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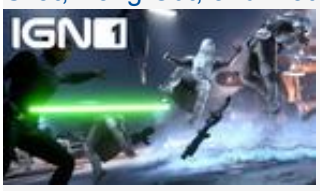

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Messages: 35,205

Date Posted: Jul 27, 2004 #151

Because I can, I officially declare James as Winner of the award for

Best Presented Logical Argument from a Christian Perspective .

Congrats.

I even agree with him on the alcohol issue. "What?" you say. "A Mormon being okay with someone drinking alcohol in moderation and not abstaining completely?!"

Yep. Because my choice to abstain from alcohol is a matter of obedience within a specific covenant, which is only of concern to those who wish to take that same covenant. (Man I'd wish more Mormons understood that).

But back to my point - James rules.

Totally called AC3 setting in 2011

captveg, Jul 27, 2004 Report

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Date Posted: Jul 27, 2004 #152

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BLUSH Thanks.

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james0822, Jul 27, 2004 Report

godshatter
Noob

Joined: Feb 4, 2003
Messages: 2,726

Date Posted: Jul 27, 2004 #153

Peridot, sorry to hear about your mother. I agree that a compromise on the stem cell research situation would be best for everybody. Using a fetus that had to be aborted for medical reasons to research how to save the lives of thousands or millions seems like a no-brainer to me.

I also agree with you about the "evil nature" comment. I hate the assumption that non-Christian == evil. Part of why I'm not Christian has to do with the whole sin thing. I just don't see it as being so black

and white as Christians seem to. Any sin, no matter how trivial, is seen as completely evil, with the only remedy for it being a faith-based belief in someone who allegedly died and was resurrected a couple of thousand years ago. The list of sins isn't even that clear cut. Can I kill someone who is attacking someone else? Can I kill the next Hitler even if he had nothing to do with me? Does feeling my heart beat a little faster when a pretty girl walks by constitute lust or even adultery?

It seems the onus should be on me. When I am being judged for my past life, I would expect to have to answer for my choices, not answer for my failure to believe what has all the appearances of being a fairy tale.

pernicious heretic
fundamentalist occultist
member of House Ravenclaw

godshatter, Jul 27, 2004 Report

camsheeps
Hypothesis Test

Joined: Oct 19, 2002
Messages: 16,915

Date Posted: Jul 27, 2004 #154

The Hungry Sheep Look Up, and are Not Fed,
But Swoln with Wind, and the Rank Mist They Draw,
Rot Inwardly, and Foul Contagion Spread.
-Milton: "Lycidas" All that Jazz
Nicol Williamson, Where are you?

camsheeps, Jul 27, 2004 Report

Isaiah53
Noob

Joined: Jul 24, 2004

Date Posted: Jul 27, 2004 #155

Wow James you somehow still avoided the question Ive been asking you so well.

Would Jesus play this game (as a form of entertainment)in moderation and/or associate Himself with this game at all?

Isaiah53, Jul 27, 2004 Report

Messages: 61

zortnac
No Longer a Noob

Joined: Jan 3, 2001
Messages: 32,970

Date Posted: Jul 27, 2004 #156

Jesus didn't associate himself with homeownership either.

That's what we need, an FPS where you play the role of a Prudential Real Estate agent.

"Choose again."
- Aenea

zortnac, Jul 27, 2004 Report

JManUNC
Noob

Joined: Jan 9, 2002
Messages: 4,697

Date Posted: Jul 28, 2004 #157

It all boils down to the bible commands us to be christ like. This is where the whole WWJD thing comes from. In order to be like christ, we should always ask our selves...What Would Jesus Do? Do I think Jesus would go out and buy Doom 3 and play it? Absolutly not.

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My 360 died...please feel free to donate to my paypal account....
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JManUNC, Jul 28, 2004 Report

legacyAccount
Old Account

Joined: Nov 10, 2011

Date Posted: Jul 28, 2004 #158

Dont you think if all christians acted like jesus, society would fall? I mean, they wouldnt have jobs and wouldnt care about anything other than getting others to think like he does...

legacyAccount, Jul 28, 2004 Report

Messages: 4,476,068

james0822
Noob

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Messages: 6,928

Date Posted: Jul 28, 2004 #159

Wow James you somehow still avoided the question Ive been asking you so well.

Would Jesus play this game (as a form of entertainment)in moderation and/or associate Himself with this game at all?

I thought everyone else answered it just as well as I could have. I don't think Jesus would use a computer. Does that make computers evil? Even if He would use a computer, I doubt He'd play video games. Does that make video games evil?

Christians are supposed to be Christ-like in that we are supposed to be striving to reach out to the lost (like Jesus did) and to follow God's will in our lives (like Jesus did) and to love others as as love ourseleves (like Jesus did). What Jesus didn't do was condemn people for not following a strict set of rules that were laid down by the legalistic leaders of the day. Quite the contrary, Jesus condemned those legalistic leaders.

