
Subject: Re: hope none of you are them
Posted by [Scythar](#) on Thu, 20 Jul 2006 13:20:13 GMT
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CarrierII wrote on Thu, 20 July 2006 08:11As another random observation;
Why is(are) there not a religion(s) wherein the central deity is blamed for all that goes wrong? I mean, from prehistoric animals eating your son to everything that goes wrong nowadays you'd think we'd blame someone who can't argue back...

There are probably a lot of reasons. But the main one might be that if a god has the ability to make things go wrong, you'll NOT want to get in his "blacklist", or you're likely to get killed by some accident. So practically, when people believe a deity is malevolent, they'll end up making sacrifices and rituals to please him and try to get on his good side, not mock him. I haven't researched that many religions, but there's probably many examples of this.

It's the same reason you don't blame your stronger big brother for all your mishaps when he's around...

EDIT: Warranto is right in that many gods are both blamed for bad and praised for good, but I'm not sure if there's a deity which ONLY gets the bad blames and no respect, and has no other purpose. There were some such beings in the old finnish mythologies, for example Ajattar, who was some female godly creature of the woods that led people missing, but she wasn't a central god by any means.
