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Subject: Pat Robertson and his ilk  
Posted by [Spoony](#) on Thu, 14 Jan 2010 10:50:53 GMT  
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For love of god, im christian but i dont go that far, it was a natural disaster, thats all.

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Posted by [Spoony](#) on Thu, 14 Jan 2010 20:33:22 GMT  
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three more things.

firstly, i've just checked the dates... it seems the haiti revolution was just after the french revolution, meaning france was no longer a christian dictatorship (the revolution quickly went wrong, though, of course) and indeed had just executed its christian leaders at the time.

so, my first question for pat is: which of these two revolutions did you think was better:

1. a successful slave revolt that kicked out an "atheistic" dictatorship that itself had just executed its christian leaders
2. a struggle of secular democracy to kick out a christian theocracy

in my case i'd be on the side of the haitis in number 1 and the americans in number 2, but i guess a lunatic christian like pat would think differently.

my second question relates to his actual quote.

Quote:And you know Christy, something happened a long time ago in Haiti and people might not want to talk about it. They were under the heel of the French, uh you know Napoleon the third and whatever. And they got together and swore a pact to the devil. They said we will serve you if you'll get us free from the French. True Story, and so the Devil said OK it's a deal. And they kicked the French out. You know, the Haitians revolted and got themselves free. But ever since they've been cursed by one thing after the other desperately poor. That island is Hispaniola is one island. It's cut down the middle. On one side is Haiti on the other side is the Dominican republic. Dominican Republic is prosperous, healthy, full of resorts, etc.. Haiti is in desperate poverty. Same island. we'll leave aside the fact he got the wrong napoleon and he was probably wrong about the deal with the devil too, but let's assume the devil deal was actually true.

haiti was cursed, pat? well, what exactly are you saying here? the earthquake was caused by the

devil? or was it caused by god as rather belated revenge on the innocent descendants of those who made the deal? or perhaps simply caused by plate tectonics and not stopped by god when perhaps he might have otherwise chosen to spare the people?

and when you've told me which of those three things you're actually saying, my third question is "how the fucking hell do you know that?" or, let me rephrase the question if it's too antagonistic... "why the fucking hell do you think that?"

(i ask that every time i hear theological drivel, by the way)

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Subject: Re: Pat Robertson and his ilk  
Posted by [DRNG](#) on Thu, 14 Jan 2010 21:45:25 GMT  
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"Lighthouses are more helpful than churches"

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Subject: Re: Pat Robertson and his ilk  
Posted by [Dover](#) on Fri, 15 Jan 2010 00:28:16 GMT  
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Shocking news!

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Subject: Re: Pat Robertson and his ilk  
Posted by [slosha](#) on Fri, 15 Jan 2010 00:34:23 GMT  
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I lol'd when I googled him. Silly uber-religious idiots.

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Subject: Re: Pat Robertson and his ilk  
Posted by [F1r3st0rm](#) on Fri, 15 Jan 2010 00:35:56 GMT  
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Dover wrote on Thu, 14 January 2010 19:28 Shocking news!

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Subject: Re: Pat Robertson and his ilk  
Posted by [GEORGE ZIMMER](#) on Fri, 15 Jan 2010 01:06:41 GMT  
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Dover wrote on Thu, 14 January 2010 18:28 Shocking news!

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Was thinking the same thing.

But, this is a new low for religious nuts to be honest...

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Subject: Re: Pat Robertson and his ilk  
Posted by [nikki6ixx](#) on Fri, 15 Jan 2010 01:24:35 GMT  
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There's a special place in Hell reserved for religious nuts, and profiteering preachers like Pat.

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Subject: Re: Pat Robertson and his ilk  
Posted by [Dover](#) on Fri, 15 Jan 2010 03:17:20 GMT  
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You know, if you're a religious nut, whatever. But aren't they going to burn in hell forever, according to you? Can't you not be a dick in life?

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Subject: Re: Pat Robertson and his ilk  
Posted by [nope.avi](#) on Fri, 15 Jan 2010 17:25:50 GMT  
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For a second there I thought you were talking about the guy from twilight.

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Subject: Re: Pat Robertson and his ilk  
Posted by [Starbuzz](#) on Fri, 15 Jan 2010 19:43:50 GMT  
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so some points/questions:

-so it took Pat Robertson's god 206 years to decide to finally punish current Haitians for the alleged "sins" of their ancestors? With a earthquake?

-who cares what supernatural entity the Haitians in 1804 worshipped to motivate themselves to gain independence from the French? Does it make any difference?

-what sin were the people of San Francisco punished for with the 1906 quake?

-doesn't robertson's comments automatically imply that EVERY natural disaster was an act of god to punish people?

Maybe Pat should read this short French article:

<http://www.csmonitor.com/World/Europe/2010/0114/Pat-Robertson-Haiti-comments-Fre>

nch-view-theory-with-disbelief

Its simply these guys don't think rationally. They are history-deniers and crave the power and attention their religion has given them.

