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Date Posted: Apr 22, 2003 #151

Anything wrong with religion like saying yours is better is the fault of people. People have always twisted religion to meet there own needs from biblical times to the middle ages to the jihad islamic extremeist have against americans.

jal311
Noob

Joined: Nov 12, 2002
Messages: 314

The great thing about many eastern religion is theres nothing to twist by people. Where the western religions have been used to put inividuals in to higher moral or politcal standing its nearly impossible to do that with many eastern religions because they stress personal faith over organized faith.

Edit- Yeah i'm pretty sure Zen buddhism is the main religion in Japan but since the end of WWII when the emperor admitted to not being a decendent of god religious intrest declined but it think its been making a comback somewhat in recent years
^could be wrong but I think this is fact

jal311, Apr 22, 2003 Report

MegaVolt67
16-bit Mod

Joined: Jun 7, 2001
Messages: 17,402

Date Posted: Apr 22, 2003 #152

That sounds reasonable, Jal. That's probably all it is. It's too bad that many will deceive themselves into thinking that it's the right thing to do though. The thought that you're "helping" someone by showing them the "error" in their ways. That feeling has led to holy wars and all sorts of atrocities. It's a shame. Perhaps the intentions are good. But if the one receiving the "good intentions" doesn't feel that it's good, then that decision should be respected. If the guy with "good intentions" doesn't bother to listen, or dismisses the complaint as "misguided"... Well, it can never be right then. And I'd be forced to question his **true** intentions.

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MegaVolt67, Apr 22, 2003 Report

jal311
Noob

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Date Posted: Apr 22, 2003 #153

Well some people have risen above this paradox you propose, such as Ghandi. Which gives me hope that religions can live side by side.

~Intresting side note Ghandi wouldn't let one of his Christian friends convert to his religion because he felt the easiest way to the "truth" is to stay on the path (religion) you were raised on.

jal311, Apr 22, 2003 Report

Date Posted: Apr 22, 2003 #154

-Lacan-
Noob

Joined: Sep 25, 2002
Messages: 11,561

That feeling has led to holy wars and all sorts of atrocities.

I want to make this point even though you all probably realize this already. Still, I think it needs to be stated.

Many of these "Holy Wars" and missions gone awry and such are not because of the religion itself. They are more often than not caused by groups of individuals who pervert the religion to their advantage. Usually these people are in position of power and can make others believe this is what the religion stands for, when in reality, their gospel speaks nothing of the sort. That's why you cannot just accept religions based soley on face value.

In nearly all cases, it is humans that are evil. Not religion.

~R|D~
Witty movie quote here

-Lacan-, Apr 22, 2003 Report

jal311
Noob

Joined: Nov 12, 2002
Messages: 314

Date Posted: Apr 22, 2003 #155

I think thats the point Mega is making. Its not the religion that makes people do these things, it the people that make religions do theses things.

jal311, Apr 22, 2003 Report

Susurrus_Rebirth
Almost Not a Noob

Joined: Oct 13, 2002
Messages: 4,281

Date Posted: Apr 22, 2003 #156

Hey, that sux that you're family won't accept that you're not christian.

My girlfriend is very Christian, and I'm Atheist. People say it won't work because of that, but so far so good (approaching a year even though there were tough times due to some other things that I'm not at liberty to speak about, but they're definately an obsticle, a big one). We just accept the fact that the other one believes the way they do and we're set. B-D.

Being Atheist has its advantages job-wise, too. Several business that are primary Christian hire me cause I can work Sunday mornings .

Wii U/3DS: Susurrus
Playstation Network: Susurrus

Xbox Live: Susurration

Susurrus_Rebirth, Apr 22, 2003 Report

MegaVolt67
16-bit Mod

Joined: Jun 7, 2001
Messages: 17,402

Date Posted: Apr 22, 2003 #157

Yeah, Lacan. I agree totally.

This is my concern:

Do you think it's possible that these humans who pervert the religion might **actually believe** they're doing good? **That's** what I wonder about. I'm sure that some might purposely do it for bad reasons, but my concern is with those who might actually and truly think they are doing good. What can you do about people like that...?

