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Subject: Re: A psychological question: "choose to believe"

Posted by [shippo](#) on Sat, 26 Feb 2011 15:57:33 GMT

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Spoony wrote on Fri, 25 February 2011 18:58

if you say yes then your mind works differently to mine, simple as that. i cannot make a decision to believe something. i could choose go to church and bow my head in prayer and sing the hymns etc... but what i can't choose to do is instruct my mind what to believe. i can control my actions, but not my beliefs.

I do apologize if I am just not reading it right. I guess to put my view of it simply, I can choose to instruct my body to do things, but I can also chose what I will believe in, and what I will not to believe in.

Spoony wrote on Fri, 25 February 2011 18:58

well, there you go. the prospect of people being tortured forever as punishment for not being the right religion doesn't bother you at all? either you don't really believe it either or you don't have any human compassion (i think i know which one it is)

actually it is because we as christians view it differently than most non-Christians. Like I said earlier, we nor God are here to punish,or send you anywere, all we want to do is say "this is the way".

Spoony wrote on Fri, 25 February 2011 18:58

Christians/Christianity. The religion and its adherents say it. I am inclined to think it is not actually true, but this doesn't make it OK to make the threat anymore than it's acceptable to mug someone with a fake gun.

Let me throw this at you: says who? if you don't believe in any religion or god, what is the basis of your moral values?

snpr1101 wrote on Fri, 25 February 2011 17:33you have a "religious upbringing", i.e. what was the attitude of your parents and your school (two different questions, obviously) in regard to religion?

Yes I did. I was rased in a christian home. As far as school, I went to a public school untill second grade. my sister was being homeschoold by my mom because she was geting into trouble in highscool I saw what they did and I wanted to give that a try. and I liked it. now if you ask what did you do for friends, we had alot of other homeschoold families that i would visit and I also had alot of friends at church.

so ya I guess it does have alot to do with how you were raised, but i also believe it is based on the child's personality as well.

also you stated about if i had proof of God's exsistance to share, well I do but it will take us down the path of Evolution vs Creation, so don't know if we should make another topic for that.

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