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Posted by [Mike Audet](#) on Sat, 19 Aug 2006 19:17:55 GMT

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XXXXXXXXX can get along just fine without faith.

> > >>> Probably

> > >>> the best popular book about risk is called 'Against the Gods' and
> it's

> > >> sort

> > >>> of about this very topic.

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[http://www.amazon.com/Against-Gods-Remarkable-Story-Risk/dp/0471295639/sr=8-](http://www.amazon.com/Against-Gods-Remarkable-Story-Risk/dp/0471295639/sr=8-1/qid=1158631839/ref=pd_bbs_1/002-2500887-2981628?ie=UTF8&am p;s=books)

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Posted by [Aaron Allen](#) on Sun, 20 Aug 2006 01:13:42 GMT

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> > >>>>>>> cases.

> > >>>>>>> Dedic, I look forward to talking with you about the positives

> and

> > >>>

> > >>>>>>> negatives of various religions, and where a moral culture
ought

> to

> > >>> go

> > >>>>>>> >from here, whenever we next get together.

> > >>>>>>> Cheers,

> > >>>>>>> -Jamie

> > >>>>>>> <http://www.JamieKruz.com>

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> > >>>>>>> Dedic Terry wrote:

> > >>>>>>> Hey Jimmy,

> > >>>>>>>

> > >>>>>>> No doubt one can be a good person without believing in God -

> there

> > >>> are

> > >>>>>>> tons

> > >>>>>>> of great people with no faith, or very little. That in and

of

> > >>>>>>>>

> > >>>>>>>> If there were no right and wrong, there would be no
> consequences
> > >> of
> > >>>>> either,
> > >>>>>>>> or at least we wouldn't view the outcome as a good or bad
> > >>>>>>>> consequence
> > >>>>>>>> - it
> > >>>>>>>> would just be another event in time.
> > >>>>>>>>
> > >>>>>>>> But by grace and as a gift of freedom, God gave us a choice,
> both
> > >>>> in
> > >>>>> whether
> > >>>>>>>> to believe in Him and whether to make right or wrong
decisions.
> > >> With
> > >>>>>>>> moral
> > >>>>>>>> absolutes (God's word) as a reference we have a way to
evaluate
> > >> drastically
> > >>>>>>>> differing situations on an equivalent basis; with consistency
> in
> > >> reasoning
> > >>>>>>>> and compassion; by choice and instinct rather than puppetry.
> Even
> > >>>> when
> > >>>>>>>> we
> > >>>>>>>> choose to do wrong, He is willing to forgive us. Without
that
> > >>>>>>>> option
> > >>>>>>>> to
> > >>>>>>>> choose, balanced by God's grace and forgiveness, there would
be
> > >> no
> > >>>> power
> > >>>>>>>> in
> > >>>>>>>> choosing to believe in Him. That's what makes God a personal
> and
> > >>>> loving
> > >>>>>>>> God
> > >>>>>>>> rather than a dictator or puppet master.
> > >>>>>>>>
> > >>>>>>>> Odd as it may seem to anyone who doesn't believe, I can see
God
> > >> in
> > >>>> the
> > >>>>>>>> way
> > >>>>>>>> that 1) we as a group of intelligent people on this forum can

> > >>>>>>> discuss
> > >>>>>>> completely opposing op

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>> >>>> Cheers,
>> >>>> -Jamie
>> >>>> <http://www.JamieKrutz.com>
>> >>>>
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>> >>>>
>> >>>> DJ wrote:
>> >>>>> I haven't seen us react with irrationality.....yet. Al
>Quaeda
>> >>> just
>> >>>>> came out with an ultimatum stating that it's full on war now and
the
>> >>> west
>> >>>>> will be destroyed. The only way to save ourselves is to convert
to
>> >>> Islam. So
>> >>>>> where do you draw the line between irrationality and self defense?
>> >>>>>
>> >>>>>
>> >>>>> "Jamie K" <Meta@Dimensional.com> wrote in message
>> > news:450ee7ef@linux...
>> >>>>>> Let's keep from reacting to irrationality with irrationality of
our
>> >>> own.
>> >>>>>> There's a lot of fear mongering. Chicken Little is back.
>> >>>>>>
>> >>>>>> Cheers,
>> >>>>>> -Jamie
>> >>>>>> <http://www.JamieKrutz.com>
>> >>>>>>
>> >>>>>>
>> >>>>>> DJ wrote:
>> >>>>>>> It doesn't matter at all whether this was the Pope. The bottom
>line
>> > is
>> >>>>>> that
>> >>>>>>> it is rationality as opposed to irrationality.
>> >>>>>>>