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MegaVolt67, Apr 22, 2003 Report

Bucko57
Noob

Joined: Sep 2, 2000
Messages: 2,310

Date Posted: Apr 22, 2003 #158

I would say that some believe it. After time I think a lot of people convince themselves that they are right, even if they knew they were wrong beforehand.

http://www.badastronomy.com/

Bucko57, Apr 22, 2003 Report

mikel
Prime Member

Joined: Jul 5, 2001
Messages: 2,708

Date Posted: Apr 22, 2003 #159

Well, Mormonism was started by a guy who hought an angel came to him. I'm pretty sure he believed it. (I'm coming from a christian standpoint, so sorry for my brushing off of the validity of Mormonism)

Go on a crusade to kill the perverting bastards!!! Er...

Being religious, and believing that evil comes from the devil, I'd say pray and ask God to open their eyes. (shrug)

Remember me as: The Nobody

mikel, Apr 22, 2003 Report

MegaVolt67
16-bit Mod

Joined: Jun 7, 2001
Messages: 17,402

Date Posted: Apr 22, 2003 #160

Yeah, it sucks, Susurrus. I just mention to them that I'm analyzing the situation and they tell me it's the tricks of the devil.

Yeah, I suppose that's true Bucko. How else could slavery have existed? People had to de-humanize the enslaved in their minds, since enslaving another human being is obviously wrong. It seems that people can find ways to justify almost anything.

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MegaVolt67, Apr 22, 2003 Report

-Lenin-
Noob

Joined: Apr 24, 2002
Messages: 18,711

Date Posted: Apr 22, 2003 #161

The arguments such as "Prove to me God exists"/"Prove to me god doesn't exist!" are moot.

They are pointless.

Come to think about it, does it really matter what one commits their life to? I mean we all die in the end anyway, so what's the point eh?

I firmly believe religion as we know it is merely a tool to control people. God and whatever else might very well exist, but as human beings, we have taken advantage of this and exploited each other using it. Just as we exploit each other with about everything else there is to exploit with.

Organized religion has no place in this world, it is the catalyst for which billions and billions of people have ultimately been killed by.

But that's just my opinion at 20 of 1am half-asleep.

Goodnight.

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-Lenin-, Apr 22, 2003 Report

jal311
Noob

Joined: Nov 12, 2002
Messages: 314

Date Posted: Apr 22, 2003 #162

Mega:

I'm pretty sure people think there "right" all the time with religion or anything. Why is the US in Iraq? Because we think we're right yet protesters and some individuals in the middle east think we're wrong. No one actually does stuff they believe is wrong because if they felt it was wrong they would feel guilty and guilt would drive them either to fix what they did or do better next time

jal311, Apr 22, 2003 Report

MegaVolt67
16-bit Mod

Joined: Jun 7, 2001
Messages: 17,402

Date Posted: Apr 22, 2003 #163

Well, I don't know how people can honestly feel that they're totally right all the time. I realize that you should make a decision and stand by it, but I still think to question whether it's truly right or not. I certainly don't feel like I'm totally right. My posts in this religion discussion are a shining example of my uncertainty. Also, people sometimes do things because they feel that they have no choice. I'm sure that some soldiers over there may not fully agree with the war, but they have a duty to perform. Anyways, I'm sure that there are people who actually never question their positions(some conservatives), but I can never be like that.

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MegaVolt67, Apr 22, 2003 Report

-Lenin-
Noob

Joined: Apr 24, 2002
Messages: 18,711

Date Posted: Apr 22, 2003 #164

I am in the Navy, and I have that duty to perform as well.

The problem is our innate need for power, it is what makes us a weak race and prevents us from becoming what we truly could be.

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Date Posted: Apr 22, 2003 #165

MegaVolt67
16-bit Mod

Joined: Jun 7, 2001
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I think so too. If we dropped this need to be better than others, and worked together as equals, I'm sure that we could accomplish even greater things. Now how do deal with that "human nature" problem... (It's too bad we can't work together like ants do)

I am in the Navy, and I have that duty to perform as well.

Keep up the good work, Lenin.

