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I thought angels were supposed to be servents or something.

ShadowSora, Apr 22, 2003 Report

ShadowSora
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JTeel54
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Joined: May 17, 2001
Messages: 66,816
Location: Omaha, NE

Date Posted: Apr 22, 2003 #102

With the whole man vs. animals thing, it's more of a problem of us thinking too much. They think about life, food, shelter. We've mastered that, and then moved on. We continue to master and evolve, but it costs everything, even ourselves, a price. Because we're determined to have more to do, but are getting less to do it with, we struggle to find new ways to pleasure ourselves while animals, through shorter lifespans and less complex goals, continue to lead selfless paths.

as my thoughts emerge, these are those words.
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JTeel54, Apr 22, 2003 Report

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Date Posted: Apr 22, 2003 #103

"Talraen, I can answer your question. Consiousness is just something produced by your body and brain. The electrical signals in your brain tell you what to think and move and such. It's all physical. When you die, the things that make up your body, brain, and things that react to form your conciousness, all turn into something else. Therefor, yes, none of you truelly ceases to exist. But a soul is just theoretical."

Think about this statement. You present your theory on what consciousness is, and dismiss the soul as theoretical. You can't prove anything you just claimed any better than I can disprove it - the human body is *far* too complex for us to predict what it will do even if it *is* a deterministic machine. I refuse to disbelieve my own existence, because it's stupid to - I mean, if I really believed I was just a machine with no will, why would I bother to go on living?

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Talraen, Apr 22, 2003 Report

-Lacan-
Noob

Joined: Sep 25, 2002
Messages: 11,561

Date Posted: Apr 22, 2003 #104

Well, I know I exist. I think therefore I am. I feel this discussion and I feel alive. I have sentience.

That's the same way a lot of people feel about God. They know he exists, therefore he does. It has nothing to do with science to them.

Anyways, I'd want to believe much of what you're saying. But... I can't

I don't want you to believe what I'm saying. I'm just trying to let everyone know why some people think the way they do. I'm not even sure there is a God myself. Personally, I could care less. There are more things for me to worry about. Existance of God one way or the other has not had an affect on my life, so I don't see the point in having to chose.

But the Bible says the only way is through Jesus Christ. What am I supposed to do?

Christianity is only one religion that believes in God. There are other religions out there. Hell, you don't even need an organized religion. Religion shouldn't be about what others tell you, rather than what you believe.

~R|D~
Witty movie quote here

-Lacan-, Apr 22, 2003 Report

MegaVolt67
16-bit Mod

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Date Posted: Apr 22, 2003 #105

"There is no way to me but by Jesus Christ" I **KNOW** that's stated in the Bible somewhere.(not verbatim) The idea being that the only reason we even have a chance for salvation is because Jesus Christ died for our sins. This is New Testament of course, which means some will believe it(Catholics, Protestants) and some(Jews, Muslims) won't. Jews and Muslims simply believe that he was a prophet, but not the "Christ" or savior.

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MegaVolt67, Apr 22, 2003 Report

Date Posted: Apr 22, 2003 #106

theunentitled
Level 9999

Joined: Feb 21, 2002
Messages: 20,299

In Mormonism, 20 years ago, they taught that blacks couldn't get into the highest level of heaven. Then they changed it so that blacks could get in but only to be servants. I think it's been changed recently so they can appear as PC as possible.

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 22, 2003 Report

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Date Posted: Apr 22, 2003 #107

My one everlasting question is what if I choose to devote my life to a staple, and write my own rules for life, claiming the staple told me to. Besides going to a mental home, would my afterlife be the same as everyone else's? Would I have one? Is there even enough infinite to really be infinite? How many religions actually are considered as one in the end? Some dead guy needs to find himself a megaphone and spill the beans.

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JTeel54, Apr 22, 2003 Report

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

Date Posted: Apr 22, 2003 #108

Here is what was happening in religion when i was still attending.

Everything in the bible was fact. Everything happened.

