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HeuristicWorld (Andy) 08-Sep-18 01:35 PM

If all evil = insufficient knowledge. And religion actively teaches people to fear or reject knowledge, is it safe to say that religion is evil?



curi 08-Sep-18 01:59 PM

sorta. first, that's not what all religions are like. second, need to keep things in perspective and not single out religion when e.g. non-religious parents teach their kids that too.

and no one in the West teaches or learns that *thoroughly*, only *partially*



curi 08-Sep-18 02:00 PM

ppl are open to *some* knowledge



HeuristicWorld (Andy) 08-Sep-18 02:01 PM

But isn't religion by definition accepting "revelation" as a source of knowledge and anything that goes against that is forbidden?



curi 08-Sep-18 02:01 PM

no



HeuristicWorld (Andy) 08-Sep-18 02:01 PM

What religion does not believe in Revelation?



curi 08-Sep-18 02:02 PM

i'm super not an expert on religion (i was never religious). there are other ppl who could give you better examples and details. i'll IM some but idk if they will come. posting to FI might help.

plus even if they say a some things are revelation and you can't go against that, they could still be open to human knowledge about other topics



HeuristicWorld (Andy) 08-Sep-18 02:07 PM

Well in the abrahamic religions that would be going against the doctrine

so yes religious people have become more secularized, but these doors don't open from the inside. Reason kicked them from the outside.



GISTE 08-Sep-18 02:45 PM

Islam is evil cuz it teaches to murder non Muslims and other stuff. Christianity and Judaism aren't like that. At least they're trying to be good.



HeuristicWorld (Andy) 08-Sep-18 02:46 PM

They aren't like that because they are ignoring their doctrine and adopting values that go against their doctrine
Christianity on its face is even worse than Islam



curi 08-Sep-18 02:48 PM

going against doctrine = they improved their religion (without rewriting the holy books, but they still improved anyway)
that's good. shouldn't complain about them doing that



HeuristicWorld (Andy) 08-Sep-18 02:49 PM

Yes but not because of their religion.
I am not complaining about it
I am complaining about religion



curi 08-Sep-18 02:50 PM

western civilization comes from religious ppl – christians and jews. ppl improved those religions as part of creating modern civilization, so they're ok now. they contain tons of bug fixes which shouldn't be thrown out. rewriting a new code base for how to think, without all those bug fixes (aka error corrections), means making tons of new and different errors and needing tons more error correction again just to catch back up to where we already were.
this is why, on average, christian and jewish americans are better than atheists.
they still contain some glaring flaws but plenty of religious ppl do not choose to follow those flaws – there are better ideas available and ppl vary, and just wholesale atheism doesn't help ppl on average – and anyway our civilization has more important flaws that aren't specific to religious people.



HeuristicWorld (Andy) 08-Sep-18 02:55 PM

I disagree with almost everything there



GISTE 08-Sep-18 02:55 PM

Andy why do you believe Christian doctrine is worse than Islamic doctrine ? Consider islam's way of murdering apostates in order to spread islam vs Christianity and Judaism not having that trait (resulting in ppl leaving Christianity and Judaism without fear of retaliation)?



HeuristicWorld (Andy) 08-Sep-18 02:55 PM

Western civilization came from human beings

engaging in reason

religion actively fought against it, they lost, they don't get the credit for the victory now

@GISTE Christian doctrine involved also killing apostates



curi 08-Sep-18 02:57 PM

authorities resisted progress. that wasn't a specifically religious problem and the ppl making progress were also religious and their religion mattered to their thinking



HeuristicWorld (Andy) 08-Sep-18 02:57 PM

afk for a bit



curi 08-Sep-18 02:58 PM

ppl made both government and religious authorities better. your rejection of religion should apply basically equally to government

which i'd also disagree with – our government is full of bug fixes and shouldn't just be dumped and replaced with a new thing or with nothing.

ppl cared about their religion (and govt) and improved it instead of abandoning it (despite some of the authorities making this harder), so now it has improvements in it.



curi 08-Sep-18 03:00 PM

so it now should have credit for containing the improvements it now contains.

some important ideas religious ppl are generally better about is: accepting moral truth and free will exist, avoiding moral or cultural relativism, and being skeptical of too much government authority

they more often care about traditional ideas about marriage and how to organize a family, which is good. so much harm has been done by people having inadequate respect for the nuclear family.

it's not perfect but there are a lot more ways to do worse than better

christians better reject socialism than atheists. (jews suck here, tho)

christians are better at seeing man as more important than plants or animals, and rejecting environmentalism

christians are less fooled by the "scientists" seeking authority to tell ppl what to do or think tons of whom are basically frauds

they're more able to resist a pronouncement from a person claiming the authority of science.

this is partly related to their ability also to resist pronouncements from religious authorities and think for themselves

and it works with government authority some too. just authority in general.

they're more able to be humble and say they don't know everything and stick to reasonable ideas, common sense, and tradition that hasn't worked out toooooo badly in the past. rather than being like "well that seems logical" and then, knowing nothing, try to act on some new idea they don't know how to think about well, and don't know enough about, but also don't know how to argue against.

lots of ppl today feel super pressured by logical or scientific arguments they don't know how to argue against, and religious traditions help ppl resist that



HeuristicWorld (Andy) 08-Sep-18 05:28 PM

So you kind of view religion as another technology invented by humans to automate or make certain actions easier, like from FoR Ch9. Not as a source of evil but an outdated form of technology?



betterbylearning 08-Sep-18 05:31 PM

Firstly some people don't know how to live without some authority telling them what to do, including morally. For those people, what religious authorities tell them to do is generally better than what atheist authorities or scientific authorities tell them to do (or leave out).

Would it be best if people could think for themselves, make good moral choices without religion? Ya. But it's hard, and most people don't know how to do it.

So what happens is people reject religion cuz God is bullshit, which it is, but then they don't know how to build a good life without God and they screw things up, often very badly.



HeuristicWorld (Andy) 08-Sep-18 05:32 PM

How so?



betterbylearning 08-Sep-18 05:34 PM

Hedonism is one way. Socialism and environmentalism are other common ones. Nihilism and scientism I've heard of but know less about.

Second thing is religion is a counterbalance organization to government. Ideally, we wouldn't need it but in practice we do. For example, the main reason homeschooling is now widely legal is because religion organized around demanding it.

I strongly disagree with what most devout Christians want homeschooling for (to avoid their kids learning about evolution and sex). BUT I disagree even more with the idea that kids are some kinda state property and must be subject to government approved indoctrination.



HeuristicWorld (Andy) 08-Sep-18 05:43 PM

Not to mention they are bringing disease back that we had largely beat but they fell for the whole vaccines stuff.



betterbylearning 08-Sep-18 05:43 PM

I'm an atheist, and have hung around a fair number of atheist groups. The problem with most people there is they have just swapped religious authority for government authority or the authority of "science" they don't understand.



HeuristicWorld (Andy) 08-Sep-18 05:44 PM

I will agree that for many people there's been a swap from one form of dogmatism to another on the far left we got blasphemy laws basically, anti-science, and anti human guilt but I think reason and progress has been made since the enlightenment and this is largely due despite of religion, not because of it



betterbylearning 08-Sep-18 05:46 PM

@vaccines, I agree lots of stupidity there.



HeuristicWorld (Andy) 08-Sep-18 05:46 PM

Life expectancy, absolute poverty, health, happiness, any measure of well being you can think of has improved radically since the enlightenment. I think reason, humanism is to blame for this, not religion.

reason and science

and dare I say it, capitalism



betterbylearning 08-Sep-18 05:48 PM

The Enlightenment started when religion was the primary authority. Pushing back against that was extremely valuable.



curi 08-Sep-18 05:48 PM

outdated technology – yes! kinda like that. kinda like a bank that runs COBOL software and the old codebase has lots of old knowledge in it.



betterbylearning 08-Sep-18 05:48 PM

It would be a bad idea to go back to state religions, blasphemy laws, etc.



curi 08-Sep-18 05:49 PM

but, with religion, the new technology is not clearly better yet. parts are better but we don't have a thorough replacement and we shouldn't be aiming to just make a new thing, we should improve it. like there are secular jews. you can change some parts but still keep morality and thinking that human authorities aren't the last word on things.



HeuristicWorld (Andy) 08-Sep-18 05:50 PM

That's one way to think about it. I think there's some overlap in thinking there with that of JPs



curi 08-Sep-18 05:51 PM

BBL: i highly sympathize with the religious right not wanting their kids to be taught evolution in the current way high schools teach it (as dogma, which the students and teachers both understand quite poorly, and are intolerant of dissent about) and i also sympathize with them not wanting their kids taught modern lefty sexual ideas which have the purpose of assaulting traditional marriage and the nuclear family and traditional knowledge about how to keep sex under control in society to avoid disasters.

yes andy, JP also doesn't hate religion 😊

and he has noticed wisdom in some of the stories

instead of just saying "those are religious stories, and religion is wrong, so i will learn nothing from them"



HeuristicWorld (Andy) 08-Sep-18 05:54 PM

I do appreciate the endeavour he's gone in. Whatever else one might say about him he's thinking deeply through these things. I read maps of meaning, it was really dense and I don't think I got a lot of it but yeah he's certainly trying to find wisdom in the rubble for sure.



curi 08-Sep-18 05:54 PM

progress hasn't been despite religion, it's been despite bad ideas, religious or otherwise.



HeuristicWorld (Andy) 08-Sep-18 05:54 PM

That's a better way to put it yeah



curi 08-Sep-18 05:54 PM

religions usually advocate most of the bad ideas of their culture, even in cases (quite often) where they are not the guiding force that actually determined those ideas
e.g. "spare the rod, spoil the child" is not an idea invented by religion
it's a prior idea which xian didn't object to and adopted
and atheists don't treat children better.
they tend to do better in *some* ways, but worse in others.



