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

Posted by [Spoony](#) on Tue, 01 Mar 2011 20:10:24 GMT

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I agree there were some rather useless posts on the first page.

Chew wrote on Tue, 01 March 2011 13:00but 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).

Yes, I remember you saying you thought it was a misinterpretation. Gehenna and all that business. But do you think Revelation is canonical (I ask because I've heard Christians who think it shouldn't be there, and it's worth checking) - and if you do, what do you think it's actually describing? Past events, a prediction, or what? Cos once you hear that line about the Lake of Fire it's a little hard to forget.

Quote:I have not been religiously active in the last year. It seemed as if I had lost my will to do it. 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.

Well, the good thing about atheism/agnosticism/secularism is nobody's telling you you have to believe X and Y. it isn't necessary to assert the non-existence of any particular god, or to believe that evolution is true (for example). it's just a non-acceptance of the specific claims made by religions.

Quote: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).

about my original question about whether belief is a choice... this

"I won't say that is the only reason why I chose or willed myself to believe."

sorta says yes, doesn't it?

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