>> >>>>>> "Jamie K" <Meta@Dimensional.com> wrote in message
>> >>> news:450ec970@linux...
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ech is a work of enlightened
>> >>>>>>>>> genius. He has clearly laid out the differences between
>> >>>>>>>>> Christian culture and Islamic culture and the basis of the clash
>> >>>>>>>>> of civilizations we now experience as the War on Terror. His
>> >>>>>>>>> analysis also explains the underlying cause of the alliance
>> >>>>>>>>> between the western Left and the Islamofascist Right.

>> >>>>>>>>

>> >>>>>>>> Islamist reaction focuses on one sentence in the speech.

>> >>>>>>>> Reaching back to 1391, Benedict quotes Byzantine Emperor Manuel

>> >>>>>>>> you will find things only evil and inhuman, such as his command

>> >>>>>>>>

>> >>>&g

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Posted by [Mike Audet](#) on Sun, 20 Aug 2006 18:58:47 GMT

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sional.com> wrote in message news:450f8aec@linux...

> >> There is plenty of finger pointing to go around. No doubt specific
> >> things could have been handled better under the previous government.

> >>

> >> The transition of power between the previous and current governments
was

> >> pretty rocky, and a "not invented here" syndrome may have doomed the
> >> hand-off of some al-Qaida related work that was in progress.

> >>

> >> In any case, no government gets a pass by blaming the previous
> >> government. The current government, for example, failed to follow
> >> through and prioritize the al-Qaida threat ahead of 9/11 and failed to
> >> prevent 9/11; failed to find and capture Bin Laden in Afghanistan;
> >> failed to overcome Taliban control of large areas of Afghanistan;
> >> allowed record drug production to reestablish itself there; failed to
> >> plan for post Iraq invasion problems predicted by their own state
> >> department; and they have continually exploited the "war on terrorism"
> >> for domestic political ends.

> >>

> >> You assert the WMDs were there. However Bush's chief inspector, and
Bush

> >> himself, say they weren't there after all. It was a bluff. One of the
> >> Iraqi expatriate promoters of the bluff got the ear of our government,
> >> was believed, and, last I heard, had parlayed it into a position of
> >> power in Iraq after the invasion.

> >>

> >> The dems you mentioned authorized the military attack on Iraq as a last
> >> resort and I don't believe they were satisfied it was done as such.

> >>

> >> Preemptive invasion is new as part of the "Bush (Jr.) Doctrine."

> >>

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> >> -Jamie

> >> <http://www.JamieKruz.com>
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> >> DJ wrote:
> >>> "Jamie K" <Meta@Dimensional.com> wrote in message
news:450f3862@linux...
> >>>> Neither, actually. And what we ought to do would depend on the nature
> > of
> >>>> the threat.
> >>> Agreed.
> >>>
> >>>> We might want to start with recommendations published in 1999, well
> >>>> before the 9/11 attack.
> >>>>
> >>>> http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/National_Commission_on_Terrorism
> >>>>
> >>>> We can disagree about whether our current policy is one of
overreacting
> >>>> or not. We can probably really disagree about the newly minted
> >>>> preemptive attack policy. :^)
> >>> I don't think there is any newly minted attack policy. There has
always
> > been
> >>> the *clear and present danger* prerogative but it needs to be based on
> >>> accurate intelligence. Had this been available, then I doubt that
Bush,
> >>> Kerry, Kennedy Pelosi and the rest would have authorized the invasion
of
> >>> Iraq, or perhaps they would have been able to find the WMD's before
they
> >>> were shipped out of the country or hidden. I just find it hard to
> > stomach
> >>> the hypocrisy of the democrats whose policies neutered our
intelligence
> >>> services in the '90's when they trun around and blame Bush for the
> > decisions
> >>> made based on the intellegence blunders they created in the first
place.
> >>>
> >>> Regards,
> >>>
> >>> Deej
> >>>
> >>>
> >>>> Cheers,
> >>>> -Jamie
> >>>> <http://www.JamieKruz.com>
> >>>>

