

Re: Freeman Dyson on heresy

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On Aug 19, 8:18 am, Eeyore <rabbitsfriendsandrelati...@xxxxxxxxxxxx>
wrote:

MooseFET wrote:

bill.slo...@xxxxxxxxxx wrote:

John Larkin

Perhaps, 50 years from now, there will be
monuments to Bush in the
democratic states of Iran and Syria and
Saudi Arabia.

LMFAO !

J.L. seems to have lost his mind.

That there will be monuments to Bush – most likely in the
form of
smoking craters – is more likely than that any one of those
free
states will be democratic, or even as nearly democratic as the
current
U.S. of A.

Iran was on the democratic path in the past. Today it is largely a
theocracy but the public would prefer a democracy.

I rather doubt that suggestion. There is a well-educated ~10% of the population
who think that way but they are outnumbered by the other 90% who adhere to older
ways.

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Where do you get your figures or estimates. I admit that the people I've spoken to who actually have been there were largely interacting with the technical folk and those who at that time were the youth. I have heard many reports from others that would also suggest that the majority is not in favor of the extremists who are now in charge.

It is highly likely that if it is left to do so, it will turn into a democracy at some time in the future.

I'm sure it will continue to have Islam at its core though.

"Christian democracies" exist so I see no reason a "Islamic democracy" couldn't. Turkey has gone a long way in that direction.

Graham