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

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Spoony, you and I have discussed/debated religion quite a few times before. I respect your thoughts regarding religion and all it's subtopics. You are a very logical person.

Most of the other people in this thread just don't want to submit to anything. Not that they should without being convinced, but they lack the intellect you use in your post.

"God is overpowered, nerf plox"

"fuck god, thanks for reading"

"something about burning in hell, but god loves you"

Those are not the kinda post that are worth anything in such a topic. The third one is the most relevant, but I don't put in any stock in hell myself (I think I might be the one that you mentioned didn't believe in hell).

Now that is out of the way, my response to the question raised in the OP.

I myself was of course raised in a kinda religious family. My grandparents were very into religion, and my mom pretends to be. From the age of 11 to 17 I didn't attend church meetings regularly, I think the passover (annual) is the only thing we never missed.

When I was 17 I worked in a restaurant where I discovered I worked with 2 people that shared my beliefs and practiced them. So I started going again. I on my own initiative started studying The Bible and religion in general.

Jehovah's Witnesses use the phrase, "making the truth your own".

I will not deny the fact that I was raised around these beliefs probably influenced me in some amount. I won't say that is the only reason why I chose or willed myself to believe. I was pretty into it for a while, but I couldn't manage to get my stuff together to go all the way with it. Nobody likes a hypocrite.

I have not been religiously active in the last year. It seemed as if I had lost my will to do it (even missed the passover). I still believe, there is too much for me to completely deny there is a higher power (intelligent design), but it seems as if there is also too much for my mind to comprehend.

Religion is kinda scary, with the end of the world coming and trying to imagine how it will play out is a lot to think about. So I find myself kinda in the middle now, and I am not sure how much of it is willingly...

I figured I would respond with that to see what thoughts you might have on how it is psychological. I do not wish to argue with anyone just simply hear opinions that are well put together (not insults to my intelligence).

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