> >>>>
> >>>> DJ wrote:
> >>>>> I don't see us overreacting Jamie. However, if there is indication
of
> >>> some
> >>>>> sort of major threat, do we run and tell the NY times or do we blow
> > the
> >>>>> threat away before it pays us a visit?
> >>>>>
> >>>>>
> >>>>> "Jamie K" <Meta@Dimensional.com> wrote in message
> > news:450f0b12@linux...
> >>>>>> Of course they came out with a blustery ultimatum. That's not news,
> >>> it's
> >>>>>

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> >>>>>>>>> matter to most non-Catholics in the USA and in reality, Papal
> >>>>>>>>> declarations are ignored by a fair number of Catholics here,
too.
> >>>>>>>>> Obviously some Moslems are upset in some places, but how deep
> > does
> >>>> that
> >>>>>>>>> go? When black churches were burning in the USA, it would have
> > been
> >>>> an
> >>>>>>>>> exaggeration to blame everyone in the USA for that.
> >>>>>>>>>
> >>>>>>>>> The fear of reason extends to the Catholic church which only
very
> >>>>>>>>> recently apologized for the oppression of Galileo. The church
> > hung
> >>> on
> >>>>>>>>> tenaciously to the dogma of an earth-centered view of the
> > universe
> >>>>>>> while
> >>>>>>>>> denying the heliocentric theory of Copernicus, which describes
> > the
> >>>>>>>>> actual way the solar system works.
> >>>>>>>>>
> >>>>>>>>> It also extends to a few Christian sects who, feeling similarly
> >>>>>>>>> insecure, tenaciously cling to the notion that the earth is
only
> >>>>> about
> >>>>>>>>> 6,000 years old, by virtue of the biblical interpretations and
> >>> clever
> >>>>>>>>> (at the time) calculations of an Irish Bishop several centuries
> >>> ago,
> >>>>>>> and
> >>>>>>>>> in the face of solid current scientific evidence to the
contrary.
> >>>>>>>>>
> >>>>>>>>> The fear of reason extends to some (not all) Christian churches
> >>> who,
> >>>>>>>>> feeling similarly insecure, deny the solid and ever-mounting

> >>> evidence
> >>>>>> of
> >>>>>>>> evolution, responding with dogma in psuedo-scientific clothing,
> > and
> >>>> who
> >>>>>>>> seek to water down scientific education in the USA.
> >>>>>>>>
> >>>>>>>> The fear of reason extends to power hungry industries who pay
big
> >>>> bucks
> >>>>>>>> to spread denial about global warming for short term gain. Who
> > push
> >>>> to
> >>>>>>>> control oil in the middle east with force. With our guns
blazing,
> >>> our
> >>>>>>>> soldiers dying and our debt rising astronomically. And who
> >>> sometimes
> >>>>>>>> hide behind Christianity to do so.
> >>>>>>>>
> >>>>>>>> The fear of reason extends to some neoconservatives who find
ways
> >>> to
> >>>>>>>> pretend that everyone is aligning against Christianity. And in
> >>>>>> spreading
> >>>>>>>> this fear attempt to incite Christians to vote to keep them in
> >>> power.
> >>>>>>>> And in so pandering, help to continue the denial of reason and
> > the
> >>>>>

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> >>>>>>>>>>>>

> >>>>>>>>>>>> the root of the term, Islamofascist. Moreover the Western

> >>>>>>>>>>>> is today guided far more by Nietzsche existentialist thought
> > than

> >>>>>>>>>>>>

> >>>>>>>>>> Reuters quotes an Indian Muslim leader doing precisely what

cleric

> >>>>>>>>>> of New Delhi's historic Jama Masjid, India's largest mosque,

> > to

> >>>>>>>>>>

> >>>>>>>>>> Reuters quotes an unnamed diplomat pointing out the Pope was,

> >>>&g
