

gt; Does the US have anyone that really excels in diplomacy? Henry Kissinger
> always seemed to be amazing to me and I'm wondering who now days does
effective
> diplomacy.
>
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> diplomacy? I always look for diplomatic solutions but I think the US
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> JohnDedric Terry <

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>> we care?".
>>
>> John
>
>Well stated!!!
It just amazes me how blind some people and the mainstream media can be to
obvious TRUTH!

CL"gene Lennon" <glennon@NOSPmyrealbox.com> wrote:

>the president has had an even scarier motivation.

>
>Religion.

Gene, that's absurd. You just passed the 5-year anniversary of the worst attack on americans in history, and you can't even grant the president the motive of protecting the rest of us?

Agree with him or not, like his methods or not,

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hat prophecy can really help you understand what will happen next in the Middle East, but I'm not surprised that they're intrigued."

The White House press office wasn't able to confirm the visit for me, but there have been previous reports about White House Bible study groups inviting Christian authors to come speak.

Apocalyptic advice:
Aug. 12, 2003:
Apocalypse preacher says Bush administration solicits his advice

Aug. 17, 2003:
Rice briefs 'Christian Zionists'
on Mideast peace plan

May 18, 2004:
White House checked with rapture Christians before latest Israel move

Aug. 8, 2006:
Cheering for apocalypse, evangelical lunatics counsel Bush White House

Rapture radicals
Bush and the fundamentalists
Rosenberg says he got a call last year from a White House staffer.

"He said 'A lot of people over here are reading your novels, and they're
intri

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Posted by [John Macy](#) on Tue, 15 Aug 2006 00:25:30 GMT

llateral damage.

>>> >> >>

>>> >> >> So, WHO today has this kind of diplomatic ability? I don't see

>>anyone

>>> >> who

>>> >> >> clearly speaks in an effective measured, peace seeking role. I don't

>>> > know

>>> >> >> anyone who seems to have the cool head that I percieve Kissinger >>had.

>>> >> >Also,

>>> >> >> I'm not a history buff so I don't know everything about Kissinger >>but

>>> >> he

>>> >> >> always struck me as the ultimate diplomat.

>>> >> >>

>>> >> >> John

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>Hi Sarah,

I'm probably being overly pessimistic due to lack of sleep. How ideology plays out over the long term is a bit unknown (as in, I really don't know - just gut feeling), but I hope you are right: that as a world community we will diminish the threat from Al Quaeda, if not terrorism in general.

As to relativism - I probably do make it sound more prevalent than it is - I can't claim to have a broad enough scope for that to be any more than conjecture. I actually wasn't inferring that relativism does, or would ever just

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ify suicide bombers, and I don't know anyone in this country who does.

Relativism to me is more about the tide of overall softening of values for the sake of redefining social acceptability. It really is mainly about values and morals, rather than cultural change, though they could be considered of the same family, or even one in the same from time to time.

There are a lot of great people in this country regardless of widely varying beliefs, and you are right - we have a lot of fortitude and desire to maintain the freedoms and quality of life we have here. That's the cool aspect of this forum - even though we all disagree from time to time, we do have that in common - we want our country to be a great place to live, work, raise a family, play, etc, and that is an encouraging common theme in most of these threads.

Regards,
Dedric

On 9/17/06 2:58 PM, in article 450db55a\$1@linux, "Sarah"
<sarahjane@sarahtonin.com> wrote:

> Hi Dedric,
>
> No, you didn't say I had to support Bush to not support terrorists . . .
> but that attitude is still out there, unfortunately, and some of the
> responses to your original post reminded me of that. My initial response to
> you was in complete agreement.
>
> And I don't really disagree with anything you've said here except that I
> don't think relativism is quite the threat you seem to see it as. Most
> people don't take relativism to the extreme of justifying suicide bombers.
> Also, rejecting ethnocentrism doesn't make one a cultural relativist,
> speaking for myself. There is

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a middle ground there.