HeuristicWorld (Andy) 08-Sep-18 05:57 PM

I have an uncle sadly he doesn't have internet but he was a philosopher. I feel like, I don't know how but he definitely embodied the TCS ideas. He was always upset when my parents would hit me and or like when my grandma would hide the candy. I remember him saying that deception is not the way to reason or something. I wonder if he was familiar with those ideas. I always thought he was just kind but I think he really thought through these things.
doesn't have internet so i can't communicate with him easily*
thought*



curi 08-Sep-18 05:57 PM

we are told all the time that someone (usually the speaker or their parent) embodies TCS ideas even though they have never read TCS essays. it is false in 100% of cases.



HeuristicWorld (Andy) 08-Sep-18 05:58 PM

Possibly
but it's better



curi 08-Sep-18 05:58 PM

the only known thinker with no association with TCS to have significant TCS ideas is William Godwin.



HeuristicWorld (Andy) 08-Sep-18 06:01 PM

I'll have to see if I can ask him. He's hard to reach but I remember he definitely took me seriously even at a young age. And he was incredibly well read. His house was awesome, it was like a giant library.



curi 08-Sep-18 06:02 PM

all of those things you've mentioned are, if not common, at least heard of in regular society
you don't know enough about TCS to judge what fits it or not, anyway
people are always surprised when they find out how serious, consistent and "extreme" it is



HeuristicWorld (Andy) 08-Sep-18 06:03 PM

Yeah probably but you also don't know how rare and extreme it was for someone to speak out against spanking in my culture



curi 08-Sep-18 06:03 PM

ah but there aer a LOT of anti-spanking ppl. there have been tons of debates btwn TCS advocates and other ppl who disapprove of spanking.

similarly btwn TCSers and other unschool or homeschool groups
or with attachment parenting, sudbury schools, la leche league, etc



HeuristicWorld (Andy) 08-Sep-18 06:04 PM

I can imagine, I am just saying it's like... it sucks to admit but its almost like a source of pride. Like most south americans blame poor behavior of americans because they were never spanked

and they say it with pride



curi 08-Sep-18 06:04 PM



HeuristicWorld (Andy) 08-Sep-18 06:05 PM

that's the whole "chancla" or "the mom flip flop" joke



curi 08-Sep-18 06:05 PM

plenty of americans have been spanked, btw

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AHbFTuc8Xql>

curi

Teachers Paddling Children are Violent Abusers

Comments, clips and info about paddling children at American schools. by Elliot Temple <https://elliottemple.com>



it still happens at school, let alone at home



HeuristicWorld (Andy) 08-Sep-18 06:07 PM

I am aware. It's just a typical view they hold.



curi 08-Sep-18 06:08 PM

back to religions, the enlightenment enlightened our religions, just as it enlightened our government. it improved major parts of society. whereas modern atheism didn't go through that enlightening process



HeuristicWorld (Andy) 08-Sep-18 06:10 PM

Partially it is because Universities stopped teaching these values



curi 08-Sep-18 06:11 PM

yes and christianity is a counter-force to the universities



HeuristicWorld (Andy) 08-Sep-18 06:11 PM

I prefer what the IDW is doing in that area



curi 08-Sep-18 06:11 PM

i think that most of them are dangerous people



HeuristicWorld (Andy) 08-Sep-18 06:11 PM

the work of Heterox Academy is important



curi 08-Sep-18 06:11 PM

and that their atheism is related to the danger
they are mostly so antiliberal
and have bought into a lot of "scientific" propaganda



HeuristicWorld (Andy) 08-Sep-18 06:12 PM

I think they are still a much better alternative than the far left stuff



curi 08-Sep-18 06:12 PM

i thought we were comparing to christianity



HeuristicWorld (Andy) 08-Sep-18 06:13 PM

oh and to that



curi 08-Sep-18 06:13 PM

american christianity is not so antiliberal or into "scientific" propaganda
it's much more able to e.g. vote for Trump. whereas IDW is full of anti-trump ppl who are,
accidentally, on the side of destroying civilization



HeuristicWorld (Andy) 08-Sep-18 06:14 PM

Can you give me an example of scientific propaganda that the IDW proposes?



curi 08-Sep-18 06:14 PM

we went over some of harris' brain scanning research b4
i have stuff on youtube about peterson's serotonin stuff
he's into big 5 personality stuff too



HeuristicWorld (Andy) 08-Sep-18 06:15 PM

I don't know how that' worse than creationism and anti evolution



curi 08-Sep-18 06:15 PM

99% of the advocates of evolution do not understand it enough to rationally believe it, they just take it on authority
and what harm is questioning evolution doing?
what harm are creation myths doing?
it's e.g. the global warming ppl who want to destroy the economy b/c of their myths
most christians aren't young earth creationists anyway



HeuristicWorld (Andy) 08-Sep-18 06:17 PM

Yeah the religious moderates are just either ignorant of their doctrine or actively against some of the parts they don't like.



curi 08-Sep-18 06:17 PM

that's fine with me. it's not like the atheists anywhere near fully consistent either
and it's good not to fully accept one's religion, to question and challenge parts
even if you haven't created a fully consistent replacement



HeuristicWorld (Andy) 08-Sep-18 06:18 PM

You're not going to fix universities by teaching anti-evolution ideas. You might if you let different opinions be voiced and not deplatform conservatives for example
I think you should check out Heterodox Academy, I think they are doing important work



curi 08-Sep-18 06:19 PM

yeah the way to improve universities is to make them more open and tolerant, not to make them teach specific things.



HeuristicWorld (Andy) 08-Sep-18 06:19 PM

exactly



curi 08-Sep-18 06:20 PM

this is implied in the TCS program of teachers as helpers who help individuals learn the things they want to learn, rather than as authorities giving one-size-fits-many sermons, called lectures, to groups

if they stopped using grading to enforce students following the curriculum, they could at least pick and choose which individual lectures are of interest to them from many different classes, rather than being stick with particular bundles

but right now students are under massive pressure to agree with their teachers, and are punished for not doing it. the students don't lead their own learning experience.



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HeuristicWorld (Andy) 08-Sep-18 06:23 PM

interestingly enough, the states is better in that regard than other countries. You at least are allowed to take classes outside of your department if you so wish.



curi 08-Sep-18 06:23 PM

the states is broadly better than other countries at *everything*
so i don't find that notable



HeuristicWorld (Andy) 08-Sep-18 06:24 PM

Except soccer 🤪



curi 08-Sep-18 06:24 PM

well, i think we make better decisions about how much attention to pay to soccer



HeuristicWorld (Andy) 08-Sep-18 06:25 PM

LOL



curi 08-Sep-18 06:25 PM

but i'll grant we're worse at football in that regard...
and baseball



JustinCEO 08-Sep-18 06:25 PM

> that's the whole "chancla" or "the mom flip flop" joke

Oh man just looked this up <http://www.vivala.com/identity/la-chancla-memes/6853/mami-is-always-armed-and-loaded/1>

Mami is always armed and loaded.
If you know, YOU KNOW.



Horrible stuff



HeuristicWorld (Andy) 08-Sep-18 06:27 PM

I still chuckle. A tradition I would not continue but It is kind of funny.



curi 08-Sep-18 06:28 PM

"you don't agree with me, so i hit you (and deny the issue is a disagreement)" said mom. and so we live in a world where the IDW ppl – and more or less everyone else – decide who to talk to and consider ideas from largely by authority, and dont' resolve disagreements rationally.



G Neto 08-Sep-18 06:28 PM

those memes are common here too
but i think people talk about them remembering the past



HeuristicWorld (Andy) 08-Sep-18 06:30 PM

Yeah G Neto, its not the act of hitting the kid that's funny, its the laugh at my pain caused by a freaking flip flop.



G Neto 08-Sep-18 06:30 PM

i think its becoming a tabu really fast



curi 08-Sep-18 06:30 PM

does a single one of the IDW ppl have an open forum?
there certainly seem to be no mechanisms to get disagreements with them resolved



HeuristicWorld (Andy) 08-Sep-18 06:31 PM

Not that I am aware of



curi 08-Sep-18 06:32 PM

christians as a group have poor paths forward as well, but are more connected to the best traditions our civilization has had.



HeuristicWorld (Andy) 08-Sep-18 06:32 PM

I know Peterson answers letters from his Sub sometimes. I've never reached Sam, maybe through his AMA page.



curi 08-Sep-18 06:33 PM

instead of trying to be so damn clever and come up with new ideas – most of which are actually unoriginal. the christians are less arrogant and so have gone less far astray. which is not the highest praise, but it's better than nothing.



HeuristicWorld (Andy) 08-Sep-18 06:33 PM

I think you can reach Michael Shermer via his website sometimes. Eric Weinstein sometimes responds on twitter



curi 08-Sep-18 06:33 PM

Jordan Peterson is contactable when he wants to be btw
he personally responded to me, from his private email, after his secretary or someone had already responded to me. to thank me for telling him some typos in his book
but not a word about antidepressants or paths forward.



HeuristicWorld (Andy) 08-Sep-18 06:34 PM

Popularity has its downsides



curi 08-Sep-18 06:34 PM

popularity doesn't cause this
he isn't overloaded with great messages to respond to
and if he were, he could publicly reply to his selection of the best ones
which is not a thing he does
having more to choose from is a good thing, not a bad thing



HeuristicWorld (Andy) 08-Sep-18 06:35 PM

Not a thing anyone does. It's not a bad idea. There's so much garbage out there though. Like I don't read Youtube comments for the most part etc... It's one hell of an opportunity cost the larger it gets.



curi 08-Sep-18 06:37 PM

DD used to be extremely open to discussion. Thomas Szasz was open to discussion. Reisman is a bit, and would have been more so if he weren't over 80. Feynman and Rand had discussions with random ppl.

youtube comments aren't designed to encourage quality. but JP or whoever could easily hire someone to screen emails (or even YT comments) for notable ones.

i think he does in fact have a screening process

it's just bad and excludes things like my open letter, by design

whereas the screening process of aubrey de grey, for example, is different, and he talked with me quite a bit

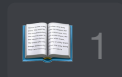
even though he's quite busy with more important work

David Horowitz runs the freedom center but he got one of my videos put up on one of his sites and he followed me on twitter



JustinCEO 08-Sep-18 06:39 PM

That convo with Aubrey is available on the ebooks page everyone <http://curi.us/ebooks>



curi 08-Sep-18 06:39 PM

he talks with hostile ppl on twitter, too



HeuristicWorld (Andy) 08-Sep-18 06:40 PM

Actually Sam does frequent AMAs



curi 08-Sep-18 06:40 PM

reddit AMAs are censored IME



HeuristicWorld (Andy) 08-Sep-18 06:40 PM

not reddit his site

I transcribed one theidw.blogspot.com

the oldest one



curi 08-Sep-18 06:41 PM

oh he does verbal answers. like JP's monthly patreon Q&A responses.