Do everything the bible says or go to hell

basically brainwashing children into getting saved. (don't be offended by that statement. Telling children at the age of 5-8 that they have to belive in and love god or go to hell isn't excactly letting them decide for themselves)

That's all I can think of right now. I'm really tired. I went to church for 16 years and I have never heard about this second creationism story. I would really like to hear it.

legacyAccount, Apr 22, 2003 Report

timmyjoe012345
Noob

Joined: Aug 22, 2002
Messages: 15,764

Date Posted: Apr 22, 2003 #109

Buddism teaches that in order to stop being reincarnated into a life of misery one must attain nirvana by releasing oneself of all wantes. But nirvana would not be something I would strive for because after that no more lives. They mention that life is misery and suffering, but I find it alot of times the exact opposite. Nirvana may be a place of bliss but in my eyes it is truly undifinable. What do you guys think.

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

ShadowSora
Guest

Date Posted: Apr 22, 2003 #110

Talraen- What's wrong with being a thinking caring machine? Why are so many people apolled (sp) by this idea? Oh no, we might just be animals but smarter! (and we are, in my opinion)

ShadowSora, Apr 22, 2003 Report

-Lacan-
Noob

Joined: Sep 25, 2002
Messages: 11,561

Date Posted: Apr 22, 2003 #111

Everything in the bible was fact. Everything happened.

That's the horrible misconception in this discussion. Everyone automatically relates belief in God to Christianity. You don't need to be Christian to believe in God.

~R|D~
Witty movie quote here

-Lacan-, Apr 22, 2003 Report

Date Posted: Apr 22, 2003 #112

I went to church for five, and realized all the stories I was hearing I'd already seen in one way or another outside of Church, and it was a lot

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more interesting too. I haven't done religion since then, but I still call myself Methodist-Christian. Who knows why.

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JTeel54, Apr 22, 2003 Report

Bucko57
Noob

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Messages:	2,310

Date Posted: Apr 22, 2003 #113

"Where does the bible say, "the only way is through Jesus." Jesus plainly says, "Love others as I have loved you." Thats all you got to do and you got christianity mastered."

Well said.

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Bucko57, Apr 22, 2003 Report

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theunentitled
Level 9999

Joined:	Feb 21, 2002
Messages:	20,299

Date Posted: Apr 22, 2003 #114

"That's the horrible misconception in this discussion. Everyone automatically relates belief in God to Christianity. You don't need to be Christian to believe in God. "

No, but using "God" all the time makes many think so. Even in your own post, you didn't say Allah. You said God. I think of the Creator I believe in as "It," usually.

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 22, 2003 Report

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jal311
Noob

Joined: Nov 12, 2002
Messages: 314

Date Posted: Apr 22, 2003 #115

Creation story 1:
God created man AND women in his own image

Creation story 2:
The Lord created adam by breathing life into the dust then took his rib to create eve

Notice one calls it God the other calls it Lord and one says man and women was created at the same time while the other sasy man came first. Its genesis 1 and 2, not hard stuff

jal311, Apr 22, 2003 Report

MegaVolt67
16-bit Mod

Joined: Jun 7, 2001
Messages: 17,402

Date Posted: Apr 22, 2003 #116

Religion shouldn't be about what others tell you, rather than what you believe.

I like that!

It all seems reasonable that people should be free to follow their own path. But the real concern I guess is the eternal punishment concept. Logically, it makes no sense. Can any person be truly "evil"? I really don't think so. Regardless of how sadistic or whatever, people have reasons for what they do. They may not always be clear, but they're there. I don't feel that I deserve to go to Hell. What have I done wrong? Many things perhaps. But if ignorance is forgiven, how can I be punished for being "confused"? Yet...the fear that it's possible is enough to keep me lost and scared. I mean "eternal"? As in no going back? That just can't be... Heh, not only that, but I'd feel insincere in being a Christian just because of that. Hence my problem becomes more complex...

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Date Posted: Apr 22, 2003 #117

That's the thing Lacan, there are tons of religions telling you what exactly to believe. If you don't, you go to hell or the equal in other religions. I CAN'T belive in a god that is so wise and merciful when I hear things coming out of the bible that make him sound like quite the opposite. I belive he refers to himself as a jealous and vengeful god. He sends you to hell for not believing in him (at least in christianity). I will not belive in a god

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that has created such a place for people when they die. If he has, he's worse than the devil himself.

