
Subject: Re: Questions I would like to pose to athiests
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Jerad Gray wrote on Thu, 08 March 2012 13:05

1. Depends what religion is right?

yes, that's right. several different religions both make the same claim. the pope says only catholics are going to be "saved" (by "saved" he means "not going to be tortured", kinda like the mafia saying "protection" when they mean "we won't break your legs") and non-catholics are going to hell with all the other infidels. many - not all - protestant churches say it's the other way around. islam says all non-muslims are going to hell.

this is one of my three major objections to the whole hell concept. i'll briefly list all three

1. a god who is in favour of torturing people as a punishment for what you think is obviously a complete asshole and does not deserve worship
2. i cannot choose what to think. i could pretend to be a christian or a muslim or whatever, but what i cannot do is flick a switch inside my brain and decide that i believe something. i've said this many times to christians and i've never gotten a single one of them to understand it; maybe my brain just works differently from everyone else's?
3. even if i did want to do this, several religions make contradictory claims (the problem you mention and i outlined above), so it becomes a question of which of these people - if any - are telling the truth. in other words, it becomes necessary for the religious to prove what they say, and they can't... and i would be a little less disdainful if, just once, they would be honest enough to admit they can't, instead of talking about why "faith" is somehow a good thing.

so there you go, i've repeatedly stated these three objections and never had a good answer to a single one of them; if anyone here thinks hell is real, i encourage them to have a crack at those objections.

Quote:2. Does it make a difference, it isn't our choice if said god/gods are real.

let people answer the question: do they think people being tortured as a punishment for not being the right religion is a good thing.