G Neto 08-Sep-18 06:41 PM

robert spencer talks a lot with hostile ppl on twitter too



HeuristicWorld (Andy) 08-Sep-18 06:41 PM

Yup



curi 08-Sep-18 06:41 PM

and you don't get to see which questions he didn't answer



HeuristicWorld (Andy) 08-Sep-18 06:41 PM

you do



curi 08-Sep-18 06:41 PM

oh?

i'm on site, don't see that



HeuristicWorld (Andy) 08-Sep-18 06:41 PM

they are under the unanswered

oh you have to be a supporter to see it

I mean harris



curi 08-Sep-18 06:42 PM

oh that's stupid that it hides it from guests



HeuristicWorld (Andy) 08-Sep-18 06:42 PM

He's a dirty capitalist 🤪



curi 08-Sep-18 06:42 PM

no he's not, he hates capitalism

and i think hiding it from guests costs him money

it's just bad policy



HeuristicWorld (Andy) 08-Sep-18 06:43 PM

I don't know if he hates capitalists but he doesn't like Rand.



curi 08-Sep-18 06:43 PM

he has essays about how he hates capitalism

i wrote a blog post about this



HeuristicWorld (Andy) 08-Sep-18 06:43 PM

I think



curi 08-Sep-18 06:43 PM

u didn't see it?



HeuristicWorld (Andy) 08-Sep-18 06:43 PM

I saw it



curi 08-Sep-18 06:43 PM

he wants to tax the richest ppl by 50% of their current wealth



HeuristicWorld (Andy) 08-Sep-18 06:43 PM

I just don't know if that means you hate capitalism



curi 08-Sep-18 06:43 PM

and he spent literally the entire blog post flaming such ppl
instead of thinking rationally for even one second



G Neto 08-Sep-18 06:44 PM

well, if you dont respect private property you dont like capitalism



curi 08-Sep-18 06:44 PM

he doesn't have any allegiance to liberal principles
you may think he's an advocate of free speech, say, but if he had a clue what freedom was
he wouldn't have advocated such an egregious attack on it



HeuristicWorld (Andy) 08-Sep-18 06:45 PM

That seems absolutist



curi 08-Sep-18 06:45 PM

there are zero people who advocate sam's political policies who understand freedom enough
to be considered real supporters of it



HeuristicWorld (Andy) 08-Sep-18 06:46 PM

I don't know. If you like 99% capitalist and like 1% regulation is that still anti capitalist? - I
mean I don't think you could accuse me of being a socialist.



curi 08-Sep-18 06:46 PM

but sam isnt' like that

he wants the government to confiscate as much capital as it can get away with, and start spending it.



HeuristicWorld (Andy) 08-Sep-18 06:47 PM

Well the IDW has engaged with Objectivists, I posted a video of Gad and Yaron
I don't think they talked much economics though



curi 08-Sep-18 06:47 PM

yaron is safe b/c he's not challenging and doesn't advocate objectivism well
right...

i've listened to like 5 of JP's Q&As and he never once answered a serious challenge to his beliefs or had any kind of back and forth (back and forth is needed to get anywhere). i imagine sam's are similar.



HeuristicWorld (Andy) 08-Sep-18 06:48 PM

No back and forth
just answers



curi 08-Sep-18 06:48 PM

they answer things that appear to some ppl to be serious challenges, but which they find non-threatening.

but nothing "too extreme"

nothing too outside the box

sam got a lot of hate after he said how much he hated capitalism

he wrote a followup blog post with his response

it was: fuck you, i don't even want you as a fan.

he didn't care to think about the issues

he certainly did not address any of the economic arguments



HeuristicWorld (Andy) 08-Sep-18 06:50 PM

How to lose fans without even trying
I read that



curi 08-Sep-18 06:50 PM

yes, that title is just as dishonest as the rest

he belligerently advocated policies that would give bernie or hillary pause, then said he wasn't even trying to offend anyone

what a scumbag



HeuristicWorld (Andy) 08-Sep-18 06:52 PM

That might be too harsh. I don't think he is convinced by Bernie, he doesn't think his system would work I think. I actually supported Bernie, I didn't like Hillary at all.



curi 08-Sep-18 06:52 PM

i didn't say he was a bernie supporter

you must have misread

i said his policies are *left of bernie* enough that bernie would pause to think about whether to agree with harris or maybe think that's too much



HeuristicWorld (Andy) 08-Sep-18 06:53 PM

I know you said that he went further than even Bernie, I am not sure about that



curi 08-Sep-18 06:53 PM

but he did

just literally

his policies are public

as are bernie's

name a comparable bernie policy

here's some random article

> HOW radical is Bernie Sanders? The self-declared socialist likes to remind voters that many of his policies—say, on health care, or on paid family leave—simply copy most of the rest of the rich world.



HeuristicWorld (Andy) 08-Sep-18 06:55 PM

I dunno is Free Healthcare and tuition for all not more extreme than w/e Harris wants? When he spoke with Shapiro he said positive things about liberterianism



curi 08-Sep-18 06:55 PM

whereas harris advocated a policy that exists in no country, though similar things have happened right after violent revolutions

> he said positive things about liberterianism

he's a liar

he tried the same trick in his blog post

he wrote a post with nothing but hatred for libertarian ideas, then said he likes libertarianism with no definition

he probably likes some "civil libertarian" ideas



HeuristicWorld (Andy) 08-Sep-18 06:57 PM

How would objectivists achieve affordable healthcare for all?



curi 08-Sep-18 06:57 PM

free market

also the concept of "healthcare" refers to many different things

you can never have all medicine available to all. some things are too expensive. there is scarcity

but you can have ibuprofen available to all, as we do have.

no thx to the govt



HeuristicWorld (Andy) 08-Sep-18 06:59 PM

Between UBI and welfare which one is the least offensive to you?



curi 08-Sep-18 06:59 PM

(or, more precisely, only thanks to the night watchmen state portion of the govt which e.g. protects property rights)

idk, they are similar



curi 08-Sep-18 07:00 PM

they're both the violent rejection of liberalism

it's not just an economic issue btw. they are the rejection of both individual rights and of equal treatment of all, of universalism. they are both about favoring some groups over others, they are class warfare.

harris' proposed policy would literally destroy the world pretty much instantly. bernie's wouldn't. bernie advocated economic policies that would lower our standard of living, and might destroy civilization in a few decades.

bernie also is advocating policies that i'm pretty confident people would accept without civil war, whereas harris is advocating policies that are liable to cause a civil war.

fortunately there are no politicians like harris afaik, and if there was they would not get votes. or maybe it's unfortunate. obama's duplicity and greater patience allowed him to win an election and do a ton of harm, whereas harris' approach would just fail



HeuristicWorld (Andy) 08-Sep-18 07:06 PM

If I didn't know who you were and read this I would have thought you're nuts



curi 08-Sep-18 07:06 PM

that's why DD omitted this from his books

but i disagree with him about that.



HeuristicWorld (Andy) 08-Sep-18 07:07 PM

I mean you could still be nuts and I'm gullible but you know



curi 08-Sep-18 07:07 PM

harris wanted to tax rich ppl by a larger amount of money than they could actually pay
wtf is going to happen next
and not just income tax, but their accumulated wealth. their investments and companies.
their factories



HeuristicWorld (Andy) 08-Sep-18 07:08 PM

That's assuming a ton of liquid assets that I can't imagine a smart business person just has lying around



curi 08-Sep-18 07:08 PM

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HeuristicWorld (Andy) 08-Sep-18 07:08 PM

What you said Harris wants
I feel like thats assuming a lot



curi 08-Sep-18 07:09 PM

you mean harris falsely assumed that billionaires have 50% of their wealth as liquid, as i said in my post?



HeuristicWorld (Andy) 08-Sep-18 07:09 PM

Oh I read his post not yours
but yes



curi 08-Sep-18 07:09 PM

i really doubt he thought about that
did he analyze it and think they have 70% of their wealth in liquid form? and so he should take 5/7ths of their liquid wealth?
no. he just carelessly asked for half cuz half sounds non-ruinous if you give it no thought whatsoever
and taking a majority sounds more unfair to ppl
he has no appreciation that ppl got rich by providing things that customers wanted
and so the rich man *already* served his fellow man
every time the rich man gained a dollar, it was b/c another man wanted to trade iwth him for *mutual* benefit



HeuristicWorld (Andy) 08-Sep-18 07:13 PM

What about people who make money not generating anything. Like just speculation etc..



curi 08-Sep-18 07:13 PM

if he has a billion dollars, it means in general that he helped other ppl by considerably more than a billion

billionaires never get anywhere close to half of the value creation. it's not an even split. the consumers get the lion's share.

speculation is economically efficient and makes money by improving ppl's lives

that's one of the classic examples of ppl being totally ignorant of economics

and then hateful instead of trying to learn something

the basic thing speculation does is even out bumps in market conditions, so adjustments to changing conditions are smoother

a speculator thinks "we are going to have too little oil in the future, so i'll buy some now and save it, so we use less now and more then". he improves things by causing some oil to be used at a time when it provides more benefit. (if he's correct. if incorrect he loses his own money.)