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Date Posted: Apr 22, 2003 #118

You're forgetting, the "Fear of God" is a healthy thing. .....

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-Lacan-
Noob

Joined: Sep 25, 2002
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Date Posted: Apr 22, 2003 #119

No, but using "God" all the time makes many think so. Even in your own post, you didn't say Allah. You said God. I think of the Creator I believe in as "It," usually.

There's not denying that our culture is based on judeo-christian religious beliefs. It's just easier to say God because that is what everyone is familiar with. It is just a noun I'm using to describe "it".

~R|D~
Witty movie quote here

-Lacan-, Apr 22, 2003 Report

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Date Posted: Apr 22, 2003 #120

Jal, I already knew that. That's the one I was talking about. I never heard that they were both created at the same time. I was taught that hand in hand with the 7 days thing.

legacyAccount, Apr 22, 2003 Report

mikel
Prime Member

Joined: Jul 5, 2001
Messages: 2,708

Date Posted: Apr 22, 2003 #121

"*I have never heard about this second creationism story. I would really like to hear it.*"

If he was referring to what I think he was, then he means what I know as the "Gap Theory". I don't know the specifics, but there's some wording in the Bible that makes people think the 6 days is symbolic, and really it took millions of years. I believe it has something to do with the Spirit already existing on "Earth" when earth hadn't even been created yet... or something. Like I said, I don't really know. But basically, this allows for both evolution and Christianity to co-exist.

I personally don't like the view much, since it seems like nothing more than a last-ditch effort for religious people who have given up all hope, to make christianity co-exist with the main-stream science.

Edit- nevermind. Just a little FYI, I guess.

Remember me as: The Nobody

mikel, Apr 22, 2003 Report

jal311
Noob

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Messages: 314

Date Posted: Apr 22, 2003 #122

If you read the bible its almost impossible to go to hell. You have to be a complete ass to go to hell which is impossible for people. If you even have a thread of good in you god sees you and rewards you for it. Being punish by god is mostly a human creating because people can't stand the fact a person can be mean yet be saved the same as a super holy person is saved.

BrianS:
Yeah now a days most people have the creation stories combined in their head while the bible states two stories

jal311, Apr 22, 2003 Report

Date Posted: Apr 22, 2003 #123

Mega Volt, you obviously have some viable questions about your religion. I think you need to take time to your self and figure out what you really believe. If you only believe because your scared then that is not a very good reason. I think you should let go. You are one of those rare christians

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that have remained open minded about everything, and I conmend you for that. Athieism is not that bad, it opens your mind to everything around you.

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-Lacan-
Noob

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Date Posted: Apr 22, 2003 #124

Brian, that's what I was saying. You don't have to choose an organized religion to believe in God.

As for eternal damnation, that's not all Christianity. Just some sects believe that. And even within those sects, it varies by the preacher. Still, like I said, Christianity is not the only option. I know it's hard to look past it even though that's what we've all grown up to believe is true and what should be.

~R|D~
Witty movie quote here

-Lacan-, Apr 22, 2003 Report

theunentitled
Level 9999

Joined: Feb 21, 2002
Messages: 20,299

Date Posted: Apr 22, 2003 #125

1) I agree with what someone ^ said. Any Christian that can go out, explore other religions with an open mind, and then return truly deserves respect for their ideas IMO. Questions bring inner growth.

2) Makes sense, Lacan.

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

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Date Posted: Apr 22, 2003 #126

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Well, i've been meaning to read through the bible just to get a real grasp on it. Like I said, I went to church and was TOLD what to believe. This doesn't make me believe in god, it just makes the Bible make much more sense. By the way, anyone ever hear of things being added to the bible by kings? I dont know how true that is, just something I came upon once.

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MegaVolt67
16-bit Mod

Joined: Jun 7, 2001
Messages: 17,402

Date Posted: Apr 22, 2003 #127

You have to be a complete ass to go to hell which is impossible for people.

Lmao, I think that's the first time I've laughed in this thread.

Anyways, just so people know, I do recognize other religions. It's because of that recognition that I'm questioning the idea that only the one I've been taught from the start is right. But since I have been raised in a Christian home, it's impossible for the ideas from other religions to have had such an intimate impact on me. I'm sure that all who are raised in one religion would feel the same.