>
> As for the sarcasm, sorry about that, but it helps me to diffuse my
> anger about these issues.
>
> Near the end of this post, you said, "But, eventually we will lose, and
> lose badly, simply because we as a nation don't have an ideology that is
> stronger, more grounded, and more committed than theirs." I think we do
> have a stronger, more grounded, more committed ideology than theirs. It
> involves concepts like unity, integrity, honesty, democracy, and, as we all
> recited with hands on hearts in grade school, with liberty and justice for

> all. These are sky high ideals that our country is found upon, and the
> reason I get so angry and sarcastic is because it upsets me to see us drift
> steadily away from those ideals.
>
> Sarah
>
>
> "Dedric Terry" <dterry@keyofd.net> wrote in message
> news:C132C3AB.35B0%dterry@keyofd.net...
>> Hi Sarah,
>>
>> No one said you had to support Bush to not support terrorists, at least I
>> never did. It really doesn't help your argument to use sarcasm though.
>>
>> I am referring to the ideology that has been growing in our country for
>> many
>> years - way before Bush 1, or Reagan for that matter. It has nothing to
>> do
>> with Bush 2. I was talking about the world's view of Islam in light of
>> the
>> Pope's comments, so the fact that he keeps coming up as the response,
>> regardless of the original topic, just shows that we would rather blame
>> Bush
>> than address what is happening in the world and in our country's
>> ideology -
>> the people, not the government. The government has nothing to do with the
>> belief systems and relativism that is pervading our culture, media,
>> schools,
>> streets, conversations - it's just a side topic for Monday morning water
>> cooler talk by pale comparison - one that ebbs and flows in the tide of
>> that
>> ideology of the people.
>>
&g

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Posted by [Aaron Allen](#) on Tue, 15 Aug 2006 02:45:52 GMT
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>>>>>>>>> PCI 4 may not share with anything.
> > > >>>>>>>>>
> > > >>>>>>>>> This is the way the ASUS A8V mobo is configured but it's
> for
> > AMD
> > > >>>>>>>>> CPU's.
> > > >>>>>>>>>
> > > >>>>>>>>> Do you have the manual? All of this is listed in chapter

> 2
> >> under
> >> > >>>>>>>>> the
> >> > >>>>>>>>> heading
> >> > >>>>>>>>> Interrupt Assignments. It should be noted for Intel
mobo's

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Posted by [Deej \[1\]](#) on Tue, 15 Aug 2006 03:29:34 GMT
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> >as
> >> > >>>>>>>>> well.
> >> > >>>>>>>>>
> >> > >>>>>>>>>
> >> > >>>>>>>>>
> >> > >>>>>>>>>
> >> > >>>>>>>>> If it's 6, try putting the EDS card in PCI 2, 3, 4 or 5
> >> > >>>>>>>>> If it's 5, try PCI slot 1,
> >> > >>>>>>>>> "Uptown Jimmy" <johnson314@bellsouth.net> wrote in
message
> >> > >>>>>>>>> news:4509fd03@linux...
> >> > >>>>>>>>> It's an Asus P5P800 SE board with a Pentium 4 HT chip.
> >> > >>>>>>>>>
> >> > >>>>>>>>>
> >> > >>>>>>>>> "DJ" <animix_spam-this-ahole_@animas.net> wrote in
message
> >> > >>>>>>>>>

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Posted by [Pauln\[1\]](#) on Tue, 15 Aug 2006 12:36:37 GMT
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e religions may just be saying the
same thing about you and your religion. For those religions who are not
tolerant of other ideas, you may just have started a war.

So perhaps it's BETTER, in our time, to have a system of justice that is
NOT based on a religion. But one which guarantees everyone the right to
practice the religion of their choice, guarantees other freedoms such as
we in the USA do in our Bill of Rights, encourages honesty and
integrity, while enforcing some common sense limits such as no human
sacrifices, a minimum age for marriage, no incest, no slavery, no
murder, no rape, no stealing, those sorts of things.

What is viewed as morality beyond a fair justice system and common sense rules of behavior can be left to each freely chosen religion to sort out, like whether to restrict diet in some way, whether to wear a certain type of clothing, how to pray, etc. But none of these additional practices should be imposed on society as a whole.

The Golden Rule may also be of use as a basic moral foundation.