HeuristicWorld (Andy) 08-Sep-18 07:16 PM

In Canada a couple won a million dollar settlement because their landlord walked into the apartment and didn't take off his shoes. So this was decreed as religious discrimination. againsts Islam



curi 08-Sep-18 07:16 PM

ugh



HeuristicWorld (Andy) 08-Sep-18 07:16 PM

against*

they were being evicted for not paying rent



curi 08-Sep-18 07:17 PM

meanwhile christians are discriminated against



HeuristicWorld (Andy) 08-Sep-18 07:17 PM

the Ontario Human rights commission does lords work

Could you imagine being that landlord though. like what in the fuck, they aren't paying rent. I own the property, for some reason your religious beliefs absolve you of all and now he's super fucked.



curi 08-Sep-18 07:18 PM

the laws regarding rentals are really really really bad

rent control is common

it's really hard to evict ppl in lots of places



HeuristicWorld (Andy) 08-Sep-18 07:19 PM

oh ! and btw this is the kicker. Pretty sure they are Islamists. Gad Saad was talking about it in a post i made recently



curi 08-Sep-18 07:19 PM

and regulations prevent lots of buildings of new homes



HeuristicWorld (Andy) 08-Sep-18 07:20 PM

Yup it was in the Joe Rogan podcast with Gad Saad

This is when Gad and Peterson were testifying in congress in Canada against bill c 16



curi 08-Sep-18 07:22 PM

you said something about the downsides of being famous or popular, WRT the IDW ppl but they seek it out on purpose and like it



HeuristicWorld (Andy) 08-Sep-18 07:22 PM

I don't doubt they seek it



curi 08-Sep-18 07:22 PM

they could spend their time trying to learn, if they wanted to. they prefer to tell ppl what to think.

and they take lots of steps to get larger audiences.

(they do try to learn in limited ways, but they could pursue it more vigorously if they chose to)



HeuristicWorld (Andy) 08-Sep-18 07:23 PM

I think there's a lot to learn from them though. Brett now gets to reach a much larger audience with his evolution videos after he was booted out by an angry racist mob from evergreen



curi 08-Sep-18 07:24 PM

some ppl learn some good things from them, sure. i know most of it or better versions already anyway.



HeuristicWorld (Andy) 08-Sep-18 07:24 PM

He's going to be doing a conversation with Dawkins soon
should be good



curi 08-Sep-18 07:24 PM

dawkins is so arrogant

he's also confused about evolution, but there's no way to tell him.



HeuristicWorld (Andy) 08-Sep-18 07:25 PM

Btw @ evergreen a black woman got punched by a white guy for passing through their picket line as they were protesting against the racism at ever green against minorities. So you know... that makes sense.

she just wanted to get to work



curi 08-Sep-18 07:26 PM

she was punched for being a scab, not for being black. he probably didn't even notice her skin color before punching 😊



G Neto 08-Sep-18 07:26 PM

what is dawkins confused about? that evolution is a theory of epistemology?



HeuristicWorld (Andy) 08-Sep-18 07:27 PM

What does that mean?

for being a scab

curi 08-Sep-18 07:27 PM

scab | skab |

noun

- 1 a dry, rough protective crust that forms over a cut or wound during healing.
- 2 mange or a similar skin disease in animals.
 - *[usually with modifier]* any of a number of fungal diseases of plants in which rough patches develop, especially on apples and potatoes.
- 3 *informal* a person or thing regarded with dislike and disgust.
 - *derogatory* a person who refuses to strike or to join a labor union or who takes over the job responsibilities of a striking worker.

3b



HeuristicWorld (Andy) 08-Sep-18 07:28 PM

oh haha



curi 08-Sep-18 07:28 PM

neto, he wrote The Evolution of Evolvability. i've posted about it b4



HeuristicWorld (Andy) 08-Sep-18 07:28 PM

Well the protest was against Racism and Violence against minorities
soooooo you know



curi 08-Sep-18 07:29 PM

and i posted about how Ancestor's Tale has errors regarding silver foxes



HeuristicWorld (Andy) 08-Sep-18 07:31 PM

You know Brett discovered the problem with testing on Rats long before anyone did and the length of their telomeres. So like Lab rats have way longer telomeres than regular rats, so it explains why some drugs work on them but not on humans.



curi 08-Sep-18 07:31 PM

i don't know which rat testing you're referring to
i remember feynman writing about testing mice running through mazes
most of the research on that is wrong
or it may have been rats. probably both.



HeuristicWorld (Andy) 08-Sep-18 07:32 PM

No like. Drug testing.



curi 08-Sep-18 07:32 PM

> So like Lab rats have way longer telomeres than regular rats, so it explains why some drugs work on them but not on humans.

that doesn't make sense to me. i don't see why wild rats would be the same as humans, either.

a difference btwn caged and wild rats doesn't tell us which is more human-like



HeuristicWorld (Andy) 08-Sep-18 07:33 PM

https://www.huffingtonpost.com/michael-zimmerman/of-mice-and-men-unseen-da_b_1352201.html

Of Mice and Men: Unseen Dangers in Laboratory Protocols

Fifty years ago, Rachel Carson shocked the world and gave birth to the modern environmental movement with the publication of Silent Spring . Her...



curi 08-Sep-18 07:33 PM

wtf that opens with praise for rachel carson
who has killed probably millions of children



HeuristicWorld (Andy) 08-Sep-18 07:34 PM

I have no idea who that is



curi 08-Sep-18 07:34 PM

she made up a hoax scare to get DDT banned so that poor ppl in foreign countries can get way more malaria



HeuristicWorld (Andy) 08-Sep-18 07:35 PM

Oh jeez. well anyway yes Brett got a lot of pushback on that research
and it was buried basically



curi 08-Sep-18 07:35 PM

> With their telomeric failsafe effectively disabled, these animals are unreliable models of normal senescence and tumor formation.

oh it's specifically related to cancer research?

i vaguely recall, from Ending Aging, telomeres being related to preventing cell duplication from going wild like cancer. something like that i think.



HeuristicWorld (Andy) 08-Sep-18 07:36 PM

Yes, anything that involves cell death as a mechanism.



curi 08-Sep-18 07:36 PM

ic. that sounds important



HeuristicWorld (Andy) 08-Sep-18 07:37 PM

anyway he discovered this and this is something that should have been front and center but he got slammed for it and ignored
ignored*



curi 08-Sep-18 07:37 PM

rit, academia is like that



HeuristicWorld (Andy) 08-Sep-18 07:37 PM

I think some of it had to do with weird academia politics because he's not from a "big school" or something so he wasn't taken seriously



curi 08-Sep-18 07:38 PM

feynman's rat or mouse story is similar. very important research getting ignored (not his own).
oh it says rats

<http://calteches.library.caltech.edu/51/2/CargoCult.htm>

and it's the same outside of the empirical sciences

like DD's work on static and dynamic memes

which he figured out like 20 years before Bol, but which ppl didn't want to publish.



HeuristicWorld (Andy) 08-Sep-18 07:42 PM

oh yeah I remember reading about this

They didn't know that the Rats could smell the cheese
too

oh it mentions that



curi 08-Sep-18 07:43 PM

also

I explained to her that it was necessary first to repeat in her laboratory the experiment of the other person—to do it under condition X to see if she could also get result A—and then change to Y and see if A changed. Then she would know that the real difference was the thing she thought she had under control.

She was very delighted with this new idea, and went to her professor. And his reply was, no, you cannot do that, because the experiment has already been done and you would be wasting time.



HeuristicWorld (Andy) 08-Sep-18 07:44 PM

yeah its really easy to fool yourself, also idk if you've seen the netflix documentary on the amazing randi, where he sent 2 magicians undercover and they fooled researchers into thinking they had ESP powers or telekinetic powers for months.



curi 08-Sep-18 07:44 PM

haven't seen that, but i'm aware of randi in general
what's the title? sounds good



HeuristicWorld (Andy) 08-Sep-18 07:45 PM

An Honest liar i think



curi 08-Sep-18 07:45 PM

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bWfLQwYSYf0>


An Honest Liar

AN HONEST LIAR is a feature documentary about the world-famous magician, escape artist, and world-renowned enemy of deception, James 'The Amazing' Randi. The...



HeuristicWorld (Andy) 08-Sep-18 07:45 PM

Yup An Honest Liar

 curi 08-Sep-18 07:50 PM

@nuts from earlier, as usual i await anyone who can and will refute any of it.

i think my methods do a much better job of correcting errors than the methods used by others, so i think my ideas are more reliable

i developed Paths Forward b/c i found no one was doing anything like that, and i wanted to detail more clearly what they were doing so badly wrong

but they don't have Paths Forward regarding methodology – like PF itself – either.

and in general ppl are much less willing to talk about that.

Robert Spencer (of Jihad Watch – he does good work) pretends to do something like Paths Forward. he talks to critics substantially on twitter. but he's dishonest. there's a trick to it. if you challenge him and he's actually wrong, and it's hard to answer you, he just starts ignoring you – while continuing to reply to the ppl he thinks he can beat.

i think this is interesting b/c what does he gain by this dishonesty? what is he avoided? time very well spent engaging with challenging ideas!

Q&A's like JPs are somewhat similar, but less dishonest about it. it's clearer with what they do that the discussion is rather limited.