So would Jesus choose to play *Doom 3* himself? Probably not. But Jesus wouldn't condemn someone who did want to play *Doom 3* or any other game for that matter.

When I was in college, I knew someone who believed much the same way you do: that Christianity is a set of 'thou shalt nots' and that we need to follow these strict rules in order to really be saved. He actually told me that I was going to Hell because I was studying to become a programmer. He said that only jobs which require manual labor truly glorify God. Why did he say that? Because of a particularly strict interpretation of ***1 Thessalonians 4:11-12***: *Make it your ambition to lead a quiet life, to mind your own business and to work with your hands, just as we told you, so that your daily life may win the respect of outsiders and so that you will not be dependent on anybody.* And when I told him that I didn't interpret that verse the same way he did, he responded with: "Would Jesus choose to study Man's inventions, or would He study something that would glorify God?"

It's a rediculous question. Jesus was on Earth at a time when there were no computers. Paul lived at a time when the only way to not

make a living via manual labor would be to become a member of the aristocracy, who lived off of the labor of others. Comparing that time to today is like comparing apples and oranges.

The philosophy of "Would Would Jesus Do" only goes so far. If you say that playing *Doom 3* is a sin b/c Jesus wouldn't play it, then driving a car is also a sin. So is using a computer. So is getting into pointless arguments on a message board.

And while one might be able to argue whether or not playing *Doom 3* is a sin, there are some things that are very clearly sins. If you want to take a good look at one of them, read ***Matthew 23*** and ask yourself this question: Would Jesus condemn others based on what forms of entertainment they choose to enjoy?

While there is some question as to whether or not Jesus would play a video game, there is no doubt that Jesus wouldn't behave as the Pharisees did.

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james0822, Jul 28, 2004 Report

ReclaimMySoul
Noob

Joined: Jun 21, 2001
Messages: 19,932

Date Posted: Jul 28, 2004 #160

Also, should we do as Jesus did and built things? Fish? How far can you go...

So Isaiah53 we should not have any hobbys that Jesus himself did not?

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ReclaimMySoul, Jul 28, 2004 Report

Date Posted: Jul 28, 2004

#161

gief641
Prime Member

Joined: Apr 13, 2001
Messages: 17,159

Hobbies that glorify Sin or lead to Sin are to be avoided.

"For God loved the world so much that he gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life. God sent his Son into the world not to judge the world, but to save the world through him."

gief641, Jul 28, 2004 Report

Date Posted: Jul 28, 2004 #162

Hobbies that glorify Sin or lead to Sin are to be avoided.

Of course. But I just don't see how battling fictional demons either glorifies sin or leads to sin.

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james0822, Jul 28, 2004 Report

Date Posted: Jul 28, 2004 #163

"Hobbies that glorify Sin or lead to Sin are to be avoided."

do you see killing evil, such as in this game worth of being avoided...

i shouldnt think so... you are also in favor of the death penalty if memory serves. Whats the difference of ACTUALLY killing someone because they are evil, and pretending to do it?

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legacyAccount, Jul 28, 2004 Report

james0822
Noob

Joined: Sep 16, 2002
Messages: 6,928

Date Posted: Jul 28, 2004 #164

Whats the difference of ACTUALLY killing someone because they are evil, and pretending to do it?

About 50,000 volts.

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Questioning tortilla Jesus? Heresy. - ajo102688

james0822, Jul 28, 2004 Report

illninofan
Noob

Joined: Mar 20, 2004
Messages: 38,448

Date Posted: Jul 28, 2004 #165

Well the pretend person doesn't exist.

Besides if a skeleton monster with two rocket launchers on his back came after me you bet i'd shoot him!

I SHOULD HAVE BEEN THE ONE TO FILL YOUR DARK SOUL WITH LIIIIIIIIIIGHT!!

illninofan, Jul 28, 2004 Report

legacyAccount
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Joined: Nov 10, 2011
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Date Posted: Jul 28, 2004 #166

"Well the pretend person doesn't exist."

exactly... so how can you be FOR the death penalty, and against this game?

legacyAccount, Jul 28, 2004 Report

Date Posted: Jul 28, 2004

#167

gief641
Prime Member

Joined: Apr 13, 2001
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"Whats the difference of ACTUALLY killing someone because they are evil, and pretending to do it?"

In God's view they are both the same:

Teaching about Anger

"You have heard that the law of Moses says, `Do not murder. If you commit murder, you are subject to judgment.' But I say, if you are angry with someone you are subject to judgment! If you call someone an idiot, you are in danger of being brought before the high council. And if you curse someone, you are in danger of the fires of hell. "So if you are standing before the altar in the Temple, offering a sacrifice to God, and you suddenly remember that someone has something against you, leave your sacrifice there beside the altar. Go and be reconciled to that person. Then come and offer your sacrifice to God. Come to terms quickly with your enemy before it is too late and you are dragged into court, handed over to an officer, and thrown in jail. I assure you that you won't be free again until you have paid the last penny."

