

WHO IS DOING THE WISHFUL THINKING?

Christians are frequently accused of inventing all their teachings rather than really getting them from God. In our English idiom, they are guilty of "wishful thinking."

But the real question is, "Who is doing the wishful thinking?" Is it Christians, or reincarnationists, or atheists?

Christians? - why invent a God like the God of Bible?
doesn't need anything from us
we can't do him any favors
we owe him everything
forgives even the worst who will turn to him
rejects even the best who think they are good enough

Wishful thinking in Xn circles tends to move away from the teaching of the Bible.

Reincarnationists? - certainly nice to have another chance!
nice for rich, famous, etc. to think they deserve this
nice for poor, etc. to think that if they work hard
will do better in next life

But it is hard to see how Karma works by itself in a universe in which there is no personal God behind it all, and in which the impersonal god who is everything is both good and bad.

Atheists? - do lose comfort of believing in God
nice to think that there will be no judgment
nice to think there will be no hell
lets us indulge ourselves in this life

CONCLUSIONS

The famous French mathematician, physicist, philosopher, writer Blaise Pascal said it well: For each of us, life is a great game of chance; each of us is staking our life, which we have but cannot keep, against an uncertain future.

If we bet that Christianity is true, and turn out to be wrong, we have lost, but we have only lost a life of some 50-100 years, no matter how pleasant.

If we bet that Xy is false and we are right, we have gained, but we have only gained a few years to do what we want.

If we bet that Xy is false and are wrong, we have ruined ourselves for all eternity.

If we bet that Xy is true and are right, we have gained everlasting happiness even if we have gotten ourselves killed several years early here on earth.

How will you bet?