(but not fully clear)

i test ppl a lot. it's pretty cheap to say one or two things to someone and see if they react rationally

i tested Spencer recently. he misquoted obama in a blog post. he was active on twitter. i told him. he responded to me once, then started ignoring me and my friends who chimed in – but kept responding to the same hostile idiots he was also talking with.

i dislike obama just as much as spencer, but you gotta get your quotes right

they always have some excuse in their mind when they dismiss challenges

his was that the words he put within quote marks were quotes. which is true. but he took some stuff out of context and then substantially misrepresented it.


he did that thing where you write a statement partly with quotes and partly with paraphrases, and attribute the whole idea to the person quoted

and it was just totally wrong



HeuristicWorld (Andy) 08-Sep-18 07:59 PM

is that the dude who got arrested in the UK for trying to out those Rape gangs?

 curi 08-Sep-18 08:00 PM

no that's tommy robinson

i've found it's normally impossible to correct ppl on simple factual issues, not just on actual sophisticated intellectual concepts.

that's how bad their error correction mechanisms are

e.g. harry binswanger, one of the supposedly top objectivists, misquoted popper

the quote he gave was from a different book than the one he cited, in addition to him taking it out of context and totally misunderstanding it

but i could make no headway on him correcting anything

he was too busy hating popper and, by extension, me



HeuristicWorld (Andy) 08-Sep-18 08:01 PM

wait if you find it normally impossible to error correct people how come you were so confident when we first started the minimum wage exercise?



curi 08-Sep-18 08:02 PM

oh, well, ppl who come to my forum are different
they are more open to discussion than ppl online that i contact



HeuristicWorld (Andy) 08-Sep-18 08:02 PM

oh



curi 08-Sep-18 08:03 PM

and also i have nothing to lose with confidence or with trying to do something that leads to some kind of actual outcome.

i want an outcome. i dont' want halfway ppl hanging around not learning anything
progress or bust

i let them lurk but ... meh

min wage seemed like about as good a thing to bet on as i could get

but like the majority of ppl who show up in blog comments or on FI will do things like misquote me or misparaphrase me and refuse to use quotes, and the issue can't be corrected

also can't/won't learn to use markdown quoting



HeuristicWorld (Andy) 08-Sep-18 08:06 PM

I guess its embarrassing for some people to show where they are ignorant



curi 08-Sep-18 08:07 PM

that is one of many factors :/

parents and schools punish ignorance, encourage pretending to understand things u dont

APPLE HAS PERMANENTLY BANNED ALEX JONES' INFOWARS APP FROM THE APP STORE ★

:((((((((((((((((



G Neto 08-Sep-18 08:12 PM

>"offensive, insensitive, upsetting, intended to disgust or in exceptionally poor taste."



HeuristicWorld (Andy) 08-Sep-18 08:12 PM

I am really torn about that. On the one hand, its their business they can choose who to host and Alex Jones is an ass with his Sandy Hook conspiracy stuff, on the other hand, like...Why give a paranoid man more ammunition, and also what are the actual rules because this is kind of weird



curi 08-Sep-18 08:12 PM

i thought you respected free speech

are any of the apparent free speech advocates from IDW torn about this?



HeuristicWorld (Andy) 08-Sep-18 08:13 PM

Another reason why I'm torn
yes



curi 08-Sep-18 08:13 PM

shameful



HeuristicWorld (Andy) 08-Sep-18 08:13 PM

oh torn

well Peterson is agaisnt it
as is Eric
as is Shapiro and Rubin



curi 08-Sep-18 08:14 PM

that's something



HeuristicWorld (Andy) 08-Sep-18 08:14 PM

I don't know about the others I havent heard
what im confused about is

is it free speech if its a private business?

I personally think unless it is endangering someone to just leave it



curi 08-Sep-18 08:14 PM

apple purported to offer a public service that was available for ppl to speak their mind, as twitter and FB also claim to offer



HeuristicWorld (Andy) 08-Sep-18 08:15 PM

and it creeps me out. Like a bunch of independent companies all just get together and exile one person



curi 08-Sep-18 08:15 PM

i'm not against private forums. but i am against false advertising. apple's pretense at an open, public service is one of the reasons there aren't more competitors. if apple had said "this is a walled garden where we exclude ppl we disagree with" then some other alternatives would be bigger

and not only that, but apple hasn't announced a new private venue policy, they are continuing the same pretense. just like twitter, google, FB, etc

also, regardless of whether it's breaking any laws, it's certainly *immoral and nasty* of apple



some of the reasons they are targetting jones are that 1) a lot people listen to some of his *other* ideas 2) they have a great excuse with the conspiracy stuff, so they can pretend they aren't targetting e.g. immigration patriots

3) to begin the slippery slope



HeuristicWorld (Andy) 08-Sep-18 08:18 PM

When I brought up my concerns when the celebratory posts about this in progrssive forums I got attacked for defending Jones and that they have been doing this to the left for years but because he's white I care. So I gave up on that topic there.



curi 08-Sep-18 08:19 PM

i think that's just factually false about this being done to the left

also, competitors to apple/twitter/etc are having trouble existing b/c ppl like webhosts, domain registrars and Cloudflare are also involved in censorship now

gab got super pressured by microsoft recently

About 9,040,000 results (0.35 seconds)

Microsoft threatened to drop hosting for Gab over hate speech posts ...
<https://www.theverge.com/2018/8/.../microsoft-gab-hate-speech-hosting-ban-deplatfor...> ▼
Aug 9, 2018 - Founder says 'Gab will go down for weeks/months' if dropped. ... Microsoft has threatened to cease hosting services for the alt-right social network Gab over two anti-Semitic posts, according to an email published by Gab founder Andrew Torba. ... If Gab is forced off Azure, Torba says ...

also credit card companies and payment processors are getting involved in the censorship



HeuristicWorld (Andy) 08-Sep-18 08:26 PM

what a mess



curi 08-Sep-18 08:26 PM

i try to run my own websites and forums, rather than relying on someone else's platform. but if i was more popular and they came after me, i'd be screwed, b/c i rely on the division of labor, i rely on being able to buy bandwidth and web hosting and stuff like that.
infowars gets to keep their website for now
but they went after daily stormer's ability to have a website

Daily Stormer – The Most Censored Publication in History

<https://dailystormer.name/> ▼

We here at the Daily Stormer are opposed to violence. We seek revolution through the education of the masses. When the information is available to the people, ...

heh they got a website again and look at the title



HeuristicWorld (Andy) 08-Sep-18 08:28 PM

How do you find your own links so fast btw, you reminded me. Like we'll be talking about some random topic and you're like here is were i wrote about this topic 2 years ago and link it right away



curi 08-Sep-18 08:28 PM

uhh i mostly search in Google, in Mail, or go to the list of my blog post titles and do text search
opposing violence is not very nazi of them, btw



HeuristicWorld (Andy) 08-Sep-18 08:30 PM

?



curi 08-Sep-18 08:30 PM

they state right up front they are anti-violence
they are censored for being nazis
nazis were pro violence



HeuristicWorld (Andy) 08-Sep-18 08:31 PM

oh

That word gets thrown around too much

i've been called a Nazi because I defended Peterson in a forum once some guy claiming that Peterson wants to distribute women like commodities the fuck do they come up with this



G Neto 08-Sep-18 08:32 PM

>The Daily Stormer is an American neo-Nazi, white supremacist, and Holocaust denial commentary and message board website that advocates for the genocide of Jews



curi 08-Sep-18 08:33 PM

well he defended marriage, a system of patriarchal oppression of women. ya??????????????



G Neto 08-Sep-18 08:33 PM

all the references are third parties



curi 08-Sep-18 08:33 PM

just like the nazis. did u know that ppl in germany got married??



HeuristicWorld (Andy) 08-Sep-18 08:33 PM

lol



curi 08-Sep-18 08:34 PM

when they were getting censored heavily, i read a bit of daily stormer stuff to see what it's like. they are anti-semitic as fuck. they are not wrong about everything. i didn't find anything nearly as bad as Sam Harris' wealth tax article

idk why the left is mad. they are far more anti-semitic in general.

compared to the right



G Neto 08-Sep-18 08:35 PM

>Little Fag-Boy Removed from Trump Rally for Sickeningly Offensive Facial Expressions!
the first article



curi 08-Sep-18 08:36 PM

breaking PC rules is part of their shtick



G Neto 08-Sep-18 08:36 PM

haha



HeuristicWorld (Andy) 08-Sep-18 08:36 PM

That is so much worse !



curi 08-Sep-18 08:36 PM

i don't thikn they would appreciate that they have a shtick, since it's a yiddish word... 😊



G Neto 08-Sep-18 08:37 PM

>Nutty Negro Barack Obama Goes on Rampage Against Master Race Trump



curi 08-Sep-18 08:38 PM


ya they are definitely racist and like some nazis ideas. but they don't love hitler half as thoroughly as SJP, CAIR, etc



HeuristicWorld (Andy) 08-Sep-18 08:38 PM

That's awful
anyway this is what I was looking for
<https://joinmastodon.org>

Mastodon
Mastodon is an open source decentralized social network - by the people for the people. Join the federation and take back control of your social media!






curi 08-Sep-18 08:39 PM


here's some leftist antisemitism that twitter does not censor.
<https://twitter.com/canarymission/>

Canary Mission (@canarymission)
Exposing hatred and anti-Semitism on college campuses and beyond. If you're racist, the world should know.



Tweets
17291

Followers
23263

 **Twitter**

**Canary Mission** @canarymission · Sep 6

Cleveland State @CLE_State student Rahma Bakhshi @1RahmaB tweeted violent hatred of Jews and Black people.
canarymission.org/individual/Rah...



Rahma
@RahmaBakhshi

"@moeab75: I finally figured out what I want to do in my life. I'm gonna finish what hitler started! And add blacks to the list too"
10:22 AM - 24 Jun 2013



Rahma
@RahmaBakhshi

This jew
6:15 PM - 14 May 2015



Rahma Bakhshi
Cleveland State University



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kill all the blacks too, eh? 🤔



HeuristicWorld (Andy) 08-Sep-18 08:40 PM

Lol Eric Weinstein follows that twitter



G Neto 08-Sep-18 08:40 PM

>anyway this is what I was looking for
why were you looking for it?



curi 08-Sep-18 08:40 PM



Canary Mission

@canarymission Follows you



HeuristicWorld (Andy) 08-Sep-18 08:41 PM

We were talking about
social media booting off alex jones
so I was looking for decentralized social media
and I found that



curi 08-Sep-18 08:41 PM

[Capitalism 2.0 Will
Include a Healthy Dose
of Socialism - Eric
Weinstein](#)



G Neto 08-Sep-18 08:42 PM



HeuristicWorld (Andy) 08-Sep-18 08:42 PM

Have you read it?