So yes, you can have a moral system, one that BTW protects the freedom to practice religious beliefs (or not), without basing it on any one religion. And it can protect all religi

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nd yet the most fear-inducing thought is that the President
>>> might believe in something other than nothing. Is no belief really better
>>> than belief? What reference point for right and wrong accompanies
>> disbelief
>>> in anything higher than one's own decisions? What reference point for
>>> respect for other people's beliefs accompanies a lack of belief in any
>>> guideline for living life and having respect and compassion for others?
>>>
>>> It isn't the administration's fault that the Pope quoted a guy Islam
>> doesn't
>>> like just because he called like he saw it - something we do on this forum
>>> every single day, ironically. It also isn't Christianity's intent to take
>>> over the world, or the government. Far from it. The only goal is to give
>>> people a chance to decide. Yet, those that want to decide to not believe
>>> would rather take that right away and remove Christianity from public
>> view.
>>> The only way to force someone to remove their belief from public in a
>>> country that promotes the freedom to believe as one wishes, is to outlaw
>> it.
>>> Yet another paradox.
>>>
>>> Through our short sighted political glasses we want to see the world as a
>>> black and white, free-will, partisan vote where one's party always wins
>> and
>>> the decisions are always in our favor,

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Posted by [Dubya Mark Wilson](#) on Sat, 19 Aug 2006 20:40:12 GMT

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; >>>> TCB
> > >>>>
> > >>>> Jamie K <Meta@Dimensional.com> wrote:
> > >>>>> There you go, clearly faith is not limited to religion. Although
> just
> > >> as
> > >>>>
> > >>>>> clearly it's important for religion.
> > >>>>>
> > >>>>> As to risk, many people have faith that their risks will pan out.
> Some
> > >>
> > >>>>> people do things because they have such faith. I know people like

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/>
> that.
> > >>>>
> > >>>>> I am people like that. That doesn't preclude anyone from doing
> > >>>>> something
> > >>>>
> > >>>>> for some other reason, of course.
> > >>>>>
> > >>>>> If you want to say you don't have faith in anything, using any of
> the
> > >>
> > >>>>> definitions below, then that's your prerogative and I don't have a
> > >>>>> problem with that.
> > >>>>>
> > >>>>> Cheers,
> > >>>>> -Jamie
> > >>>>> <http://www.JamieKrutz.com>
> > >>>>>
> > >>>>>
> > >>>>> TCB wrote:
> > >>>>>> Here's dictionary.com
> > &

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gt;>>>>

> > >>>>> faith  /feɪθ/ Pronunciation Key - Show Spelled
> > >>>>> Pronunciation[feyth]
> > >>>>> Pronunciation Key - Show IPA Pronunciation
> > >>>>> -noun
> > >>>>> 1. confidence or trust in a person or thing: faith in another's
> > >>>>> ability.
> > >>>>> 2. belief that is not based on proof: He had faith that the
> hypothesis
> > >>>> would
> > >>>>> be substantiated by fact.
> > >>>>> 3. belief in God or in the doctrines or teachings of religion:
> the
> > >>>>> firm
> > >>>> faith
> > >>>>> of the Pilgrims.
> > >>>>> 4. belief in anything, as a code of ethics, standards of merit,
> etc.:
> > >>>> to
> > >>>>> be of the same faith with someone concerning honesty.
> > >>>>> 5. a system of religious belief: the Christian faith; the Jewish
> > >>>>> faith.
> > >>>>> 6. the obligation of loyalty or fidelity to a person, promise,
> > >>>>> engagement,
> > >>>>> etc.: Failure to appear would be breaking faith.
> > >>>>> 7. the observance of this obligation; fidelity to one's promise,
> oath,
> > >>>> allegiance,
> > >>>>> etc.: He was the only one who proved his faith during our recent
> > >>>>> troubles.
> > >>>>> 8. Christian Theology. the trust in God and in His promises as
> made
> > >> through
> > >>>>> Christ and the Scriptures by which humans are justified or saved.
> > >>>>>
> > >>>>> I don't see anything in there about risk. My point is that people
> can
> > >>>> do
> > >>>>> the things you're talking about knowing full well they might
> fail,
> but
> > >>>> do
> > >>>>> them anyway. That's tak