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MegaVolt67, Apr 22, 2003 Report

Talraen
Noob

Joined: Aug 24, 2000
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Date Posted: Apr 22, 2003 #128

ShadowSora: When did I say anything about the difference between humans and animals or anything like that? I think you are making assumptions about what I believe. I believe the entire universe has a soul and a purpose, and everything derives from that (how, exactly, I have no idea, but it's not really important to me either). I actually don't think the difference between animals and humans is nearly as distinct as many people think. My idea of a "soul" would preclude the belief that animals don't have one.

What's apalling about the idea that we're machines is that life would, to me, just be a cruel joke if that were true. Why go to all this trouble (if you are, say, God) to make me think I'm conscious when I'm not? There's no reason that *I* can think of.

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Date Posted: Apr 22, 2003 #129

I think king james rewrote the bible brian spangler. I also think that is the one used today. Who knows what he has changed?

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Date Posted: Apr 22, 2003 #130

Megavolt, my feelings are that as long as you honestly mean no harm then no harm has been done.

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Bucko57, Apr 22, 2003 Report

jal311
Noob

Joined: Nov 12, 2002
Messages: 314

Date Posted: Apr 22, 2003 #131

Mega:

What I mean is that there is no person alive that is so evil that they have no good in them. God rewards people for having some good. Humans punish people for being evil.

Edit- The King James Bible is used alot because its a "artsy" bible with lots of imagry and stuff. Basically its nicer to read cause its prettier. I think theres about 4 main versions of the bible used today King James being one of those versions.

jal311, Apr 22, 2003 Report

sickboarder39
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Messages: 14,909

Date Posted: Apr 22, 2003 #132

Lots of bibles are reworded. You could get a different Idea from a different copy.

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Date Posted: Apr 22, 2003 #133

I heard once on a radio show (that's why i question it's reliablility) That a king added the thing about suicide because he was so ruthless that people were killing themselves to escape. Seems pretty extream but the idea itself isn't.

Edit: anyways, off to bed. It's much to late for me to be thinking right now. Night all.

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Date Posted: Apr 22, 2003 #134

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I myself was raised in a strict Catholic family, so I can relate. But no one's saying you need to jump instantly to another religion. There is no rush. You have your whole life. Of course you wont' find the answer instantly, especially if you're backing yourself away from all you've been taught. The best thing to do is to step back from all forms of religion and just examine the things around you. Eventually, you'll find a belief of your own. Whether that belief is in an organized religion such as Christianity, then so be it. If it's not, so be it. You don't even need to believe if you don't want to.

~R|D~
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Date Posted: Apr 22, 2003 #135

"You have to be a complete ass to go to hell which is impossible for people. "

lol

But that varies by sect. Some believe that all you have to do to go to Hell is not join their church.

The ultimate club, eh?

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theunentitled, Apr 22, 2003 Report

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Date Posted: Apr 22, 2003 #136

Athieism is not that bad, it opens your mind to everything around you.

Perhaps so... Unfortunately, I could end up alienating the only people who care about me. My parents. They look at atheism as something evil. They're quite conservative, especially my mom. I care deeply for them, but I don't see how I could do such a thing without hurting them. My mom put it plainly once that if I don't believe in God that I don't have a place in her home.

1) I agree with what someone ^ said. Any Christian that can go out, explore other religions with an open mind, and then return truly deserves respect for their ideas IMO. Questions bring inner growth.

I absolutely agree. And it bugs me that some religions discourage investigating other ideas. I believe that questions are the road to wisdom. Confusion too, but I think that's better than ignorance.

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Date Posted: Apr 22, 2003 #137

"Athieism is not that bad, it opens your mind to everything around you."

Er... atheism in general is not a very open-minded philosophy. Are you sure you're not talking about agnosticism?