G Neto 08-Sep-18 08:43 PM

@HeuristicWorld (Andy) theres gab and minds, too
have looked into them?
has anyone here used them?



HeuristicWorld (Andy) 08-Sep-18 08:43 PM

nope

I don't really like social media much



curi 08-Sep-18 08:43 PM

read what?



HeuristicWorld (Andy) 08-Sep-18 08:44 PM

Eric's article



curi 08-Sep-18 08:44 PM

that was a video



HeuristicWorld (Andy) 08-Sep-18 08:46 PM

<https://www.vox.com/policy-and-politics/2017/7/25/15998002/eric-weinstein-capitalism-socialism-revolution>

Why capitalism won't survive without socialism

Eric Weinstein on the crisis of late capitalism.



curi 08-Sep-18 08:47 PM

i've seen that. it's awful



HeuristicWorld (Andy) 08-Sep-18 08:47 PM

why



curi 08-Sep-18 08:47 PM

cuz he ignorantly attacks capitalism
doesn't engage with relevant literature
and advocates bad things



HeuristicWorld (Andy) 08-Sep-18 08:47 PM

Can you be more specific? He makes sense to me



curi 08-Sep-18 08:48 PM

how does technology destroying capitalism make sense?

> By the same token, we have to understand that our population is not a collection of workers to be input to the machine of capitalism, but rather a nation of souls whose dignity, well-being, and health must be considered on independent, humanitarian terms. Now, that does not mean we can afford to indulge in national welfare of a kind that would rob our most vulnerable of a dignity that has previously been supplied by the workplace.

> People will have to be engaged in socially positive activities, but not all of those socially positive activities may be able to command a sufficient share of the market to consume at an appropriate level, and so I think we're going to have to augment the hypercapitalism which will provide the growth of the hypersocialism based on both dignity and need.

this is just completely standard, unoriginal rejection of liberalism without knowing what liberalism is

and without any economics



HeuristicWorld (Andy) 08-Sep-18 08:50 PM

>I don't think we know what it looks like. I believe capitalism will need to be much more unfettered. Certain fields will need to undergo a process of radical deregulation in order to give the minority of minds that are capable of our greatest feats of creation the leeway to experiment and to play, as they deliver us the wonders on which our future economy will be based

he sees the benefit of deregulation here



curi 08-Sep-18 08:51 PM

yes he has mixed views and no clear principles or policies, but that doesn't stop him from also repeatedly attacking capitalism

instead of complaining about inequality he should read Reisman's ebook on how the 1% provide the standard of living of the 99%



HeuristicWorld (Andy) 08-Sep-18 08:52 PM

I think this is where I am torn on things because I don't want to lose sight of the humanitarian aspect of the left

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curi 08-Sep-18 08:52 PM

but the left's policies are the cause of this misery

the issue isn't caring, it's whether you use violence to make ppl poorer b/c ur confused about economics

advocating counter productive measures does not give one a greater claim to being a humanitarian



HeuristicWorld (Andy) 08-Sep-18 08:54 PM

You could message him about this btw. He answers Twitter DMs



curi 08-Sep-18 08:54 PM

and aligning one's sympathies on class warfare lines *certainly* doesn't make one a better humanitarian

no, i have policies for who i contact. generally, ppl have to be promising in some way.

i don't just contact random enemies of liberalism to tell them about liberalism

if i was into telomeres i could contact him



HeuristicWorld (Andy) 08-Sep-18 08:55 PM

Brett is the biologist

Eric works for Peter Thiel



curi 08-Sep-18 08:55 PM

o

you can contact him ofc

<https://www.amazon.com/HOW-PERCENT-PROVIDES-STANDARD-LIVING-ebook/dp/B0131SRY9W>

prepare to be ignored, IMO



HeuristicWorld (Andy) 08-Sep-18 08:56 PM

Contact Reisman?



curi 08-Sep-18 08:56 PM

no, weinstein



HeuristicWorld (Andy) 08-Sep-18 08:56 PM

Oh yeah he's ignored my Pm's so far but they havent been about Economics

also im too ignorant to ask him about economics still



curi 08-Sep-18 08:57 PM

i don't think you are. you could ask him if he had a rebuttal to that 14 page ebook, or if he knew of one by anyone else. and if no one has rebutted it, why is that?
you don't have to know econ to ask him somethign like this



G Neto 08-Sep-18 08:58 PM

>we have to understand that our population is not a collection of workers to be input to the machine of capitalism,
does he think capitalist advocate for concentration camps?



curi 08-Sep-18 08:59 PM

he is unaware that capitalism is *individualist* (edited)
so like, the very basics...



HeuristicWorld (Andy) 08-Sep-18 09:01 PM

Remind me what you think of anti depressants ?



curi 08-Sep-18 09:02 PM

<http://curi.us/1970-letter-to-jordan-peterson-on-antidepressants-and-rational-discussion>

Letter to Jordan Peterson on Antidepressants and Rational Discussion

I like your videos, e.g. about identity politics, university, insight into human life, and the value of skill at thinking, writing, speaking, arguing, and reading. Let's have discussions to advance



G Neto 08-Sep-18 09:03 PM

> but rather a nation of souls whose dignity, well-being, and health must be considered on independent, humanitarian terms.

independent of what?

men's well-being depends on their effort



HeuristicWorld (Andy) 08-Sep-18 09:04 PM

I'm on anti deps. Small dose. but fuck do I feel it when I don't take em.



curi 08-Sep-18 09:04 PM

yeah he's pretty unclear throughout. it's probably his standard style. such things are common :/

anti depressants impair the normal functioning of the brain. that is their purpose.

<http://www.wayneramsay.com/drugs.htm>

see also peter breggin and thomas szasz
from the link

> Psychiatric drugs harm the brain, often permanently. Psychiatric drugs have no beneficial effects for those who take them (except, sometimes, a placebo effect, if taken in a dose low enough for their toxic effects to not be pronounced—or relief of withdrawal symptoms when attempting to reduce dosage or stop taking the drug). Psychiatric drugs and the physicians, physician assistants, nurse practitioners, and (in some states of the U.S.A.) psychologists who prescribe them, and judges who order their administration, are dangers to your health.



HeuristicWorld (Andy) 08-Sep-18 09:06 PM

This stuff is a bit delicate. I tried gettin off them about a year ago and I got derailed for like 6 months. It was awful



curi 08-Sep-18 09:06 PM

yes he mentions physical addiction as an issue



G Neto 08-Sep-18 09:08 PM

>but fuck do I feel it when I don't take em.
what do you feel?



HeuristicWorld (Andy) 08-Sep-18 09:08 PM

well the addiction part went away after 2 weeks or so but like 2 months into it I got really depressed like...really fucking bad. about 6 months later I got back on them and been a lot better since it's tricky.



curi 08-Sep-18 09:08 PM

there are many bad psychiatry-related ideas surrounding such things which make life's problems much worse, on top of the actual problems in life themselves which need real solutions



HeuristicWorld (Andy) 08-Sep-18 09:09 PM

@G Neto if I forget to take them I feel super dizzy, heart races and room spins. but that's not so bad compared to what happens if I stop altogether for a long time.

I tried a lot different things prior to anti depressants for like 4 years



G Neto 08-Sep-18 09:10 PM
did you try philosophy?



HeuristicWorld (Andy) 08-Sep-18 09:10 PM
Therapy, different therapy excercise, diet meditation



curi 08-Sep-18 09:10 PM
the failure of other solutions has no real bearing on the facts about what anti depressants do
which is they *disable* parts of how brains function



HeuristicWorld (Andy) 08-Sep-18 09:10 PM
well no but they allowed me to at least function



curi 08-Sep-18 09:11 PM
alcohol is also disabling and lots of ppl find it enables them to function



HeuristicWorld (Andy) 08-Sep-18 09:11 PM
That is true



curi 08-Sep-18 09:11 PM
it's less dangerous to your health, though still a significant danger



G Neto 08-Sep-18 09:11 PM
why do you think the meds allowed you to function?



HeuristicWorld (Andy) 08-Sep-18 09:11 PM
It's a tough situation, I wanted to avoid them
It is extremely hard to explain to be honest



G Neto 08-Sep-18 09:12 PM
i guess it is



curi 08-Sep-18 09:12 PM
those diets are quack stuff. JP is fooled by that too.
one of the things i find interesting/notable is how few ppl read the case against psych drugs
before taking them
it's not that hard to find ppl like szasz, breggin or ramsay if one googles for it (edited)



HeuristicWorld (Andy) 08-Sep-18 09:13 PM

I mean you get to a certain point where you're like..well I either end it all or try this fucking pills and you try the pills and like 6 months later you're at least getting out of bed
6 weeks*



curi 08-Sep-18 09:14 PM

i think the basic thing going on there is abdication of responsibility



HeuristicWorld (Andy) 08-Sep-18 09:14 PM

I don't know man. That's, I can see that now but when you're behind that fog, its just, its a whole other world.



curi 08-Sep-18 09:15 PM

those kinds of statements have no bearing on the science and epistemology regarding what the drugs do

nor on the broader issues of what psychiatry is – its history, purpose, general policies and values, etc



G Neto 08-Sep-18 09:15 PM

i guess that not taking responsibility would indeed make things worse and keep people from getting out of that situation



HeuristicWorld (Andy) 08-Sep-18 09:15 PM

I think $n=1$ here matters



G Neto 08-Sep-18 09:16 PM

you are fallible



curi 08-Sep-18 09:16 PM

those kinds of statements are focusing on ppl having *big* problems in desperate need of solutions – which i understand and agree with. but that can't turn a non-solution into a solution, or change by what mechanism could seem to work.