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MegaVolt67, Apr 22, 2003 Report

jal311
Noob

Joined: Nov 12, 2002
Messages: 314

Date Posted: Apr 22, 2003 #166

I don't mean that you have to believe in something 100% to say or do it. Just at least enough so if you do it you't don't feel bad. But if you do something and feel bad it doesn't matter if you did it because God has already forgiven you for it.

jal311, Apr 22, 2003 Report

MegaVolt67
16-bit Mod

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Messages: 17,402

Date Posted: Apr 22, 2003 #167

Ah, so you mean that you have to be able to live with it at least. Right?

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MegaVolt67, Apr 22, 2003 Report

Date Posted: Apr 22, 2003 #168

basically

jal311
Noob

Joined: Nov 12, 2002
Messages: 314

jal311, Apr 22, 2003 Report

-Mustadio-
Noob

Joined: Feb 26, 2003
Messages: 221

Date Posted: Apr 22, 2003 #169

Wow, there are a lot of posts here. I wish I had time to read through all of them.

Getting back to the RPG side of things, I've noticed this trend too. My personal theory is that it has something to do with World War II. You see uring the war, the Japanese people revered the Emperor as a god. Being defeated kind of knocked that to the ground, so this theme shows up a lot in Japanese culture because its part of their history.

On another note, I feel sorry for those of you with no form of religion in your lives. At the end of it all, even if it turns out there is no high power, I'd rather have gone through life feeling that there had been.

HEY!
**** my Final Fantasy art at: ****
geocities.com/magicalhelmet/

-Mustadio-, Apr 22, 2003 Report

Deicide_III
Noob

Joined: Jul 23, 2002
Messages: 6,781

Date Posted: Apr 22, 2003 #170

...But wouldn't that have been clinging on to a...lie?

It's brilliant that this thread developed into the discussion that it did, but how come i've been banned numerous times for my remarks on religion, In places like the Zelda and Metroid boards? (not looking for an *answer* to that question, heh) Admittedly, they were quite bitter comments at times, but as one of you mentioned earlier, if any of them had an ounce of maturity, It couldn't have offended them in a million years...

"The limits of my language are the limits of my world." - Wittgenstein
Now shmupping: Gradius IV, Under Defeat, X-Multiply, R-Type II and Darius Gaiden
BAL-SAGOTH

Deicide_III, Apr 22, 2003 Report

sinluien
Noob

Joined: Apr 9, 2003
Messages: 46

Date Posted: Apr 22, 2003 #171

i think in ffx it played a moajor part in. religion in these games i think they try to make it closer to a real place and if you think about it, religion not only starts a lot of shit in video games but in real life as well. which im sure was already discussed but i b gettin lerned good right now in computer class and didnt have time to read everything.

sinluien, Apr 22, 2003 Report

-Mustadio-
Noob

Joined: Feb 26, 2003
Messages: 221

Date Posted: Apr 22, 2003 #172

"...But wouldn't that have been clinging on to a...lie? "

I'm just saying that faith is helpful in dealing with life. Who is to say what is a lie? Even if, on your last day on earth, you discover it was all false, at least it gave you solice when you needed it. You can't scientificly prove higher existance while you're living; that's why it's faith. If you have faith you don't need proof. Simple as that, right or wrong.

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-Mustadio-, Apr 22, 2003 Report

-Lenin-
Noob

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Messages: 18,711

Date Posted: Apr 22, 2003 #173

Just remember, your place in life doesn't automatically lay out your beliefs, values, and intentions.

I may be in the Navy, but I don't "love" it, i'm just here for the ride because it interested me and I get to do some cool things.

I think that's how a lot of people are in life, just here for the ride.

As far as not having religion goes, it's not a question of what is at the end. That doesn't matter as far as i'm concerned. I will find out when I die, or I won't.

Either way, life goes on..until it ends

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-Lenin-, Apr 22, 2003 Report

timmyjoe012345
Noob

Joined: Aug 22, 2002
Messages: 15,764

Date Posted: Apr 22, 2003 #174

"I'm sure that some might purposely do it for bad reasons, but my concern is with those who might actually and truly think they are doing good. What can you do about people like that...?"

I think those are people that has taking religion too far. They have twisted it into something that is not. Their intentions may of been good, but the out come was bad.

