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Subject: Re: When did you become a Insert-Religion-Here?

Posted by [Tunaman](#) on Tue, 18 Jan 2011 23:39:18 GMT

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Starbuzz wrote on Tue, 18 January 2011 07:56@ Muad:

You said I never had a chance. If "having a chance" means being born into a denomination that tells you a filtered down modernized version of Christianity (which you seem to be hinting at) then I agree with you.

Plus you generalize all Baptists as being rude. The folks at the Baptist church I went to were quiet nice. My parents, especially my dad, was the worse of them all. I know what you are gonna do now; shift the blame for me becoming an atheist on my dad! I already said that no matter what denomination I would have been born into, I would eventually have realized how unfair the entire religion is. I hear this same strawman argument in other forums where I have shared my story; Christians start to defend themselves saying "it was your environment! the religion is fine!" Seriously?

I simply could not be part of a religion that makes someone believe that if they die in the wrong religion, they will burn in hell for eternity. This is why I can never be a Christian again because I have to become a bigot first. Any religion that uses plain threats to keep its believers in check was bound to fail one day.

Also most importantly, no matter what denomination you were born into, every young indoctrinated Christian is NOT told about the murders and genocides in the Bible in the way it should be. Christians grow up thinking it is OK for their god to kill without mercy. The only destruction story they ever knew was Sodom and Gommorrah and the flood. Most of them don't even understand how it would have felt in those ancient times to be at the sword's end of an invading Israeli tribe acting on orders from their god to kill all the men and married women in your town along with children while taking the unmarried women away as sex slaves.

You are never gonna understand all this, Muad. Your denomination (including mine!) told us a filtered down version of Christianity that ignored the rampant barbarism in the Bible under the pretenses of "The OT is voided by the NT."

Until you can tell me how a god that did all this can be worshipped (wow) plus how he uses a burning lake of fire for those who don't worship him, you are not going to be converting anyone anytime soon. This was the pebble that started the avalanche!

You said my former god (and yours now) is like a father figure that helps us and watches over us. You think I did not feel the same way too? Again, read my main post (especially the occupied country analogy) clearly. Till recently, I loved god and worshipped him. I felt the exact same way cos that is what I had been told. It is only when I found out the parts about him they never objectively told me about did I began to realize who he really was and what this religion was truly saying.

Sadly, most Christians don't realize this. It is how the church indoctrination works, the right term is called "selective morality." Picking and choosing the good parts while rejecting and hiding the bad

ones that will give the religion a bad name; then they come and tell others who see thru this by saying, "you never really had a chance."

I'm fairly sure that he was not saying you becoming an atheist was a bad thing; your hostility towards his religion(that he does not seem to actually have faith in) is kind of skewing your interpretation of his post. When he says, "You never had a chance," he is referring to how someone doesn't ever have a chance to reason when they come up against someone that is as pushy as the baptists he has had experience with. If you put that sentence back into context, it makes more sense.

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