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Posted by [John \[1\]](#) on Sat, 19 Aug 2006 22:06:32 GMT

t; >>>>>> -Jamie
> > >>>>>> <http://www.JamieKrutz.com>
> > >>>>>>
> > >>>>>>
> > >>>>>> TCB wrote:
> > >>>>>>> You're confusing 'faith' with 'a willingness to take risks.'
> > Animals
> > >>>> take
> > >>>>>>> risks, to get food, create more animals, etc., but I doubt they
> > have
> > >>>> faith.
> > >>>>>>> One needs no faith to start businesses, invest money, get
> > married,
> > >> etc.
> > >>>>>>> Jamie K <Meta@Dimensional.com> wrote:
> > >>>>>>>> Faith is complete trust or confidence in something or someone.
> > >>>>>>>> Religious
> > >>>>>>>> faith is one form of faith but not the only definition of
> > "faith."
> > >>>>>>>>
> > >>>>>>>> For example I have faith that if I drop a guitar pick it will
> > find
> > >>>> its
> > >>>>>>>> way to the floor based on the gravitational attraction it has
> > to
> > >> the
> > >>>>>>>> planet. I have faith that I'll breathe my next breath, that
> > I'll
> > >> see
> > >>>>>>>> tomorrow morning. I have faith that other people are put
> > together
> > >> much
> > >>>>>>>> like I am and that I can therefore relate to other folks.
> > >>>>>>>>
> > >>>>>>>> Without faith, people would not invest money. Without faith
> > people
> > >>>> would
> > >>>>>>>> not vote. Without faith people would not start businesses,
> > hire
> > >>>>>>>> other
> > >>>>>>>> people, raise children. Without faith people would not ride
> > trains,
> > >>>> fly
> > >>>>>>>> in planes or drive cars. Without faith no one would
> > investigate
> > >>>>>>>> scientific questions about reality.
> > >>>>>>>>

> > >>>>>>> While you can clearly have faith without religion, you cannot
> have
> > >>>>
> > >>>>>>> religion without faith. Religion

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that
> has
> > >>>> a
> > >>>>>> proven
> > >>>>>>>>> outcome in a given situation. Change the situation, and the
> > >>>>>>>>> reasoning
> > >>>>>>> or
> > >>>>>>>> logic behind the "right" or "wrong" could easily change.
> > >>>>>>>>
> > >>>>>>>>> Experience? What if one's experience is filled with hatred,
> > >>>>>>>>> abuse,
> > >>>>>> anger
> > >>>>>>>>> and violence, or worse? Then someone would have to decide
> whose
> > >> experience
> > >>>>>>>>> we would use as a reference point. There would be no
guarantee
> > >> that
> > >>>>>> person
> > >>>>>>>>> or persons had experiences that would be best for the good of
> the
> > >>>> whole.
> > >>>>>>>>>> Survival instinct? If it were a reference point, then
> stealing,
> > >> lying,
> > >>>>>>>>>> cheating and even killing would be perfectly justified as
those
> > >> can
> > >>>>>> be
> > >>>>>>>>> means
> > >>>>>>>>>> of survival.
> > >>>>>>>>>>
> > >>>>>>>>>>>> Why would right and wrong even exist? I would think that the
> > >>>>>>>>>>>> differences
> > >>>>>>>>>>>>>> between societies' definitions of right and wrong, assuming
> > >>>>>>>>>>>>>> societies
> > >>>>>>>>>>>> even

> > >>>>>>> existed, would be so drastic we would never have ventured
into
> any
> > >>> form
> > >>>>>>> of
> > >>>>>>> inter-cultural/inter-geographic interaction, much less
> > >>>>>>> relationships,
> > >>>>>>> diplomacy, collaboration, trade, and open travel.
> > >>>>>>>
> > >>>>>>> As long as "morals" are only relative to each individual,
they
> > >>>>>>> aren't
> > >>>>>>> absolute morals that would last longer than the time it takes
> to
> > >> make
> > >>>>>>> the
> > >>>>>>> choice. We would just have 6.5 billion opinions. There
would
> > >>>>>>> only
> > >>>>> be
> > >>>>>>> an
> > >>>>>>> ever changing perspective on what seems to "make sense" at
the
> > >>>>>>> time,
> > >

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s. Rated @ 300w, most players would run, not walk, from these

>for distortion of any kind. And while I can't really tell you how or why
I
>decided that these were my best option, they remain just that. Next to
a
>good FOH eng, these are the most significant components in my signal path.

>I've never looked back. Maybe because my 1x12's were custom built and based

>on an old Pacific (Michael Forest) design and employ high grade, slow
>growth, light-but-dense Norwegien fir. I use just one primarily but when

>the stage is big enough and the players be fine, I switch the old 50/50
to
>stereo and run the twin cabs about 20' apart, 10' away, pointing back, up

>and and slightly in and jump feet first into what one of my gig compadres

>calls "one big luxurious stereo sonic bathtub."