And mustadio, atheism is a religion. 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. ANd if you can't understand that then I feel sorry for you. There are people that cannot find the answers, and need help to find it for themselfs. Perhaps those people is what religion is ment for. I respect people's beliefs, as long as they respect mine.

If you serously question your religion, research other practices and see what is best for you. THis is directed toward everone.

oh my hero, so far away now. Will I ever see your smile?
Love goes away, like night into day. It's just a fading dream.
I'm the darkness, your the stars. Our love is brighter than the sun.
For eternity, for me there can be, only you my chosen one.-FF6

timmyjoe012345, Apr 22, 2003 Report

legacyAccount
Old Account

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

Date Posted: Apr 22, 2003 #175

It all comes down to what's best for you. I don't try to change other peoples minds and I don't like it when they try to do it to me. I've never thought of organized religion as having the intent of being bad, but I can find a lot of negative aspects of Christianity and Catholosism(sp?). Every religion has something to teach regardless of if their is a higher power or not but too often they are corrupted by the same people that seek to promote it.

Getting back on topic, I think religion in games helps add to the world. I can't think of a civilization in the world that has not had some sort of accepted belief system.

legacyAccount, Apr 22, 2003 Report

America2k1
Star

Joined: Mar 22, 2001
Messages: 57,353

Date Posted: Apr 22, 2003 #176

I just play the games. If their views conflict with mine, I try not to let it bother me. The case with Xenogears is that I find the whole "destroying god" thing to be an interesting concept... for a game. As long as some nut doesn't try and shoot God with a rifle or assassinate the Pope/Billy Graham/Bomb a church, I don't care what game makers think.

America2k1, Apr 22, 2003 Report

Nightblazer87
Noob

Joined: Apr 9, 2003
Messages: 6,335

Date Posted: Apr 22, 2003 #177

"Well, Mormonism was started by a guy who hought an angel came to him. I'm pretty sure he believed it. (I'm coming from a christian standpoint, so sorry for my brushing off of the validity of Mormonism)

Go on a crusade to kill the perverting bastards!!! Er...

Being religious, and believing that evil comes from the devil, I'd say pray and ask God to open their eyes. (shrug)"

please clarify yourself. i am mormon, and i would really like to know why you think our religion is so wrong. (IMO, mormonism easily seems to be the most bashed religion in the world).

BTW im not going to try to "convert" you. i just want to defend my religion because it is what I believe.

a smell of recognition
a face you barely loved
empty all your pockets
cos it's time to go home

Nightblazer87, Apr 22, 2003 Report

Date Posted: Apr 22, 2003 #178

..lets not go there =)

I've seen the mormon discussion played out on an actual spirituality/religion board (mauisun.org/vbb) and it wasn't pretty. The guy ended up being driven from the boards because of his attitude.

-Lenin-
Noob

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like i said im not here to do anything but defend it because, quite frankly, i am sick of everywhere i turn, even on the message boards, it is bashed for no aparent reason and im just tired of it. im not going to say anything unless anyone says anything to me.

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Nightblazer87, Apr 23, 2003 Report

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timmyjoe012345
Noob

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Date Posted: Apr 23, 2003 #180

Nightblazer I respect the fact that you are defending your beliefs. I remember in social studies we were learning about the first mormons and the teachers, assistant, colledge student, actual teacher, had a bad attitude about some of your beliefs.

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timmyjoe012345, Apr 23, 2003 Report

Nightblazer87
Noob

Date Posted: Apr 23, 2003 #181

...as many seem to

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Nightblazer87, Apr 23, 2003 Report

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Date Posted: Apr 23, 2003 #182

Time for some constructive bashing of religion...

First off, you have to notice that many of these games that punch a hole in religion are made in Japan. The "St. Eva" cult in BOFII is just a poor adaption of the Christian religion. Yevon in FFX, nailing the Amish (maybe, though I doubt it).

In any case, religion in RPGs is just meant to create a background in any story. Not too many regions of the world are 100% atheist.