Teaching about Adultery

"You have heard that the law of Moses says, `Do not commit adultery.' But I say, anyone who even looks at a woman with lust in his eye has already committed adultery with her in his heart. So if your eye--even if it is your good eye--causes you to lust, gouge it out and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one part of your body than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. And if your hand--even if it is your stronger hand--causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one part of your body than for your whole body to be thrown into hell." Matthew 5:21-30 NLT

Jesus is basically saying that sin begins in our thoughts, which comes from our very own heart:

"It is the thought-life that defiles you. For from within, out of a person's heart, come evil thoughts, sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery, greed, wickedness, deceit, eagerness for lustful pleasure, envy, slander, pride, and foolishness. All these vile things come from within; they are what defile you and make

you unacceptable to God." Mark 7:21-23

So I hope you can see why certain types of entertianment is sinful.

"For God loved the world so much that he gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life. God sent his Son into the world not to judge the world, but to save the world through him."

gief641, Jul 28, 2004 Report

Darkeforce
Noob

Joined: May 7, 2001
Messages: 3,722

Date Posted: Jul 28, 2004 #168

^^^ Gief my friend, you are torturing scripture!
""Whats the difference of ACTUALLY killing someone because they are evil, and pretending to do it?"

In God's view they are both the same: "

So, you're telling me that killing "demons" in Doom 3 is the same as killing a real person?

You go on to post a quote about (as you put it), "Teaching about Anger"

I'm never angry when playing a game. It's entertainment. I'm having a good time.

You then go on to posting a scripture passage about "Teaching about Adultery". How in the world does this pertain to videogames or other entertaiment.

Now, I'm not going to say that all "entertainment" is ok, because I don't think a Christian should go to a strip club for entertainment, but that's because the bible is pretty clear about being lustful. But, this is just a game (albeit violent) about killing bad monsters. Could a Christian do something more constructive with his/her time than play doom 3? I suppose, but there's nothing inherently wrong with wasting a bit of time with this mindless fun.

Darkeforce, Jul 28, 2004 Report

Date Posted: Jul 28, 2004

#169

james0822
Noob

Joined: Sep 16, 2002
Messages: 6,928

So I hope you can see why certain types of entertainment is sinful.

You have an excellent case for why pornography is sinful. But your arguments still say nothing about why blowing away fictional demons is sinful. I'm not enraged when I'm playing a video game. I don't have a desire to kill anyone irl.

And you never did answer his question about your support for the death penalty.

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james0822, Jul 28, 2004 Report

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Date Posted: Jul 28, 2004 #170

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gief641, Jul 28, 2004 Report

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Date Posted: Jul 28, 2004 #171

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I read it three times, in case I missed something. And I agree, if you hate someone, you've murdered them from God's point of view. But how does that relate to video games?

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We understand the point that Jesus is making, we just don't think that this particular teaching applies to playing a game such as Doom 3. Now, if the game was called "Cheat On Your Wife 2K5", you might have something.

You just can't make a good case as to why killing imaginary demons (They're demons!!! They need killingn! It's the lord's work! LOL - tongue in cheek) would be considered sinful.

Darkeforce, Jul 28, 2004 Report

ReclaimMySoul
Noob

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Messages: 19,932

Date Posted: Jul 28, 2004 #173

Whoa, Greif how on earth can you say the death penelty is ok? Thats killing in the real world. Thats REAL sin.

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ReclaimMySoul, Jul 28, 2004 Report

Date Posted: Jul 28, 2004

#174

nester7929
The Masked Man

Joined: Dec 19, 2001
Messages: 8,410

Hmm...

Mostly agree with James, however I thought of something interesting. Jesus said "Whoever even looks at a woman in lust has committed adultery in his heart." Video games may be the same thing, in regards to killing humans in games. I have no problem with playing Onimusha 3 and reducing demons to dust. If you think about it though, all you are really doing is deleting a line of coding from a program. Even if it is a sin, Jesus will still forgive you. I think another reason he died is so questionable stuff like this can't send you to hell.

I think we are reading a little too deep into this.

"The difference between good artists and great artists is not how they paint, but what they choose to paint." -Rob Paulsen
The music will live again.
Live a life led by love.

nester7929, Jul 28, 2004 Report

Date Posted: Jul 28, 2004 #175

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Someone could argue that if in that game you are pretending in your mind that you're killing people that make you mad then thats the sin. But I only say that compareing it to the whole 'its sin to cheat on your wife /lust in your mind'.