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Talraen, Apr 22, 2003 Report

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Date Posted: Apr 22, 2003 #138

well, just a leaving though, take a look at the definition of atheism. I looked it up a while and it's pretty offending.

legacyAccount, Apr 22, 2003 Report

jal311
Noob

Joined: Nov 12, 2002
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Date Posted: Apr 22, 2003 #139

Agonosticism is that you believe there is a supreme being or something greater then you but you don't try to identify it because its impossible to

Atheism is that theres nothing other then what sciene tells us

On a side note I consider myself Agonostic

jal311, Apr 22, 2003 Report

Date Posted: Apr 22, 2003 #140

I hope you're all right, Bucko, Jal, and Lacan.

I guess I should take my time.

MegaVolt67
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Okay, what's the difference between atheist and agnostic?(Not sure, though I have an idea)

Ah, so that's what the difference is.

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Date Posted: Apr 22, 2003 #141

The definition I found at dictionary.com has immorality as a definition.

legacyAccount, Apr 22, 2003 Report

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Date Posted: Apr 22, 2003 #142

Agonosticism is that you believe there is a supreme being or something greater then you but you don't try to identify it because its impossible to

I am Agnostic, and I can tell you that is not what that means. It's more neutral than that. You really have no feelings either way. You just look at both sides with an open mind and come to your own conclusions. There is no neccessary belief in something greater. It's just about analyzing ideas and concepts.

~R|D~
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-Lacan-, Apr 22, 2003 Report

Date Posted: Apr 22, 2003 #143

mega you are a very open minded individual, I like your opinions and views. Obviously you and your mom need to sort out your problems. If they truly loved you it wouldn't matter what religion you were.

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"Er... atheism in general is not a very open-minded philosophy. Are you sure you're not talking about agnosticism?"

If you explore atheism with an open mind, you will end up more open minded in the end. I guess the same thing gos for other religions. Just because atheism deosn't believe in a diety does not make it a closed minded philosophy. I was mentioning this to mega because I think he would gain a lot of understanding from atheism. Just because I'm a atheist does not mean I automatically discredit all other beliefs.

Please keep this bumped. It's 1:20 and I have school.

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Nice point Lacan but I always saw it the way I pointed out above.

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Atheists reject the idea of God. Agnostics are either questioning but undecided (temporary), or have decided to wait until death to find out(not-so-temporary).

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Analyzing ideas and concepts... It looks like I've recently been agnostic without realizing it. It seems like a nice position since it's so hard to decide on what to do. Maybe I should be that.(Heh, wait, I've been that...) Cool, I didn't know that was called being Agnostic.

Wow, you think I'm open-minded, Timmyjoe? I guess my recent experiences have led to that. It's strange. It's like these things that are causing me to question are all happening in succession.

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I was raised Catholic as well, and I still consider myself to be one. But I agree with some other things I see in other religions. I like how the druids and native americans respected nature. (I actually find the native american belief in the "great spirit" to sound awfully like God) Lord knows I'm not going to start worshipping some tree, but i don't feel that loving nature is a sin as if I love it more than God. There are some sects that believe that, and I find it...well hard to believe.

I like Hinduism's core belief that as long as you are faithful to your beliefs then all is good. To them it doesn't matter what you believe just as long as you believe it in your heart. I've always felt there is a lesson to be learned from that.

Buddhism is also interesting to me. Basically to become one with oneself, and achieve a greater state of consciousness. Christians, Jews, and Muslims can learn a lot from Buddhism and it's certainly something I'm curious about.

I said it earlier in this thread, and I'll say it again. I think the one true religion is ultimately a mixture of them all. Every one in some way or another hit the dartboard, but none have hit the bullseye.

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I always liked Confucianism's belief that if you better yourself, that betters the people around you, which betters the people around them, making the world a better place.

My understanding of Confucianism is limited but i'm pretty sure this its main pillar

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A lot of ideas in other religions seem very interesting. The Buddist idea of finding a balance seems very reasonable. The respect of nature idea is something that I well...respect. It seems like many religions have the core idea of treating everything with respect. Some sort of moral component is always present. So I suppose that those religions(the followers) that claim to be "right" and others to be "wrong" aren't doing themselves any favors. But in their minds, they believe that they're "saving" others from worshipping the "wrong" thing. Is that just justified elitism? ?

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I've learned quite a bit about Zen buddhism (probably the main Japanese religion) which is very appealing to me.

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