Oh, and, as for Mormons, I have nothin' wrong with them, cause they fixed that whole polygamy thing early on.

legacyAccount, Apr 23, 2003 Report

-Lenin-
Noob

Joined: Apr 24, 2002
Messages: 18,711

Date Posted: Apr 23, 2003 #183

Well, the principal reason a lot of people do not like "Mormons" is because of the manner in which they discuss religious topics.

Every single one that i've ever met, has outright disgusted me with his or her arrogance and ignorance. They have tried to impose their beliefs on me, and tried to tell me anything other than their religion was false and fake, and we were all going to hell or whatever.

First of all, i'm non-religious, so telling me i'm going to hell is only going to make me laugh, because I figure by now i'm probably going anyway lol, might as well reserve my spot

And second of all, preaching to me is not a good idea.

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-Lenin-, Apr 23, 2003 Report

Date Posted: Apr 23, 2003 #184

-Lenin-, then this is for you:

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acts like evangelical Christian You will be damned if you do not repent! Do not fall into the mighty pits of Satan, like others have! read the Bible, and be saved!

ends acting like evangelical Christian

Sorry, I just had too.

legacyAccount, Apr 23, 2003 Report

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timmyjoe012345
Noob

Joined: Aug 22, 2002
Messages: 15,764

Date Posted: Apr 23, 2003 #185

My sister had a mormon friend and she was invited to dinner by his parents. I stayed home and my mom went. My mom said the whole time they tried to get them to join their church. She made them out to be wierd. She basically said that they tried to impose their religion on her and it annoyed her.

But this does not mean all mormons are like that. You are talking to the wrong mormons. I'm pretty sure not all mormons are missionaries.

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timmyjoe012345, Apr 23, 2003 Report

America2k1
Star

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Date Posted: Apr 23, 2003 #186

If I'm not mistaken, the Plates presented to Joseph Smith by Moroni in the hills of New York had grammatical errors. But I'm not bashing you, I just heard that from a news source a while back.

America2k1, Apr 23, 2003 Report

Date Posted: Apr 23, 2003 #187

Nice , so God isn't perfect...

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legacyAccount, Apr 23, 2003 Report

Bucko57
Noob

Joined: Sep 2, 2000
Messages: 2,310

Date Posted: Apr 23, 2003 #188

I don't understand the mormon religion very well. From what I understand they believe that they can become equal or even greater than god. ?? Do you consider yourself to be a christian? If so, then can you explain?

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Bucko57, Apr 23, 2003 Report

America2k1
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Date Posted: Apr 23, 2003 #189

Yes, in the Mormon religion I think they believe in the concept of "damming" and not "damning", meaning that there are certain levels of Heaven and that the true believers of the Mormon faith can become Gods of their own planet if they are faithful in their religion. My Mormon friend told me this, so I hope he's not wrong.

America2k1, Apr 23, 2003 Report

Date Posted: Apr 23, 2003 #190

"But this does not mean all mormons are like that. You are talking to the wrong mormons. I'm pretty sure not all mormons are missionaries."

Sure, if by "not all" you mean "a vast majority of."

theunentitled
Level 9999

Joined: Feb 21, 2002
Messages: 20,299

I'm Mormon. Technically. I used to live in Utah. Unfortunately. They're cultlike in many ways.

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

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Date Posted: Apr 23, 2003 #191

first of all, mormons DO NOT condemn people to hell whether they believe in our religion or not. my friend is atheist and bashes god and religion left and right, but i dont not believe he will go to hell. according to my knowlege the only way go to hell is by commiting blasphamy. by this i mean when someone has actually seen or witnessed gods presence, known for a FACT that god exists, then goes out and denys everything and teaches that god does not exist. of course, by these teachings that would mean even the most wicked people (hitler for example) will not go to hell because they did not commit blasphamy (aka the unforgivable sin). this is where what american2k1 was saying comes in.