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Date Posted: Jul 28, 2004 #176

Killing 'incited by video game'
Parents of murdered teenager call for ban
Colin Blackstock
Thursday July 29, 2004
The Guardian

The parents of a 14-year-old boy who was bludgeoned and stabbed to death by another teenager yesterday blamed a video game for his murder.

Stefan Pakeerah was stabbed and beaten repeatedly with a hammer in an attack his mother described as mimicking the gameplay in the video game Manhunt.

Giselle Pakeerah, who had been in Leicester crown court yesterday to hear Warren Leblanc plead guilty to the murder of her son, said she believed the game had led the 17-year-old to kill.

"I think that I heard some of Warren's friends say that he was obsessed with this game," she said. "To quote from the website that promotes it, it calls it a psychological experience, not a game, and it encourages brutal killing. If he was obsessed with it, it could well be that the boundaries for him became quite hazy."

Leblanc, 17, of Braunstone Frith, Leicester, lured the boy to a park where he carried out the sustained attack using a knife and sledgehammer.

He was caught by police leaving the scene and later confessed to the attack. Leblanc now faces the possibility of life behind bars.

Ms Pakeerah, a 36-year-old senior research nurse, said: "This game was seized by the police as evidence. A report was done on the game and it was quite horrific. **The aim of the game is to kill and to do it brutally.**

"It should not be available and it should not be available to young people."

Stefan's father, Patrick, said that a police report showed that Leblanc

had introduced his young son to the computer game and said that it and similar games should not be available to children.

"The way Warren committed the murder - this is how the game is set out - killing people using weapons like hammers and knives," he said. "There is some connection between the game and what he has done.

"Games like this that influence kids should be taken off the streets completely."

Stefan's parents' call for the game to be removed from sale is likely to reignite a long running argument over the influence of video games and films.

After the murder of James Bulger in 1993 there were various calls for the banning of "video nasties". At the time MPs called for certain films to be banned.

There was a similar outcry after the Columbine school shooting, when Eric Harris and Dylan Klebold murdered 12 students and a teacher and wounded 23 others before shooting themselves at the high school in Littleton, Colorado, in April 1999.

They were known to enjoy playing Doom, a game licensed by the US military to train soldiers to kill.

However, this is not the first time Manhunt has come under scrutiny. Last December, it had the dubious honour of being the first video game banned in New Zealand.

Rockstar Games, the company behind Manhunt, yesterday said its games were aimed at an adult audience and were classified by the British Board of Film Certification.

A statement released by the company said: "We extend our deepest sympathies to those affected by these tragic events.

"Rockstar Games is a leading publisher of interactive entertainment geared towards mature audiences and markets its games responsibly, targeting advertising and marketing only to adult consumers aged 18 and older."

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Date Posted: Jul 28, 2004 #177

Whoa, Greif how on earth can you say the death penelty is ok? Thats killing in the real world. Thats REAL sin.

I never said that the death penalty was okay. What I do believe is that God is in control of all the Governments and He puts each one in power for specific reasons that only He knows about:

"Obey the government, for God is the one who put it there. All governments have been placed in power by God. So those who refuse to obey the laws of the land are refusing to obey God, and punishment will follow. For the authorities do not frighten people who are doing right, but they frighten those who do wrong. So do what they say, and you will get along well. The authorities are sent by God to help you. But if you are doing something wrong, of course you should be afraid, for you will be punished. The authorities are established by God for that very purpose, to punish those who do wrong. So you must obey the government for two reasons: to keep from being punished and to keep a clear conscience. ay your taxes, too, for these same reasons. For government workers need to be paid so they can keep on doing the work God intended them to do. Give to everyone what you owe them: Pay your taxes and import duties, and give respect and honor to all to whom it is due." Romans 13:1-7

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Date Posted: Jul 28, 2004 #179

Okay do you think God is controlling Bush or something?

I believe that God is using Bush to accomplish His will in these last days on Earth (just like Romans 13:1-7 says). God can also use John Kerry to accomplish His Will.

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Messages: 35,205

Date Posted: Jul 28, 2004 #180

I have to just say that God doesn't "use" anyone. He invites people to follow him of their free will and choice. Any "use" God gets out of anyone is because they are 100% willing to do it by their free will and choice.

This goes with governments of the world as well. God doesn't establish governments - people do that with their own free will. The good governments and the bad are all established with free will of mankind. Now, if some of those governments heed the invitation to adopt moral principles into their laws which come from God then guess what? It's still a free choice of mankind to do so.

Totally called AC3 setting in 2011

captveg, Jul 28, 2004 Report

Date Posted: Jul 28, 2004 #181

"I have to just say that God doesn't "use" anyone."

