

Re: How to Become a Christian, Version 1.01

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chandler2368@hotmail.com (Steve the Sauropodman) wrote in message
news:<fd9543a1.0411230659.1f47a3a3@posting.google.com>...

> "Dr. Andrew B. Chung, MD/PhD" <andrew@heartmdphd.com> wrote in message
news:<1101138073.YNan6Un9tAhFpMuc6Su80w@teranews>...

>> Steve the Sauropodman wrote:

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news:<1100903227.ThjUM2scy3oWAgPYKpFDgA@teranews>...

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news:<1100821842.rg2xHUbv7drqCiBZJPa3mw@teranews>...

>>>>>> Hawki63 wrote:

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>>>>>>>> >Subject: Re: How to Become a Christian, Version 1.01

>>>>>>>> >From: "Dr. Andrew B. Chung, MD/PhD" andrew@heartmdphd.com

>>>>>>>> >Date: 11/18/2004 11:09 AM Pacific Standard Time

>>>>>>>> >Message-id: <1100804944.y7hH0YhY1XwnLzw+5XgW5Q@teranews>

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>>> <snipped once more for brevity>

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>>> Your response is both quite predictable , and more than aptly supports
>>> the assertions in my previous post.

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>> Your snipping my response suggests otherwise.

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>>> Bob Myers' reply is particularly

>>> succinct.

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>> Succinctly untrue.

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> How flippant.

Your judgment.

- > *But that is the least I would expect from any*
- > *fundamental religionist.*

You should expect this of anyone who values the truth.

- > > > *Rec. food.cooking is a discussion area for food related,*
- > > > *and fundamentalist horn-blowing is entirely inappropriate.*
- > >
- > > *If that is your judgment, then why are you responding to my post in a*
- > > *thread whose subject is clearly off-topic ?*
- >
- > *It is an observation that has been expressed by myself and others.*

Observations are not expressed but they might be shared or compared.

Judgments/opinions, however, are expressed.

In this way, what is in your heart has been revealed. Such is the power of God Who is infinitely greater than either you or me. For He knows what is in your heart and is able to bring it out even when you would will otherwise. Let all those who have eyes see this.

Now you may make another attempt at answering the simple question that has been asked:

"If that is your judgment, then why are you responding to my post in a thread whose subject is clearly off-topic ?"

- > > > *I am*
- > > > *particularly surprised, that one presumably educated in the modern*
- > > > *life sciences should hold such a narrow-minded worldview.*
- > >
- > > *All true scientists seek the truth and adhere to it when they find it.*
- >
- > *How true,*

It is simply that.

- > *and they don't bury themselves in religious cant, or seek to*
- > *explain the world around them with appeals to divine authority, or*
- > *divine punishment.*

Agree.

- > > > *But then*
- > > > *logic, rationality, open-mindedness, and constructive debate have*
- > > > *never been the forte of any fundamentalist religious group, regardless*
- > > > *of their foundational belief system.*
- >
- > > *Truth is the forte of those who walk with Christ.*

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> *See previous comment.*

See above.

> > *Those who discern the truth are masters of logic, rationality,
> > open-mindedness and debate. That should be clearly evident in this
> > ever-growing thread.*

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> *Religious fundamentalism religion is most certainly not based upon
> logic, rationality, or open-mindedness.*

Correct (I know what you are trying to write :-).

> *In fact, just the opposite.*

Agree.

> *In both the past and the present, those that disagree with entrenched
> religious beliefs have been ostracized, villified, punished or even
> killed.*

... by those who are unable to discern the truth.

> > > *Playing with the semantics of my post, as your reply attempts, does
> > > little to bolster your position. Your postings are still unwarranted
> > > in this group. I could ask how you deemed that r.f.c was "chosen" –
> > > but I'm not interested if some supernatural component comprises all or
> > > part of the explanation.*

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> > *You must be a member of one of those fundamentalist religious groups who
> > lack open-mindedness since it seems you are not interested in the truth.*

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> *I do believe that I clearly stated that I am an atheist.*

Atheism is itself a fundamentalist religious group.

> *I do not*

> *believe in the supernatural.*

It seems you only believe in yourself.

> *I am a scientist, and the search for*

> *knowledge, or "truth" has always been paramount.*

Knowledge changes... truth does not. You would have known this had you been able to discern the truth.

- > *To descend into*
- > *superstition should be repugnant to any open-minded individual.*

Agree.