HeuristicWorld (Andy) 08-Sep-18 09:16 PM

That's a bit ridiculous, nobody wants to stay that way, the fact that people are seeking help IS taking responsibility,



curi 08-Sep-18 09:17 PM

e.g. it could be a placebo effect, or it could be that disabling part of your brain dampens internal conflicts, but it can't be that they work as claimed.



HeuristicWorld (Andy) 08-Sep-18 09:17 PM

Could be



curi 08-Sep-18 09:17 PM

ppl seeking help from authorities are abdicating responsibility and putting themselves in the hands of the doctor and the medicine, and trusting in that to cure them

this is a great relief in various ways



HeuristicWorld (Andy) 08-Sep-18 09:18 PM

Well they work



curi 08-Sep-18 09:18 PM

in some sense of "work"



G Neto 08-Sep-18 09:18 PM

yeah, that seems like a way to get out of the responsibility



HeuristicWorld (Andy) 08-Sep-18 09:18 PM

responsibility of what
though



curi 08-Sep-18 09:18 PM

of figuring out and understanding the problems and their solutions
the responsibility of making things work out ok



HeuristicWorld (Andy) 08-Sep-18 09:19 PM

Fake it till you make it? haha



curi 08-Sep-18 09:19 PM


when the drugs do not "work" – a common occurrence – then it's the doctor's or medicine's fault, not yours

they promised they had the answers. they failed, not you.



HeuristicWorld (Andy) 08-Sep-18 09:19 PM

This seems like a dangerous thing to be advocating without medical training

 curi 08-Sep-18 09:19 PM

first of all, szasz and others do have medical training


second, as always, i'm open to arguments but not appeals to authority. if i missed something due to lack of training, it could be pointed out. i do agree the stakes are high. but to me that's more reason to speak up!

third, a lot of the relevant issues are significantly philosophical in nature



HeuristicWorld (Andy) 08-Sep-18 09:21 PM

They are fallible. I mean they could be wrong and you could be endangering people with this idea. That's, we barely understand depression and mental illness.

 curi 08-Sep-18 09:21 PM

the experts who disagree with szasz are also fallible and could be wrong – and szasz and i can point out specific errors they've made but not vice versa

so i go by the state of the debate – what ideas have been criticized and what ideas haven't? – not by majority opinion


btw, a lot of the use of anti depressants is based on correlation research



HeuristicWorld (Andy) 08-Sep-18 09:22 PM

Right

Oh man that, that just seems like one hell of leap. Like I've worked with some people who, there's no way that any responsibility is not preferable, like looking back. I'd take on any responsibility over feeling like that again.


 curi 08-Sep-18 09:24 PM

off topic, @ contacting Weinstein: if he wanted to address liberalism and free market economics, he already would have written a blog post on it or something.



HeuristicWorld (Andy) 08-Sep-18 09:24 PM

He wrote on immigration

 curi 08-Sep-18 09:24 PM

i think contacting him about it would be somewhat like telling a smoker that it's bad for him. he already would know that if he cared to know it.

<http://www.eric-weinstein.net/migration.html>

he's clearly read some econ, btw

this doesn't appaer to be primarily about the current immigration political issue



HeuristicWorld (Andy) 08-Sep-18 09:26 PM

He's managing director a Tiel capital, I don't doubt he's knowledgeable there
Thiel*



curi 08-Sep-18 09:27 PM

and yet he publicly says unclear antiliberal things without specifying which refutation of capitalism he thinks is correct
responsibility is not the only issue with psych drugs, but it's a significant and common part of the picture.
it's a causal mechanism that explains some of what happens
> like looking back. I'd take on any responsibility over feeling like that again.
this comment doesn't make sense, since the feeling may have itself been the burden of responsibility, in part or whole



HeuristicWorld (Andy) 08-Sep-18 09:31 PM

What do you mean. You're saying that looking for relief from that feeling is lack of responsibility of trying to fix that feeling. I am saying I would take on any responsibility that would have fixed it.



curi 08-Sep-18 09:31 PM

i'm saying ppl feel bad about being responsible for the problems in their life, then get a doctor or pill to be responsible instead and feel better
ppl often are much more able to tolerate much worse things that are not their fault, than milder negative things that are their fault.



HeuristicWorld (Andy) 08-Sep-18 09:33 PM

That doesn't make any sense. Either, there's a problem and fixing it will help. How does a pill fix that problem?



curi 08-Sep-18 09:34 PM

if you have the same problem but no longer regard it as your fault or your problem to try to solve, that could be a big relief. trying to solve it is stressful, and blaming yourself feels bad.
this relief could then lead to you actually making progress on solving some of the underlying problems.
since you feel less bad



HeuristicWorld (Andy) 08-Sep-18 09:35 PM

Yes but how does the pill offer relief?



curi 08-Sep-18 09:35 PM

b/c you regard it as the responsibility of the doctor and pill to solve the problem



HeuristicWorld (Andy) 08-Sep-18 09:36 PM

Would that still apply if you have 0 expectations that pill will work?



curi 08-Sep-18 09:37 PM

ppl claiming that are typically being dishonest with themselves



HeuristicWorld (Andy) 08-Sep-18 09:37 PM

well when you've tried for years everything that people tell you / doctor recommend and none of it works you become doubtful that this next thing will work, when like the last 20 things didn't



curi 08-Sep-18 09:38 PM

regardless, i think ppl can and do have an attitude of "i'm trying this now" and they will look for something else if/when it fails, but while trying it their job, their role, is to take the pills on schedule, and that's it.

even if you don't think it will work, one can still have that kinda attitude



HeuristicWorld (Andy) 08-Sep-18 09:40 PM

I don't know. I got off them because I was like yeah im good now. Then I wasn't. Could be all an illusion, possibly. Maybe it's a placebo. Maybe they help and we don't know why.



curi 08-Sep-18 09:40 PM

we know, from epistemology, that pills cannot solve problems of ideas

the pill doesn't know what your problems are

it doesn't deal with ideas

it doesn't encode answers to ideas in it



HeuristicWorld (Andy) 08-Sep-18 09:41 PM

what if the problem isn't the ideas

but a physical property of the brain



curi 08-Sep-18 09:42 PM

it'd be quite amazing if ppl's brains were physically broken and we just happened to find some chemical that repairs it – while having no idea wtf we were doing. and actually not just one such chemical, but a bunch of them. that is not plausible and there's certainly no evidence for it.

the process by which the drugs were found was not designed to find solutions to actual brain damage

it's like electroshock



HeuristicWorld (Andy) 08-Sep-18 09:43 PM

So you think all depression is are bad ideas or unsolved problems?



curi 08-Sep-18 09:44 PM

in theory, maybe ppl have physical problems which electricity cures? one can speculate that, but it is not a reasonable view of the matter.



G Neto 08-Sep-18 09:44 PM

like fixing computers by electric charges with a battery
fixing software*



curi 08-Sep-18 09:45 PM

> So you think all depression is are bad ideas or unsolved problems?

yes.



HeuristicWorld (Andy) 08-Sep-18 09:45 PM

Well Neto sometimes restarting the computer does fix software issues



curi 08-Sep-18 09:45 PM

ppl really underestimate what a mess they can make of their *mind*



HeuristicWorld (Andy) 08-Sep-18 09:45 PM

maybe not a good example



curi 08-Sep-18 09:45 PM

or their life choices

they often think they can't have fucked up too badly, in terms of their ideas or life choices, b/c they are reasonably conventional. but what they are missing is that convention causes huge problems at a meaningful rate.



G Neto 08-Sep-18 09:46 PM

>Well Neto sometimes restarting the computer does fix software issues
because we make them that way



curi 08-Sep-18 09:46 PM

being conventional isn't safe. convention plagues a portion of ppl with divorces, depression, and other things.



HeuristicWorld (Andy) 08-Sep-18 09:47 PM

So theoritically you think I messed up my mind for years, grabbed a hold of a placebo, fixed my mind via a change in attitude, attempted to let go of the placebo and messed up my mind again and needed the placebo once more.



curi 08-Sep-18 09:47 PM

roughly. this is not implausible if one accepts that parents and teachers mess up the minds of ~everyone, in HUGE ways, by age ~7



HeuristicWorld (Andy) 08-Sep-18 09:47 PM

well this would be great news
for me
because then i can get rid of the placebo



curi 08-Sep-18 09:48 PM

in theory, yes. but i guess that you don't know how.



HeuristicWorld (Andy) 08-Sep-18 09:48 PM

if i cankeep the attitude



G Neto 08-Sep-18 09:49 PM

what attitude?



HeuristicWorld (Andy) 08-Sep-18 09:49 PM

the attitude I gained via placebo



G Neto 08-Sep-18 09:49 PM

oh



HeuristicWorld (Andy) 08-Sep-18 09:50 PM

That's one hell of a risk to take on a not so great explanatory theory.



curi 08-Sep-18 09:50 PM

what risk, specifically?



HeuristicWorld (Andy) 08-Sep-18 09:51 PM

If we imagine that you;re incorrect



G Neto 08-Sep-18 09:51 PM

i dont think that curi has told you specifically what to do to solve your problems



curi 08-Sep-18 09:52 PM

first, the risk of taking brain damaging drugs is quite serious. second, one always has to live by ideas and one's best judgment. thinking for yourself is risky, i guess, but trusting in the ideas of others is also risky. i prefer to run my own life.



HeuristicWorld (Andy) 08-Sep-18 09:52 PM

This could fuck up my next 6-9 months, assuming id even make myself go back on them it takes like 3 more to get back to stable



curi 08-Sep-18 09:52 PM

i specifically said *i don't think you know how*, so when you contemplate doing something that could affect the next 6-9 months that is nothing to do with my advice



HeuristicWorld (Andy) 08-Sep-18 09:53 PM

I am not planning on just doing that based on your advice
I was talking in theory



curi 08-Sep-18 09:53 PM

my actual advice is to read the things i suggested
and then to look for refutations of them by their opponents
and to try to evaluate the state of the debate



HeuristicWorld (Andy) 08-Sep-18 09:54 PM

If these guys found a cure for depression or a way to dispel the illusion of depression, how insanely rich would one be ?




curi 08-Sep-18 09:54 PM

they aren't offering ez answers
ppl have hard problems. they just said some relevant things, e.g. that brain disabling pills or electroshock are not cures.
or lobotomies, which are similar to the pills – brain disabling.