"Now you will see what I will do to Pharaoh," the LORD told Moses. "When he feels my powerful hand upon him, he will let the people go. In fact, he will be so anxious to get rid of them

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that he will force them to leave his land!" Exodus 6:1

Then the LORD said to Moses, "Return to Pharaoh and again make your demands. I have made him and his officials stubborn so I can continue to display my power by performing miraculous signs among them. You will be able to tell wonderful stories to your children and grandchildren about the marvelous things I am doing among the Egyptians to prove that I am the LORD." Exodus 10:1-2

God used Pharaoh to show His power and accomplish His will.

"For God loved the world so much that he gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life. God sent his Son into the world not to judge the world, but to save the world through him."

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Date Posted: Jul 28, 2004 #182

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Man, that article proves NOTHING. The kid already had problems. Guess what? I've played games like Manhunt, where I blow up, cut up and murder in a virtual world.

Guess what? I havent killed anyone. The game hasnt taken control of me, the problem here? The kid himself was already unstable. Violence like this has been around since the dawn of time and will always be around, dog eat dog. Thats life, video games are just a scape goat for parents who refuse to admit they raised a disturbed child and dont want to accept the fact that they failed as a parent.

And God can use people now? Wait, what about free will?

What I do believe is that God is in control of all the Governments and He puts each one in power for specific reasons that only He knows about:[hr]

So God put Hitler in power? Stalin? Caligula? Wow, thanks God! I sure as hell hope ther was a good reason because as far as I can see there want.

And again, if God does that he isn't really giving us free will now is he? He is influencing the world and taking control away from us.

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ReclaimMySoul, Jul 28, 2004 Report

Mattius2011
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Messages: 4,759

Date Posted: Jul 28, 2004 #183

jeesh. Its like counter arguments are just being handed to the people you are trying to debate with their sir Gief. It seems, based on the claims your making and how you back them up, that you are your own worst enemy.

Your unpeeling like an onion, the more layers that get peeled back the stinkier it gets.

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You could at least pretend like you understand what i am talking about.
jeesh.
bad prez tactic #3: Attack another country then afterwards insert some seemingly noble reason which had nothing to do with it

Mattius2011, Jul 28, 2004 Report

godshatter
Noob

Joined: Feb 4, 2003
Messages: 2,726

Date Posted: Jul 28, 2004 #184

Mind control. Another one of the unfortunate side-effects of Christianity.

pernicious heretic
fundamentalist occultist
member of House Ravenclaw

godshatter, Jul 28, 2004 Report

Date Posted: Jul 28, 2004 #185

Reclaim, God CALLS us, not forces us. Moses didn't have to free the people. The reason God says Pharoah would let them go is because he would feel God, and this would make him so frightened he would let them go. As for Hitler, Stalin, and the others, they assumed power because there is free will in the world. God already knows the course

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The Masked Man

Joined: Dec 19, 2001
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of the world better than we ever could, and has planned accordingly. It is possible that they assumed power and those things had to happen so worse things would not. It is also possible that they were trusted with power and abused it such as David and Saul did. We will never know God's intent or way of doing things, so we just have to have faith.

Mattius, Christians disagree just like everyone else.

Mind Control? Don't make me laugh. Now that I am a Christian, I see how much control things of this world had over me. How can you say someone else is controlled when you've never been on the other side. Remember that an outside perspective doesn't show very much.

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nester7929, Jul 28, 2004 Report

peridot1
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Joined: Nov 5, 2003
Messages: 5,140

Date Posted: Jul 28, 2004 #186

I have been on the inside of Christianity... twice. I am now reading the Bible again to see if I missed something. I won't get into a question of mind control or anything but I'm dealing with the same issue I had before with this religion...

I feel that Jesus really knew something but did we interpret His message right? That's another issue that would throw everything off topic.

Thing is back in those days people did not have the distractions we do today. No television, videogames, radio... etc. They had only to deal with their own thoughts and encounter others. I can't imagine what that must be like. However I'm willing to bet they had to deal with evil all the time. They had no choice but to face it. I believe going out a night was a sure ticket to be murdered, robbed, raped... probably in that order.

btw nester, what in your opinion is the oldest version of the Bible? I'm going to Biblegateway.com and I'm trying to find the Jesus sermon on the mound in the oldest translation possible. Again, off topic, sorry.

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Noob

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Date Posted: Jul 28, 2004 #187

Mattius, Christians disagree just like everyone else.

No freaking duh, thats what this whole thread is practically about: Christians who disagree with eachother. Nobody said anything claiming otherwise.

The only thing im pointing out is that Gief (and others) is making some pretty bad errors concerning his argumentation for this topic.

Debating is like a game, 2 or more sides go back and forth till someone can "win" the game, in this case some people are passing the ball to the other team(s), and if you know anything about sports you know that usually doing such a thing is not so wise.

The fact that i have to explain this is freaking sad. Tis a sad day indeed.

