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Re: Christianity Online The Truth is Out There

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I find it difficult to be tolerant of "evangelical", or better described as TOTALITARIAN, Christian crusaders. Such people who deny or purposefully marginalize diversity of thought and culture, conduct insensitive brainwashing and cultural eradication I find quite morally reprehensible and considerably evil. The historical record of Christian conduct toward other civilizations is appallingly vile. I will try to be tolerant however, particularly as there are a handful of Christians who actually practice conscientious tolerance themselves.

Christians, like everyone else but no more so, deserve a voice on this list. However, I think that the purpose of this list is not specifically intended to be a forum to discuss the rationality of the belief in Christianity. To discuss the existence of God or Satan, whether GOD = SATAN etc., these discussions are perhaps better discussed in more appropriate forums. However, we can acknowledge the possibility that "demonic" possession is a reality. Particularly if a more concrete definition of what "demonic possession" implies is presented by Christian proselytizers.

Let me acknowledge demonic possession in the following way. The act of "demonizing", in English, is the simple act of labelling something as "demonic", "evil" or highly undesirable. Because a "demon" is simply an extraordinarily vague "manifestation of evil", it is an extraordinarily effective rhetorical tool for slandering just about any noun, proper or otherwise. Until someone can provide a more concrete example of what a "demon" is, and provide some concrete evidence beyond the pathetic "evidence of faith" that they exist, then we can simply acknowledge that some Christians label evidence of alien presence on Earth as a "demonic" presence out of either some need to deny the reality of this alien presence, or out of a xenophobic fear of it.

It is sad and strange that people who believe in the presence of UFOs are treated with far greater intolerance and mockery than people who believe in demons, as there is far greater evidence that unknown objects are whizzing above our heads than the existence of a demon, whatever a demon might be.

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