>

>W.

>

>"Aaron Allen" <know-spam@not_here.dude> wrote in message

>news:450a08d7@linux...

>> I'm looking at picking up a 4x12 to club gig with. Anybody got experience

>> to share with me about these models??

>> Is there 'really' a \$1000 dollars worth of difference in tone from bottom

>> to top with them, is it mechanics (like say, casters and handles)?

>> I will be driving it with a 60wpc tube amp with a tube preamp front end.

>> I want the elusive 'brown sound' distortion and super clear cleans...

>> which the amp/preamp combo is certainly capable of giving me. It's the

>> cabs that suck on my current gear (2 unmatched 2x12's) - I wish to move to

>> one stereo matched cab, and I'm not afraid to rewire it if that matters.

>> Many thanks in advance!

>>

>>

>> <https://www.zzounds.com/item--MSHMG412A>

>> \$450.00 \$279.95

>> Angled-front version.

>> Power: 120 watts

>> Impedance: 8 ohms

>> Speakers: 4 x 12 in. Marshall/Celestion custom-designed speakers (30W

>> each)

>> Dimensions (W x H x D): 26.4 x 26.4 x 14.0 in.

>>

>>

>> <http://www.zzounds.com/item--MSH1960A>

>> \$1,150.00 \$649.95

>> Angled-front version.

>> Black grille cloth

>> White piping

>> Black elephant grain vinyl

>> Speaker: 4 x 12 in. G12T-75

>> Power: 300 watt

>> Impedance: 4 or 16 ohms mono/8 ohms stereo

>> Dimensions: 760 x 830 x 360mm

>> Weight: 36.4 kg

>>
>>
>> <http://www.zzounds.com/item--MSH1960AX>
>> \$1,500.00 \$1,049.00
>> Angled front
>> Vintage-circa early 70's
>> Checkered cloth
>> White piping
>> Medium size white logo
>> Black Levant vinyl
>> Gold beading on Cab
>> Speakers: 4 Celestion G12 M-25w SPKR-00016
>> Power: 100 watts
>> Impedance: 16 ohm
>> Dimensions: 760 x 830 x 360 mm
>> Weight: 37.7 kg
>> Cover: COVR-00022 optional
>>
>>
>> <http://www.zzounds.com/item--MSH1960AHW>
>> \$1,800.00 \$1,200.00
>> Loaded with Celestion G12H-30 re-issue speakers.
>> To complement the 1959HW's visual and sonic majesty, Marshall offers the

>> 1960AHW (angled) 4x12 cabinet. It boasts basket weave fret cloth, metal

>> handles, "100" logos, and is loaded with Celestion's highly-acclaimed

>> G12H-30 re-issue speakers.
>>
>>
>>
>
>I have a one-card system going smoothly, with the EDS card in slot 3 of 4.
Still unable to get through to the Asus people about IRQs, still trying.

Today I will try the one EDS card in the other three slots, one by one. If things go well in each slot, can I just throw all four of my EDS cards in their at once (I still have the four of them linked together with little EDS cables, just the same as I pulled them out), or is there some special routine I have to follow? The manual doesn't make utter sense to me on this

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.dude" target="_blank">know-spam@not_here.dude> wrote:

>>>I was taking that for granted, since we all pulled together to help fund
>>
>>>Chuck's efforts. I have no problems paying for upgrades that are
>>>delivered.
>>>AA
>>>
>>>
>>>"DJ" <animix_spam-this-ahole_@animas.net> wrote in message
>>>news:450f1a7f@linux...
>>>> Do we have any money to pay him? I don't think he's gonna work for free.
>>>>
>>>> ;oP
>>>>
>>>> "Aaron Allen" <know-spam@not_here.dude> wrote in message
>>>> news:450e9b9e@linux...
>>>>> Find out if dude is interested in writing a windows Vista and OS-x

