery channels are just actors."

At the very least, look into it with a bit more depth. Study up on it, find plausible errors and contradicitons. The fact that one just can't believe because you don't want too(and yes, people who don't want to believe in a certain faith just don't want too, not because they can't) is absurd and childish. Unfortunately, even adults have contracted such a way of thought and have passed it on to their children's way of thinking.

This thread has become nothing else but a list of posts where everyone feels as if they're walking on egg shells or they'll offend someone. Everyone is ignoring the elephant in the room and are simply throwing whatever wandering thoughts they have about why they should or shouldn't believe. If want to believe that nothing is governing your life but your own decisions, all the power to you. If you believe that there may be a greater reason for your existance, good for you. But if you're going to continue the current discussion of religions, pick a side and stay on it. Or take it to another forum where this kind of discussion is meant to be talked about. Otherwise, return back to the original topic of this thread.

For those who have a hard time remembering or are simply to lazy to click the link to page one, here is an edited quote of it:

--I've realized something that seems to be common. I'm not willing to dismiss it as coincidence though. Nearly every RPG I've played that has an established religion in the game, ends up showing that religion in a bad light. Either the religion has a negative impact, or it ends up being the very source of the evil in the game's story. I'll name a few...(refer to page one if you want to read the examples)

It almost seems like all of these games are a criticism of judeo-christian ideas. Or perhaps a criticism of religion itself. Is it coincidence? Or by design? Could it be that the intention is to influence through these games...?

What do you think?--

Brave_Vigilante

"Don't just stand there! Swim!"

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"This thread has become nothing else but a list of posts where everyone feels as if they're walking on egg shells or they'll offend someone."

Indeed. It is true. But you understand, on *these* boards, you get banned for voicing anything resembling an opinion. I know this all to well, I think I have been un-justly banned about ten times.

You're right though, the last 6 pages or so have just been re-hashed statements, with no real ideas or questions being put forward. No one speaking their mind for fear of sounding offensive/stupid/narrow minded (or being banned).

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I don't know how constructive this argument would be if everyone just supported their own religion. And what if religious tolerance is your thing? But, if you want argumentative...

My problem with most organized religions lies not in what they believe, but how they go about believing it. I don't try to convert anyone to my beliefs because I don't *want* an organized religion - it would only stifle what I believe is the "purpose" of life. I was raised Catholic, and I have a problem accepting that there's this all-powerful God and he pretty much created humans so they could worship him. I mean, if you were all-powerful, would you *care* if anyone worshipped you? And if so, why?

Anyway, I don't believe in a traditional "God," but rather something along the lines of the entire universe having a will and a purpose. What that

purpose is, I don't claim to know, but I think the way to achieve it (for humans, anyway) is to go and do what comes naturally - i.e., everything we're doing now. I also believe that absolute "correct" morals exist within human nature, and they are generally made manifest (historically) through religion - so obviously I can't be too unhappy with religion in general.

James Dowd
Member UDIC
"Deny everything, regret nothing!"
If you don't have something intelligent to say,
don't say anything at all!

Talraen, Apr 23, 2003 Report

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If you've got a problem then leave. You're not a mod, don't pretend to be one. If the mods don't like this, they'll be the ones to shut it down. You don't have to be here.

Anyhoo, I'm not saying my belief is better than anyone else's, I'm just saying it's what I believe. That's it. I'd rather not have religion in FF games, but I certainly don't mind it.

The reason I don't believe in god, is that I've had a harder time in my life growing up as a teenager, from about grade 6-10 and so I tried using god as help, but every time I asked, he never answered, so I just assume not he does not exist.

"I saw that venge...it's not rape if it's consentual ^_^ " -frdrizzt
"Stops Diarrhea? That would be exlax. Go take some of it. You'll feel much better..." - gcg
Thanks to Yatta for the adoption ^_^

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"i.e, everything we're doing now"

What's that? Burning fossil fuels?

To tie in a bit of FF relevance, we're literally draining the planet of everything that's natural to it - a bit like Shinra tapping off the Mako energy.

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