

Religious Dogma

OK...lets all agree on one thing: the current religious beliefs in this country, largely Christian, are over 2000 years old and haven't changed much since the bible was supposedly written near the end of the first century CE.

I maintain that these beliefs are outdated dogma, passed down over the centuries, originally based on the writings of men who would be astounded by the function of a wheel-barrow. These writings are unprovable and inconsistent ideas that, even if they had a smattering of truth to them, would certainly not apply to most parts of our lives today.

We are a very intelligent species with science and technology extremely far advanced from just 100 years ago. Why are the religions still following this centuries old dogma? Why can't they be updated to something more modern? A more sensible religion based on provable scientific facts that correspond with the honest truths that exist in our world today.

The answer is 'faith'. This seems to be a placebo for all religious people. When discussing religion and something cannot be explained, scientifically or otherwise, we are told to just accept it on faith. When these people cannot prove something in a discussion is true, i.e., the bible, Jesus or God, their standard answer is you must have faith. I say bunk! It's up to the believer to prove his belief and not up to the unbeliever to just accept things as true.

Example: If a Christian does not believe that Muhammad was the only true messenger and prophet of God, the Muslim must prove this belief, right? Of course, he cannot. Just as the Christian cannot prove his claims to me. It's all about being honest and admitting when something is unprovable. And, chances are that it's probably not true. You can't just throw the word faith at it and all of a sudden get everyone to believe it.

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