>>>>> driver
>>>>> :)
>>>>>
>>>>> AA
>>>>>
>>>>>
>>>>> "DJ" <animix_spam-this-ahole_@animas.net> wrote in message
>>>>> news:450e471d\$1@linux...
>>>>> > He wrote the software program that MRI machines are using these days.
>>>>> > Very
>>>>> > interesting guy. I'm mastering a project for his wife. He was
>>>>> > pretty
>>>>> > interested in the Paris program. His wife is pretty well known in
the
>>
>>>>> > LA
>>>>> > music community and he digs this stuff. I may ask him if he could

>>>>> > write
>>>>> a
>>>>> > delay compensation applet for Paris. He really got a chuckle out
of
>>>>> > Frankencomp.....said he's built a few similar monstrosities
>>>>> > himself.
>>>>> > They
>>>>> > will be back over here tomorrow night.
>>>>> >
>>>>> > ;o)
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>Martin, I don't think I know enough to make a good pick. I'm just very interested in the diplomacy side of things and I remember as a kid it seemed to be a part of the news that I don't seem to see today. So I'm just wondering aloud who is a real diplomat of today.

I like this story a lot:

There was once a very famous Aikido player in Japan who spent his whole life studying Usheba's legendary art. Although he had dedicated his whole existence to this beautiful art he had never actually had occasion to test it in a real life situation against a determined attacker, someone intent on hurting him. Being a moralistic kind of person he realised that it would be very bad karma to actually go out and pick a fight just to test his art so he was forced to wait until a suitable occasion presented itself. Naively, he longed for the day when he was attacked so that he could prove to himself that Aikido was powerful outside of the controlled walls of the dojo.

The more he trained, the more his obsession for validation grew until one day, travelling home from work on a local commuter train, a potential situation did present itself -an overtly drunk and aggressive man boarded his train and almost immediately started verbally abusing the other passengers. 'This is it,' the Aikido man thought to himself, 'this is my chance to test my art.'

He sat waiting for the abusive passenger to reach him. It was inevitable that he would: he was making his way down the carriage abusing everyone in his path. The drunk got closer and closer to the Aikido man, and the closer he got the louder and more aggressive he became. Most of the other passengers recoiled in fear of being attacked by the drunk. However, the Aikido man couldn't wait for his turn, so that he could prove to himself and everyone else, the effectiveness of his art. The drunk got closer and louder. The Aikido man made ready for the seemingly inevitable assault -he readied himself for a bloody encounter.

As the drunk was almost upon him he prepared to demonstrate his art in the ultimate arena, but before he could rise from his seat the passenger in front of him stood up and engaged the drunk jovially. 'Hey man, what's up with you? I bet you've been drinking in the bar all day, haven't you? You look like a man with problems. Here, come and sit down with me, there's no need to be abusive. No one on this train wants to fight with you.'

The Aikido man watched in awe as the passenger skillfully talked the drunken man down from his rage. Within minutes the drunk was pou

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Posted by [John \[1\]](#) on Sun, 20 Aug 2006 17:53:01 GMT
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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.
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>> >>>>>>> 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
>> >>>>> focus
>> >>>>>>> on the use of force.
>> >>>>>>>
>> >>>>>>> Not that I'll change your mind, DC, so go ahead and declare
>> > victory.
>> >>>>> ;^)
>> >>>>>>> Have a great week!
>> >>>>>>>
>> >>>>>>> Cheers,
>> >>>>>>> -Jamie
>> >>>>>>> <http://www.JamieKrutz.com>
>> >>>>>>>
>> >>>>>>>
>> >>>>>>> DC wrote:
>> >>>>>>>> I thought this was worth reading if any of you are interested.
>> >>>>>>>>
>> >>>>>>>> Have a great Monday!

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>> >>>>>>>> The Unholy Alliance Rolls Over the Pope
>> >>>>>>>> By Andrew Walden
>> >>>>>>>>
>> >>>>>>>> In what has suddenly been made into a highly controversial

of
>> >>>>>>>> Regensberg, Pope Benedict describes Christian belief in a God
>> >>>>>>>> whose words and acts are bound by reason, truth and the law
of
>> >>>>>>>> non-contradiction. Benedict contrasts this with Islamic belief

>Benedict
>> >>>>>>>> further contrasts Christian belief with that of secular
>humanists
>> >>>>>>>> who see reason as being completely unbound of God.
>> >>>>>>>>
>> >>>>>>>> In response, both Islamists and secularists have demanded the

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>Oh, um, cool then! Call me Kiss Jr. ;>)

Tony

"rick" <parnell68@#64
