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

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Spoony wrote on Thu, 20 January 2011 18:37

Quotel believe religion explains how we came to be, at its core. But then it has been twisted, and used to control, when in reality, I think it should liberate us, and instill a unifying commonality amongst humanity.

What do you mean by "at its core"?

At its core, religion teaches us that all humans are children of one creator, be it the Abrahamic 'God' or the Haida's 'Raven.'

War, poverty, and all the evils of the world would likely not be the problems they are today if humans believed we were all the same.

Unfortunately, because the 'word of God' has been twisted by people who used it to serve their own selfish purposes, which has only lead to war, and greater poverty.

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and may i suggest a simple thought experiment. whenever you find yourself making a statement like this, or reading one, swap the word "religion" for any of the following

Scientology

Wahhabi Islam

the Westboro Baptist Church

the worship of the Emperor Hirohito

the personality cult of Kim Jong-Il

and see if it still sounds the same

Which is why I said in my first post, and just above that the word of 'God' has been twisted to suit the purposes of individuals.

I'm only approaching the subject from a pragmatic point of view. People want to know where they came from; however, being humans, they simply cannot rationalize that they originated from a single-celled bacteria in a scummy pond, because that explanation is not fantastical enough. Humans think they're totally 'hot shit.' Perhaps it's just self-fulfillment, although aboriginal religions do place equal weight on humans, and their surroundings.

My take on the creation story is that humans then, and still today are not mature enough to realize that our 'creator' was either through chance events, or some kind of extra-terrestrial being.

Hence why I'm slightly religious or spiritual. I think there was some sort of alien component, and seeing as our planetary backyard is only a microcosm of 'space,' I cannot rule out that possibility as that'd be foolish. Maybe I am a victim of that self-fulfillment prophecy too.

Quote:

Quote: Many creation stories, ranging from aboriginal to Abrahamic share so many similarities, that I am inclined to think there is a supreme being or creator out there. and the idea that the idiots who wrote those demented babblings actually discerned something supernatural makes more sense than that they - to throw another possibility out there - plagiarised?

It's entirely possible, and the likely answer.

But it's also amazing that such a story could weather tens of thousands of years of migrations out of Africa, and into Europe, Asia, and then the America's. This is why I'm fascinated with this aspect of religion because even if it was all made up, it has carried with us up until this day. That says something about humanity, for better or for worse.

Like I said previously, 'God' may very well be when 'humanity' finally matures and finds itself.

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