HeuristicWorld (Andy) 08-Sep-18 09:55 PM

that's a stretch

 curi 08-Sep-18 09:56 PM

they both disable normal brain functioning

exactly the same concept

and invented by the same kinds of people for the same reasons

and they still do lobotomies btw

and still do electroshock too

lobotomy just got a bad reputation, that's the difference

it's also more severe


and anyway if you read the link above you will find stuff like

> "ANTIDEPRESSANTS": The Comprehensive Textbook of Psychiatry/IV, published in 1985, says "The tricyclic-type drugs are the most effective class of anti-depressants" (Williams & Wilkins, p. 1520). But in his book Overcoming Depression, published in 1981, Dr. Andrew Stanway, a British physician, says "If anti-depressant drugs were really as effective as they are made out to be, surely hospital admission rates for depression would have fallen over the twenty years they've been available. Alas, this has not happened. ... Many trials have found that tricyclics are only marginally more effective than placebos, and some have even found that they are not as effective as dummy tablets" (Hamlyn Publishing Group, Ltd., p. 159-160).



HeuristicWorld (Andy) 08-Sep-18 10:00 PM

well not every anti depressant is the same, What evidence do you have that these SSRI's are disabling brain function

 curi 08-Sep-18 10:01 PM

you can search the page for that


and find e.g.

> Evidence so-called antidepressants make people feel worse, not better, is found in a study of Paxil, a best selling so-called antidepressant in the selective serotonin reuptake inhibitor (SSRI) category: It was found that "'suicide-related events' occurred almost four times more often in patients taking Paxil than in those taking a sugar pill" (Alison Bass, Side Effects—A Prosecutor, a Whistleblower, and a Bestselling Antidepressant on Trial, Algonquin Books 2008, p. 221).



HeuristicWorld (Andy) 08-Sep-18 10:02 PM

Isn't that a correlation study?

 curi 08-Sep-18 10:02 PM

yes but that's all you have on the other side. the point is not even the correlation studies actually are as claimed.



HeuristicWorld (Andy) 08-Sep-18 10:03 PM

Yeah Psychiatry is a mess alright

CBT and anti-depressants work about as well, correlation studies though



curi 08-Sep-18 10:04 PM
you mean, don't work?



HeuristicWorld (Andy) 08-Sep-18 10:04 PM
and CBT seems to work less well long term
I don't know what to make of correlation studies now xD



curi 08-Sep-18 10:04 PM
the entire point of SSRIs is to inhibit reuptake of serotonin – that is, to disable a part of how the brain functions.
serotonin is a major part of brain function, and low serotonin levels being correlated with depression is a myth
which was pushed on the public by dishonest drug company advertisements, among other things



HeuristicWorld (Andy) 08-Sep-18 10:05 PM
Well it doesn't disable it, it just slows down the reuptake. essentially tricks the neurons



curi 08-Sep-18 10:05 PM
yes, it's partially disabling rather than fully



HeuristicWorld (Andy) 08-Sep-18 10:05 PM
and we don't know why this would help with depression
in the slightest



curi 08-Sep-18 10:06 PM
well, we know it could be a placebo effect. so we have some reasonable explanations!



HeuristicWorld (Andy) 08-Sep-18 10:07 PM
Anyway, slowing down the reuptake of serotonin and a lobotomy are not the same at all though



curi 08-Sep-18 10:07 PM
they are both ways to disable the brain which are favored by ppl who are thoroughly antiliberal and anti-intellectual.
this is a profession that tortured ppl until they conformed, and then when that got less popular they renamed and reduced the frequency of some of the more blatantly barbaric tortures and found new ones with the specious authority of science
this is the main profession that has received special privileges to violate the rule of law



HeuristicWorld (Andy) 08-Sep-18 10:10 PM

How does Szasz define an illness?



curi 08-Sep-18 10:12 PM

related to religion convo earlier

> The thesis I had put forward in *The Myth of Mental Illness* was not a fresh insight, much less a new discovery. It only seemed that way, and seems that way even more so today because we have replaced the old religious-humanistic perspective on the tragic nature of life with a modern dehumanized pseudomedical perspective on it.

> The secularization of everyday life—and, with it, the medicalization of the soul and of suffering of all kinds—begins in late-sixteenth-century England. Shakespeare's *Macbeth* (1611) is a harbinger.



HeuristicWorld (Andy) 08-Sep-18 10:13 PM

He is not defining illness there though



curi 08-Sep-18 10:13 PM

that's why i said "related to religion convo earlier"



HeuristicWorld (Andy) 08-Sep-18 10:13 PM

oh

I wonder if you'd be open to some of Jung's ideas

For some reason this reminds me of Jung



curi 08-Sep-18 10:14 PM

i've gotten some jung from peterson. i think he's useful for analyzing art.
he knows things about symbolism in our culture
illness means disease – unhealthy, abnormal bodily function. one thing szasz often pointed out is that if we found out something really was a brain disease, we'd no longer call it a mental illness, it'd be a real illness treated in hospitals.
alzheimer's is not a mental illness because the brain isn't the mind. the term mental illness itself kinda reveals that we're talking about bad ideas (problems with the *mind*)

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People who should be invited to the IDW?

(self.IntellectualDarkWeb)

submitted 2 days ago by DuncanIdahos8thClone

I would nominate Robert Zubrin. Here's a good recent interview:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7INmKtKo2-A>
I have others I think should get debates/discussions.
Economics:
Richard D Wolf
Walter Block
Mark Blyth

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1 point just now

Zubrin is a sloppy scholar with some worthy causes, who is extremely hostile to people who point out his factual errors.
<http://curi.us/1561-bad-scholarship-merchants-of-despair-by-robert-zubrin>
<http://curi.us/1564-zubrin-replies>

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JustinCEO 09-Sep-18 06:23 AM

>I'm an atheist, and have hung around a fair number of atheist groups. The problem with most people there is they have just swapped religious authority for government authority or the authority of "science" they don't understand.

BetterByLearning u sound like someone who doesn't accept the revealed truth of global cooling
*global warming
*climate change



curi 09-Sep-18 06:24 AM

that was revealed by ppl so it's ok, unlike religion which was revealed by god



JustinCEO 09-Sep-18 06:25 AM

but wait don't all gods revelation's need to be interpreted/written down by people too iirc that's one of the general defenses for some biblical inconsistencies.

iirc its a big issue in christian theology whether you think god WROTE the bible USING human hands or whether he INSPIRED the bible but the human hands were like fallible, shaking some when writing, etc, so somewhat different stories is reasonable outcome

this is a wikipedia description of the range of views of just ONE branch of ONE form of christianity (Calvinism/Reformed branch of Protestantism)

Reformed theologians affirm that the Bible is true, but differences emerge among them over the meaning and extent of its truthfulness.[26] Conservative followers of the Princeton theologians take the view that the Bible is true and inerrant, or incapable of error or falsehood, in every place.[27] This view is very similar to that of Catholic orthodoxy as well as modern Evangelicalism.[28] Another view, influenced by the teaching of Karl Barth and Neo-Orthodoxy, is found in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)'s Confession of 1967. Those who take this view believe the Bible to be the primary source of our knowledge of God, but also that some parts of the Bible may be false, not witnesses to Christ, and not normative for today's church.[27] In this view, Christ is the revelation of God, and the scriptures witness to this revelation rather than being the revelation itself.[29] Dawn DeVries, a professor at Union Presbyterian Seminary, has written that Barth's doctrine of Scripture is not capable of resolving conflicts in contemporary churches,[30] and proposed that Scripture not be thought of as the Word of God at all, but only human reports of the revealed Jesus Christ.[31]



betterbylearning 09-Sep-18 01:33 PM

> Conservative followers of the Princeton theologians take the view that the Bible is true and inerrant, or incapable of error or falsehood, in every place.[27]

This is the position my former religious sect (Southern Baptist) took. However they had a twist.

Which is, (1) Some information was intended by God to be literal, and some to be non-literal. (2) Humans have to interpret what God said, what it means, whether it's literal or not, and they can make errors in doing that.

So while they say there are no errors in the Bible, they say it's easy to make errors reading / interpreting it.

The best example of this was with regard to slavery.

Stuff in the Bible seems to support slavery. Stuff like slaves should obey their masters.

But after slavery became unpopular, their interpretation changed. Now they say God doesn't like slavery, but was instead saying to respect authority (and first of all God's authority). The stuff about slavery was non-literal.

This sort of mental gymnastics gets around lots of what would be patently silly "Bible is 100% true" assertions. They'll say it is true, but not literal.

What's the standard? Mostly culture that's external to the religion.



G Neto 09-Sep-18 01:42 PM

well, thats one way they can make progress



JustinCEO 09-Sep-18 01:45 PM

If you wanted to approach interpretation of bible seriously you'd need some *principle* of how to interpret stuff that applies across cases

Or else you're just saying in an ad box way "hehe that part wasn't literal let's drop it" every time there's cultural pressure on some particular point

*ad hoc

And then instead of a religion you've got like left wing constitutional jurisprudence



G Neto 09-Sep-18 01:50 PM



betterbylearning 09-Sep-18 01:50 PM

It's ad hoc, but the "official" interpretation is very much authority driven and fairly conservative. There's a convention every so often where the church leaders decide what the official interpretation of contentious points is. So while there's cultural pressure on abortion, and gay marriage, they haven't given in on those things.

If cultural pressure becomes cultural consensus, I predict they will give in on those points.