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Date Posted: Jul 28, 2004 #188

I know how to debate, thank you. I was just making sure that no one brought up the whole "Christians disagree and therefore negate everything they believe in" crap I have to listen to day after day...

Peridot, the King James version is the oldest, but not the best one. The New International Version has been translated from original texts, only without Old English; it's much easier to understand and usually includes links to related verses where Jesus's teachings are based off of. Check it out fo' shizzle.

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Date Posted: Jul 28, 2004 #189

Thanks

What do you think of the msg (Message) version? Last off topic post I swear.

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nester7929
The Masked Man

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Date Posted: Jul 28, 2004 #190

Do you mean what I think of the message itself or is it accurate? Oh well, I'll answer 'em both. The sermon on the mound is the most insightful teaching Jesus ever gave. It took old, unclear laws and clarified them. It is also where you can find the Beatitudes, a system of self-rewards earned by doing good. Read the sermon on the mount over and over until you can remember Jesus' advice on every topic.

The sermon is identical in the NIV as it is in the KJV. The only difference is the Old English makes it very unclear in some parts. If you have any other questions just PM me and I'll see what I can do for you.

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No, on the Biblegateway.com there is a version called msg *Message* version where the words are changed quite dramatically.

In this one Jesus saying if you look at a woman with lust better to blind that eye rather than having your whole body going to the dump. That's how different it is.

Doesn't matter. You helped a bunch. Thanks again.

Edit: and thanks for your offer of help. I may need it.

peridot1, Jul 28, 2004 Report

Isaiah53
Noob

Joined: Jul 24, 2004
Messages: 61

Date Posted: Jul 28, 2004 #192

Just read the NKJV it takes out all the old enlish.

Isaiah53, Jul 28, 2004 Report

captveg
Almost Not a Noob

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Date Posted: Jul 28, 2004 #193

So, Andrew, do you deny free will when God decides to "use" us?

God used Pharaoh to show His power and accomplish His will.

But he didn't take away Pharaoh's freedom of choice. He gave Pharaoh the choice to change his ways, but Pharoah hardened his heart and refused.

That's right, I said Pharaoh hardened his own heart. The phrase "God hardened Pharaoh's heart" is a mistranslation.

So, Joseph Smith's translation of Exodus 10:1 rightfully reads:

AND the LORD said unto Moses, Go in unto Pharaoh: for he hath

hardened his heart, and the hearts of his servants, therefore I will show these my signs before him;

You see, it is not until AFTER Pharaoh hardens his own heart that God sends Moses. God did not make Pharaoh evil in order to free the people of Israel - Pharaoh by his own free will and choice became evil and rejected God.

But of course, Joseph Smith in your eyes was probably used by God for purposes only God knows in order to deceive me, right?

Totally called AC3 setting in 2011

captveg, Jul 28, 2004 Report

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Date Posted: Jul 29, 2004 #194

Dear James,
Peter poses the question in 2nd peter 3 after making it clear that Jesus is coming back. What does that mean to YOU as a christian? What kind of person should you be? If you are antisipating what he calls "The day of God" in verse 12, the glorious future, the eternal state of righteous glory then how should that impact your life now? If your looking forward to that final heaven and glory shouldnt it have some very strong implication how you live? We dont long for the day of the Lord. That term is used in verse 10 talking about judgement destruction and damnation. We know its inevitable but we long for what comes after the day of the Lord which is the eternal "day of God."
If Jesus is coming to reward you,coming to take you to be with Him, coming to build for you a new heaven and a new earth,coming to deliver you from judgment and to usher you into the great eternal day of God, coming to take you into the kingdom of eternal righteousness that ought to impact your life!

verse "11Since all these things are to be destroyed in this way, what sort of people ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness, 12looking for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be destroyed by burning, and the elements will melt with intense heat!

Youll notice in verse 11 there is no question mark but ends with an exclaimation! (NAS version) In fact that phrase "What sort of people" come from a very unique Greek term potipus. It doesnt acctually ask a quetion at all. It marks an exlaimation of astonishment. It does not

expect an answer. It could be translated ....How astoundingly, how astonishingly excellent you ought be. When he says "What sort of people ought you to be" implied in that is what level of excellence ought you to live!
That is a straight forward challenge TO CHRISTIANS to conform their lives to the reality of eternity.

In other words if you have been made for that, created for that,redeemed for that, sanctified for that then you ought to begin to live in the light of that.

In 2nd corinthians 5:9 paul can add to peters point "9Therefore we also have as our ambition, whether at home or absent, to be pleasing to Him.
10For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may be recompensed for his deeds in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad.
Theres coming a time when we are going to receive an eternal reward. We are all gonna stand before that judgment.At that point in time when the Lord judges the secrets of our hearts everyone of us will have praise from God and we will enter into our eternal reward.