Mormons do believe that heaven consists of three degrees of glory. imagine a circle, if you will, and subdivide it into three sections horizontally. the top is the highest kingdom while the bottom is the lowest kingdom (obviously) now i dont know off the top of my head (i would have to look it up if you REALLY wanted to know) but everyone will be judged after the resurection and go to one of the three kingdoms. a wicked person to the extent of hitler who did not commit blasphamy but were extremly wicked nontheless will obtain the lowest kingdom (it says somewhere what types of people go where i just dont know off the tip of my head, like i said above). of course, everyone, wicked or not, will have to repent or pay the price for there sins and just "believing in Jesus Christ" isnt going to cut it. it takes more than that. As far as the degrees of heaven go, if you had lived all your life righteously and someone else had committed murder and all sorts of bad things, is if fair that you all go to the same place? shouldn't we be able to go according to our works?

as for do we consider ourselves christian, yes we do even though just about EVERY other christian religion out there will tell you no, no, and more no. to understand this lets break down the word christian. whats the root? christ. we believe that one of the main principals of chrisianism, if not the most important, is the belief in christ and his teachings. mormons DO believe in christ. we believe he is our savior for everyone in the world and the intire universe. i dont know why other christian religions dont think we believe in christ. one person actually came up to my mom once and said "mormons say they believe in jesus, but we know that in their hearts they dont". dont you just love it when people claim to know what you believe in your heart?

and for your last question, we do believe that eventually, through many many years of training to perfection (something we cannot do in this life) that we can become EQUAL to god not higher. this also includes that we will eventally be able to become gods and godesses. M. Scott Peck who is NOT mormon said in his book "The Road Less Traveled" that it would only be natural for the evolution of humanity to reach godhood.

hope that cleared up some things...

a smell of recognition
a face you barely loved
empty all your pockets
cos it's time to go home

Nightblazer87, Apr 23, 2003 Report

Nightblazer87
Noob

Joined: Apr 9, 2003
Messages: 6,335

Date Posted: Apr 23, 2003 #192

"I'm Mormon. Technically. I used to live in Utah. Unfortunately. They're cultlike in many ways."

a cult by definition is a gathering, sect, or group of people. so, wouldn't that make EVERY religion a cult?

BTW theunintitled i dont live in utah, but i understand where your coming from. most (or a vast amount of them) are a little TOO moromonish. i had a couple of friends from utah who turned away because there parents kept shoving it down their throat.

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Sure, every religion IS a cult

Re:Any legit use for 3127? (Score:5, Funny)
by nmoog (701216) on Monday February 09, @09:45PM (#8234397)
Yeah, port 3127 is used for DoS attacks on Microsoft. Its best to leave it open.
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-Lenin-, Apr 23, 2003 Report

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Religion is the basis for war, so all in all it's a good topic to base games on.

Ultima666, Apr 23, 2003 Report

ShadowSora
Guest

Date Posted: Apr 23, 2003 #195

"we do believe that eventually, through many many years of training to perfection (something we cannot do in this life) that we can become EQUAL to god not higher."

This statement reminds me of Dragonball Z, lol. (no offence intended)

ShadowSora, Apr 23, 2003 Report

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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...

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MegaVolt67, Apr 23, 2003 Report

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It just bugs me. They have their "I believe this is the only true church" mantra that they have anyone in the church repeat over and over. I would think that if they trult believed in the church, they wouldn't repeat the same stupid nonsense "company line" so to speak, they'd say what they felt. And

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then they have little four year old children stand up and the parents whisaper in their ears what to say. If that isn't brainwashing I don't know what is.

And it seems like their personal mission (I guess all religions have this, but Mormons espesially) is to invite everyone they can to go to their church, even people who have said they don't want to go. It's like they have a quota or something.

And also they will keep pestering "potential members" so they feel pressured to join, and then when they DO join, they are kept so busy with work within the church and being invited to special events and stuff. They're kept so busy so as to keep them from questioning. And when confronted with a "difficult" question, those in charge will say "Milk before meat." No. I want the dirty secrets. They never tell you any of the bad things.

That's not to say Mormons are bad people. I truly believe most of the "common Mormons" have the best of intentions. It's the leaders, not regular Joe Mormon, that are rather corrupt and they've spread such insane ideas.

Dogs love me cause I'm crazy sniffable

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One of my favorite DBZ quotes:

"All that I ever dreamed of is now mine! I have become what no other could ever acheive! I am PERFECT!"~Perfect Cell

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

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Wow, how relivant.

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