- >> *Would suggest you would be wiser to seek the truth.*
- >
- > *I am not the one embracing an early medieval version, of ancient*
- > *Middle Eastern myths.*

It seems you are embracing yourself.

- >>> *The supernatural simply and plainly does*
- >>> *not exist.*
- >>
- >> *Perhaps you should open your eyes and look around.*
- >
- > *I have – hence my conclusions on the supernatural.*

You would hold onto these conclusions though you now have evidence several lines up that you should reject your null hypothesis ?

If the answer is "yes", then how can you explain how the truth has been revealed against your will?

Clearly this evidence should have you rejecting your null hypothesis that there is no supernatural will greater than your own.

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- >>> *It is not so much that the thread, in and of itself,*
- >>> *offends me, rather it is the contextual framework that I find both*
- >>> *morally and intellectually offensively. There are millions of good,*
- >>> *decent, moral people who are not fundamentalist Christians – who*
- >>> *embrace other faiths, are agnostics, or like myself atheists. To*
- >>> *suggest that Christian biblical literalists are somehow superior, or*
- >>> *possess some uniquely gifted relationship with God, or Jesus is*
- >>> *isolationist bigotry. THAT is what offends me. Not the alleged words*
- >>> *God, or Jesus.*
- >>
- >> *It seems that the truth offends you.*
- >
- > *Do you read for comprehension?*

Yes.

- >>> *As for the unfortunate Theon, his council may have been unwise in your*
- >>> *opinion, but it was the Christian community that sexually humiliated,*
- >>> *tortures and murdered a brilliant mathematician, philosopher and*
- >>> *astronomer because her beliefs differed, and her Platonist scientific*
- >>> *observations ran counter to the misogynistic, superstitious nonsense*

- > > > *of the mob.*
- > >
- > > *Again, it would be my choice to refrain from judging others especially*
- > > *if they are in another time period.*
- >
- > *I see – judging others in the present, with your doom–saying, and*
- > *warning or hell–fire and brimstone if much more appealing.*

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- > > > *Cheers*
- > > >
- > > > *"Through clever and constant application of propaganda people can be*
- > > > *made to see paradise as hell, and also the other way round. To*
- > > > *consider the most wretched sort of life as paradise."*
- > > > *Adolf Hitler*
- > >
- > > *Such would be the thoughts of someone who has lost faith in the truth.*
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- > > *It is written in Ephesians 2:*
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- > > *10For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good*
- > > *works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.*
- > >
- > > *All is a waste of time until you find the way to eternal life with the*
- > > *Creator of the universe. When you do, there is no waste of time because*
- > > *there will be an infinite amount of it. Walking about aimlessly*
- > > *thinking it is *your* time, *your* money, *your* lot, *your* labor,*
- > > **your* profit, and *your* power that you are using is tantamount to*
- > > *self–worship.*
- > >
- > > *For Christ lights up the way through John 14:*
- > >
- > > *6Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes*
- > > *to the Father except through me..."*
- > >
- > > *This bring us back again to the following very simple decision tree for*
- > > *the untruthful folks such as yourself, Steve, who have chosen to walk in*
- > > *the "dark":*
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- > > *(1) Accept Christ.*
- > > *Risk: Nothing.*
- > >
- > > *Benefits: Salvation, purposeful life, eternal life, unimaginable riches*
- > > *in God's eternal kingdom.*
- > >
- > > *(2) Reject Christ.*
- > > *Risk: Eternal separation from God. Eternal torment of your soul by*
- > > *satan.*

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>> <http://makeashorterlink.com/?I22222129>

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>> *(Please note that God truly made this special link describing that He is the great "I am" and that His message is as simple as the number 2 which is a number between 1 to 9 and reminds us of His 2 commandments, the 2 arms of the cross, the 2nd part of the Trinity, the 2 finger sign of the Prince of Peace [who remains *V*ictorious over death and satan], and the 2PD Approach. Let it not ever be written that Christ did not make His presence known here on Usenet :-)*

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>> *Servant to the humblest person in the universe,*

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>> *Andrew*

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> *I've snipped the rest because I wouldn't want anyone to misconstrue that you might consciously or unconsciously be engaging in self-worship*

I am not Jesus Christ.

> – *you know – by incessantly listing your qualifications, and certifications.*

What you snipped was not a list of my qualifications and/or certifications.

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Now for the truth...

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