What kind of people ought we to be then?
We are not living for this world. We are aliens, strangers, forieners. We do not love the world nor the things in the world.We belong to a heavenly place.

First of all there is a general statement in verse 11. "what sort of people ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness," that is the arena in which he is speaking. Holy conduct refers to action or behavoir or the way you live your life and godliness refers to additude or what rules your heart. Both terms are in the plural untranslatable in english but in greek they just take the concept of holiness and godliness and spread it out over life. So what kind of person should you be in holynesses and godlinesses so that its spread over everything. Every area of our lives.

And in this of the 2nd coming of Jesus draws us back to 1st peter chapter1."13Therefore,prepare your minds for action" (thats the outside getting your conduct right) ,"keep sober in spirit" (thats the inside getting your additude right),"fix your hope completely on the grace to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ." (There is that same concept. Live in the light of that unbelievable grace that will be bestowed upon you when Jesus is fully revealed in all His glory and sets up His eternal kingdom. Live in the light of that and it will impact your actions and it will impact your mind or your heart.)

"14 As obedient children, do not be conformed to the former lusts which were yours in your ignorance,
15but like the Holy One who called you,be holy yourselves also in all your behavior;" (He is calling for holiness in the light of living FOR eternity.Holiness then is to extend to all areas of life.Its consistant for where we are headed. That is the direction we ought to take.If we are Gods children if we are headed for His kingdom we should behave in a manner consistant with that identification in verse 15.)
"16because it is written, "YOU SHALL BE HOLY, FOR I AM HOLY."

Matthew 5:48
48 "Therefore you are to be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect.
We cant be perfect can we? Thats why Jesus came but it is at least easy to stay away from evil games like doom3.
Colossians 3
"2 Set your mind on the things above, not on the things that are on earth."

1 John 2:28 "Now,little children,abide in Him,so that when He appears,we may have confidence and not shrink away from Him in shame at His coming."

What is the liberty we have in Christ to do things the bible doesnt talk about? Like specifically playing doom3? But the real question is how are we going to glorify God in the use of that liberty?
How are we gonna say well the bible doesnt forbid this wether its eating meat and cheese,drinking wine going to this entertainment or that entertainment,shoping on sundays whatever it might be that is your particular culture that somthing is approved or disaproved whatever that gray area is how do you aplly this principle so that you can do everything that you do to the glory of God?

I want to do that.
Edification over gratification is what the Lord is telling the Christian to do.
1st corinthians chapter 10
"23All things are lawful, but not all things are profitable. All things are lawful, but not all things edify." Twice it says all thing are lawful. Back in chapter 6 verse 12 twice it says all things are lawful. This was a slogan the corinthians were useing becasue paul had been there before and said it.
So whenever they wanted to go and do things they said "well all things are lawful." "The bible doesnt say we cant do it and paul said all things are lawful."

And this isnt even talking about evil, just the stuff in the gray area. Which it is obvious, though, there is much evil in this game anyways, but lets just talk about that gray area now.
All things are not expediant and all things do not edify or build up. This game is far from edification let alone the evil that is consistant in it.
So even if the game was and/or is lawful is it beeficial and does it build us up?

You dont wanna say "I wanna do it cause its neutral" You should say "I wanna to do it cause its positive"
And if you have a choice between neutral and positve you wanaa do a positive.And if all youve got in your life is choices of neutral or neutral your not doing anything.
Does it edify my spiritual walk with Jesus?
Your not trying to gratify yourself,your not trying to do what pleases you, but you are trying to do what builds you up and others up for Jesus.

ed·i·fy
To instruct especially so as to encourage intellectual, moral, or spiritual improvement.

Everything we do (as christians) in the end is to be that we spiritually grow in grace and in the knolledge of the Lord Jesus.

What builds us up or edifys us.
#1 The word of God.Read the bible.

Paul says in Acts 20:32 "And now I commend you to God and to the WORD of His grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified."

#2 Preaching and teaching.
1 Corinthians 14:3 "But one who prophesies speaks to men for edification and exhortation and consolation.
4 One who speaks in a tongue edifies himself; but one who prophesies edifies the church.
#3 Love builds up
1 Corinthians 8:1
"Now concerning things sacrificed to idols, we know that we all have knowledge. Knowledge makes arrogant, but love edifies.
#4 obedience builds up. Obedient service.
Ephesians 4:12
"for the equipping of the saints for the work of service, to the building up of the body of Christ;"

1 Corinthians 14:26
"What is the outcome then, brethren? When you assemble,each one has a psalm, has a teaching, has a revelation, has a tongue, has an interpretation. Let ALL things be done for edification."

Let everything you do in the end result edify you closer to Jesus.

Ephesians 4:29
"Let no unwholesome word proceed from your mouth, but only such a word as is good for edification according to the need of the moment, so that it will give grace to those who hear."