We need to be able to challenge these nutjobs in open debate. As long as they are red-carpet invited into a TV studio for their 5 min slot, they can get away unchallenged with their delusional immoral bullshit.

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Subject: Re: Pat Robertson and his ilk  
Posted by [dr3w2](#) on Sat, 16 Jan 2010 14:19:08 GMT  
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Spoony wrote on Thu, 14 January 2010 04:50just how morally bankrupt do you have to be to say this sort of thing at all? it's unbelievably arrogant to claim you understand "god"'s mind at all Typically all religous nutjob extremists are heavily arrogant. Also usually deny even the possibility of listening to a person with different beliefs. They deny simple scientific logic and are typically hypocrits on the deep end by the way they behave and act.

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Subject: Re: Pat Robertson and his ilk  
Posted by [nikki6ixx](#) on Sat, 16 Jan 2010 19:25:32 GMT  
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Keith Olbermann bringing the ownage.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zPoWOW8Jm5w>

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Posted by [Spoony](#) on Sat, 16 Jan 2010 20:33:36 GMT  
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well duhhh, they were punished for the fact that a hundred years later the city would eventually become a centre of homosexual culture.

see how easy it is to come up with this crap?

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Posted by [tactic356](#) on Sun, 17 Jan 2010 00:05:10 GMT  
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Posted by [GEORGE ZIMMER](#) on Sun, 17 Jan 2010 00:06:37 GMT  
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don't forget that there was a murder at one point in California

obviously they were punished for this, too

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Subject: Re: Pat Robertson and his ilk  
Posted by [Starbuzz](#) on Tue, 19 Jan 2010 04:48:41 GMT  
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All these religious leaders...the so called high and mighty "pastor" for example are all delusional. I mean this as no insult.

They pray to themselves convinced that their deity hears the prays and actually listens. And regardless of what you tell them, you are wrong and they are always right. The moment you object:

- you are fallen to the ways of the world (its always them vs the world)
- you have abandoned god (they say this with a deep voice)

None of your reasoning and no matter how simple the logic, these delusional folks will come at you. Like a less intelligent animal that always does the same routine everyday over and over, these respected and mighty "Reverends" will repeat what they have been brought up to do since childhood.

Why am I saying this? Funny damn thing happened 2 sundays ago. I was pressured by my family to attend church. So I reluctantly agreed. This was a church I had been dragged to since 1999. I hadn't gone there for a year or two. The old pastor (whom I knew very well) had retired and a new had been brought on as a replacement.

This guy had been at it for 2 years already. So when I first met him and introduced myself, he seemed a bit impressed. He asked me a couple questions and due to my quick talking style and insane ability to make up bullshit on the fly, I spoke on. Perhaps I overdid it lol.

He then told me how he had been "praying" (talking to himself) to god to "send him a young man" who "I can train to carry out the gospel." He added that "I can see the Holy Spirit in you...I think you have a calling!" and that "God is telling me in my heart that you are that young man."

OK now by this time, I am like "shhhhhhhhhhhhit."

Anyway, so all the while he was telling me this, I am wondering first if his god really exists? If so, then is he really talking to him and answering the prayers? And why choose me? I would think his god would choose someone who actually believes in him...not someone who is atheist and hates this talk!

But you see, religious folks fall for this everytime since they too have been talking to themself...err god. I am quiet sure that if this incident had happened 3 years ago, then yeah I would be that young man.

Now just imagine how much misplaced power these pastors have. Billions of church buildings that take in billions of dollars across the world on sundays while misleading billions of people. All of them are like this pastor whom I just described; delusional.

Some of the most desperate tactics are used by these men to keep the people under control. I just witnessed the classic blackmail through death threat that is repeated everytime boldly after the end of sermons in the 21st century: "come to jesus, give your life to him now...so if you die on the way home, you know where you are going!"

wow

How delusional then for someone like Robertson to say these things. Worse part is they actually believe it.

edit: typo

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Subject: Re: Pat Robertson and his ilk  
Posted by [Altzan](#) on Wed, 20 Jan 2010 04:05:23 GMT  
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These guys irritate me as well. They overdramatize, the claim to have strange spirit-type connections (He added that "I can see the Holy Spirit in you...I think you have a calling!"), and treat unbelievers like horrible slime. They make the others in the religion look bad as a whole.

Same opinion for the healers on TV... "Send me oodles of cash, and I'll pray for you and heal your ailments!"

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Subject: Re: Pat Robertson and his ilk  
Posted by [ChewML](#) on Wed, 20 Jan 2010 04:22:23 GMT  
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Basically, any single person that puts themselves out in the open with publicity these days in the name of "God"... is full of shit and obviously not a reliable source/medium for God.

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