

OBEY YOUR NOODLY MASTER

THE ROOT BELIEF OF PASTAFARIANISM IS “WHAT ARE WE FOR? ALL THAT IS GOOD! WHAT ARE WE AGAINST? ALL THAT IS NOT GOOD!” HOW DOES THIS COMPARE TO YOUR UNDERSTANDING OF OUR CHRISTIAN BELIEFS? IS IT SUFFICIENT FOR FAITH?

ALL FOLLOWERS OF THE FSM HOLD THAT PIRATES ARE SACRED AND WERE THE FIRST PASTAFARIANS. CLIMATE CHANGE, EARTHQUAKES, HURRICANES AND OTHER NATURAL DISASTERS ARE DIRECTLY LINKED TO THE DECLINING NUMBER OF PIRATES WORLDWIDE. WHAT OTHER CORRELATIONS LIKE THIS ARE COMMONLY HELD TRUE IN OUR CULTURE? IS IT POSSIBLE TO DISPROVE THIS BELIEF?

“IT’S NOT A JOKE. ELEMENTS OF OUR RELIGION ARE SOMETIMES DESCRIBED AS SATIRE AND THERE ARE MANY MEMBERS WHO DO NOT LITERALLY BELIEVE OUR SCRIPTURE, BUT THIS ISN’T UNUSUAL IN RELIGION. A LOT OF CHRISTIANS DON’T BELIEVE THE BIBLE IS LITERALLY TRUE — BUT THAT DOESN’T MEAN THEY AREN’T TRUE CHRISTIANS.” BY WHAT MEASURE CAN SOMEONE BE CALLED A TRUE FOLLOWER OF THEIR RELIGION?

“A WIDE VARIETY OF PEOPLE ARE DRAWN TO OUR RELIGION FOR DIVERSE REASONS, BUT OUR LOVE OF ALL THINGS NOODLY, OUR CONSTANT CELEBRATION OF LIFE, EATING, DRINKING, OUR ABILITY TO LAUGH AT OURSELVES, TO HAVE FUN AND TO STILL BE GOOD PEOPLE, USUALLY MEANS PEOPLE STAY ONCE THEY HAVE JOINED US.” DO YOU THINK SUCH A STATEMENT IS TRUE ONLY OF PASTAFARIANISM — OR OF OTHER GROUPS ALSO? WHY OR WHY NOT?

THE CHURCH OF THE FSM HAS 8 “I’D REALLY RATHER YOU DIDN’TS” WHICH GUIDE BELIEVERS. ONE IS “I’D REALLY RATHER YOU DIDN’T ACT LIKE A SANCTIMONIOUS, HOLIER-THAN-THOU ASS WHEN DESCRIBING MY NOODLY GOODNESS. IF SOME PEOPLE DON’T BELIEVE IN ME, THAT’S OKAY. REALLY, I’M NOT THAT VAIN. BESIDES, THIS ISN’T ABOUT THEM SO DON’T CHANGE THE SUBJECT.” WHAT DO YOU THINK ABOUT THAT SUGGESTION?

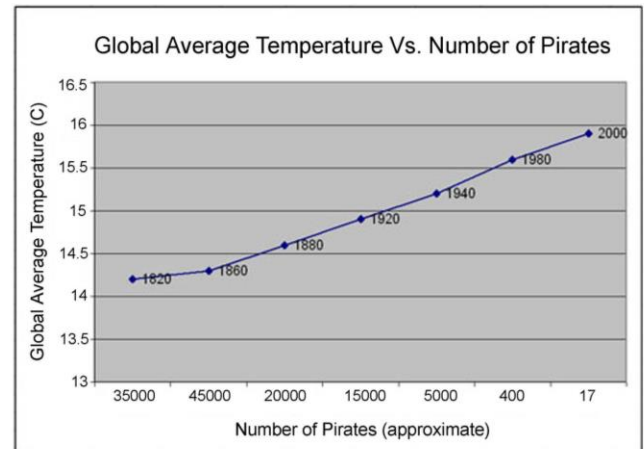
ANOTHER IS “I’D REALLY RATHER YOU DIDN’T USE MY EXISTENCE AS A MEANS TO OPPRESS, SUBJUGATE, PUNISH, EVisCERATE, AND/OR, YOU KNOW, BE MEAN TO OTHERS. I DON’T REQUIRE SACRIFICES AND PURITY IS FOR DRINKING WATER, NOT PEOPLE.” IS PURITY REALLY ONLY FOR DRINKING WATER? DO YOU THINK RELIGION IS USED AS AN EXCUSE FOR POWER?

FROM THEIR FAQ “LET ME MAKE THIS CLEAR: WE ARE NOT ANTI-RELIGION, WE ARE ANTI- CRAZY NONSENSE DONE IN THE NAME OF RELIGION. THERE IS A DIFFERENCE.” HOW DOES ONE DETERMINE WHAT IS CRAZY NONSENSE? IS THERE

A DIFFERENCE BETWEEN, SAY, THE INQUISITION AND WEEKLY EATING FLESH AND BLOOD?

WHEN DOES SOMETHING MOVE FROM A MOVEMENT OR IDEA TO BECOMING A RELIGION? IS PASTAFARIANISM A LEGITIMATE FAITH OR NOT? TO WHAT EXTENT DOES TRUTH MATTER TO FAITH?

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