1 Thessalonians 5:11
"Therefore encourage one another and build up one another, just as you also are doing."

The guide for our life then is to do what builds us up. It is edification over gratification that determines what I do with christian liberty.

Then there is liberty over legalism. And here is the balance.Here is what creates the tention at this point.We could all end up going crazy cause there is always somebody whos against everything.If you look long enough youll find someone who wont do anything.They might say well Jesus wouldnt drive a car so its evil or Jesus woulndt watch TV so its evil and it doent edify me. OK. But here is the balance driving a car or using a computer is not evil but what you do with it is what can be evil. If there were cars on the earth in the day of Jesus I woulndt see why He wouldnt use one but is He using it for transportation or to kill people by running them over. He used a donky did He not? In the same way I can use a computor for good or I could put a demonic game on it and use it for evil. There is a difference!!!!

Driving a car might not be edifying but is it evil.
Only if you use it for evil.Is a computor evil? Only if you use it for evil. Say your driving your car and you get cut off or someone side swips you and you get get angry and have evil thoughts, then you are sinning in your thoughts.But noone is saying not to drive a car because you can control your anger and thoughts as to where this game in IT SELF is already containing demons and evil things.

Its already been established the game is demonic everyone agrees that those are demons in the game and wether they are a bunch of 1s and 0s they are still images of demons and attached to it are satanic symbols and meanings.

This game does not edify anyone except those that are not with Jesus.If you are a christain we ought to be living a life of godliness and holiness and demons are no where in there.

If you are a christain and are entertained by these games then I dont know what will entertain you in heaven because there wont be things like this there.
In fact I was redeemed and saved FROM these things so why in the world would I want to associate myself with them?
Thats exactly it.Not only are these things evil but they are also of THE WORLD in which we are not citizens of but we are citizens of the kingdom of God!

Put off these old and evil ways.Glorify God in all you do. Get rid of these types of games and you will show God that you trust in Him with all your heart leaning not on your own understaning.In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He will make your paths straight. (Proverbs 3:5-6)

Isaiah53, Jul 29, 2004 Report

james0822
Noob

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Date Posted: Jul 29, 2004 #195

Ugh... give me a bit for a response. I don't have time to read that large of a post, much less properly respond to it!

One of the problems with working for a living...

Fundamentalist Heretic
Jesus wept. - John 11:35
h3r371c!!11! - headbomb
Questioning tortilla Jesus? Heresy. - ajo102688

james0822, Jul 29, 2004 Report

nester7929

Date Posted: Jul 29, 2004 #196

Captveg, what you said is exactly what I think. I don't see where you came up with something different. I think God does call us, yet we have our own free will to refuse the call. Sometimes, however, I think God can force you to do something if he absolutely needs it. Just look at Jonah.

The Masked Man

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ReclaimMySoul
Noob

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Date Posted: Jul 29, 2004 #197

My eyes hurt, if you're gonna make a post that big use some markup to make it flow better..

Anyways, I'll respond to this

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Why can't a Christian enjoy several kinds of entertainment? Or why not let people enjoy games now with this life while they have it? Many people here have said playing a game wont get you sent to hell, so whats the big deal? Some of my friends are 'born agains' and they enjoy GTA. Are they not saved then? (but wait, you're not God so you can't judge anyone).

Making the personal choice not to play a game, thats fine even though I think your reasons are a bit silly. But to say that saved Christians should'nt? Thats just retarded.

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Date Posted: Jul 29, 2004

#198

Isaiah53
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Messages: 61

"Many people here have said playing a game wont get you sent to hell, so whats the big deal?"

Many people arent God.
I never said that playing games will cause you to lose your salvation. There is a big difference between playing tetris where you move blocks around than playing what is clearly a demonic game.You people know what Im talking about.
And I am not claiming anything but declairing what the word of God says.Christians should stay away from these games because of what the word of God says.

Sorry for making that post so long but read it again.

Isaiah53, Jul 29, 2004 Report

KingOfTheEchoPeople
Your 120 x 120 icon is assy.

Joined: May 5, 2003
Messages: 13,159

Date Posted: Jul 29, 2004 #199

Many people arent God.

Last I checked, neither is Isaiah53.

"We are the vultures of enlightenment circling the carcass of ignorance." - Sabyn
Former J0EBL0W adoptee. If you hate me, PM him and complain.
Proudly Hellbound.

KingOfTheEchoPeople, Jul 29, 2004 Report

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Date Posted: Jul 29, 2004 #200

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And I am not claiming anything but declairing what the word of God says.Christians should stay away from these games because of what the word of God says.

Sorry for making that post so long but read it again.[hr]

Thats the whole point, if you wont loose your salvation than who cares? it isn't a sentence to hell to play and enjoy GTA/Doom/Manhunt and so on... so then why does it matter? It dont matta to Jesus.

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