
Subject: Re: The meaning of life?

Posted by [Starbuzz](#) on Sat, 11 Aug 2007 07:25:59 GMT

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mrpirate wrote on Fri, 10 August 2007 18:39: religion, in my eyes, is unnecessary and divisive; I don't think the world would suffer if people realized how ridiculous it is

I don't think religion is the sole cause of all evil. It certainly is not the root of evil. There are other things that divides humans. Some are barriers that were there naturally and some created by us that work against us.

Ethnicity, pride, revenge, greed...these are all natural things that separate us and keep us from unifying.

Flags, countries, borders, national pride...all are sources of division that are created by us. These cause division and many times have led to war.

Suppose you take away religion...do you think it is going to stop murders from taking place? Do you think crime and wars will stop? I don't think so. Humans are flawed beings and all the things I mentioned above will keep us from living in peace. So taking away religion won't solve anything.

razorblade001 wrote on Fri, 10 August 2007 18:19

I can give you an example to. Look at the War in Iraq. Do you know why that the US, although is attempting to help, are still losing men by the end of the day? Why Iraqi people are still fighting back? It is because they believe it is their religion to do so.

But the United States did not invade to spread Christianity but to try to give them a government that will rule by law not by blood. Granted, the Iraqi's are fighting back with religion as their excuse but it is not the case in all wars. It is the reason with which people use to respond to a situation...here in the Iraq war, that reason is religion.

You may choose to not believe the Bible but some stories in it can be used to look at the argument.

Take Cain for example. God never said "you can't muder" and there was no laws that He had set in the early chapters of Genesis. And yet, Cain murdered Abel out of pure jealousy, greed, and hatred. What religion caused this? None, but his mind caused him to do it.

Humans are flawed creations...we have something hard-wired inside us...and when things don't go our way or go against us, it makes us tick. It is a natural reaction and we can't really help it. No outside variables (like religion) play their part in initially influencing our decision but our mind, our body, our thoughts and emotions; all the things that comes with us naturally.

razorblade001 wrote on Fri, 10 August 2007 18:19

And that is only one example. Another example would be the Holocaust. I can go on forever.

Hitler did not kill Jews because of their religion...but because they were supposedly inferior to the Aryan race. Remember that the Holocaust includes not only Jews, but Poles, Roma, Slavs and

many more peoples.

It was a war that was started on the basis of national pride (German superiority), greed (for land, resources, world domination and global respect), racial superiority complex and so on.

I have black hair, black eyes, and dark skin but I do not practice the Jewish religion. Hitler would still have killed me because I would have then automatically belonged to an "inferior" race...a race so inferior he thought was unfit to live. Only blonde hair, blue eyes, fair skin and evidence of German blood would have saved me from Hitler. So where was religion in this whole thing? Nowhere.

Of course there were wars caused by religion but then again, it simply proves that religion or religions is just another variable out of the many mentioned above that can cause divisiveness and lead to war.

Religion simply CANNOT be the source of evil all by itself.

razorblade001 wrote on Sat, 11 August 2007 00:18Sn1per74* wrote on Fri, 10 August 2007 19:31You're crazy. If there was no religion people wouldn't have morals and their would be even more bloodshed. You're making me angry saying that religion is the root of all evil. And, do you even know WHY Hitler targeted the Jews?

Your right, it is how it started out to be.. but not any more.

Basically everything bad that happens these days can always be traced back to religion.

It is like a double edge sword. It has good intentions, but it also has after effects that can sometimes out way the reason for doing it in the first place.

It is how it started out to be and it is how it still is.

So, I guess all wars in the 21st century are gonna be based on religion? So, India and Pakistan fight because Pakistan is Muslim and India is Hindu? Russians and Chechens are fighting because of their respective religion? North Korea hates the world because of religion? Yes, religion is involved but don't forget nationalism, pride, greed for land and resources, the need to showcase power and so on.

Don't look at one war and simply apply it to all wars. Look at other places of conflict...not just Iraq and Iran.

Of course, I agree with you that most of the coming decades in this century will see the war or wars between extremist Islam and the West but it had not always been the case. And that should not make you say that religion is the source of evil. Looking at the terrorists today, we will be tempted to label off religion as evil but don't forget to look at history and the many other reasons for which mankind went to war against itself.
