

# Catholic Men's Ministries Of Indian River County Florida

## AIN'T NO GOD?

### **You Have Doubts?**

How can there be a God when we have So Much violence in our World . How can a Loving God allow ISIS. They even murder Christians and in such a horrendous manner. These forms of terrorism are even pronounced in the name of God (Allah)

### **We Don't**

One cannot fathom the genocides that these brutal people, without mercy, have bestowed on humanity. As believers in God's final judgment, we know that these brutal, un-redeeming monsters will burn in the eternal flames of Hell. However as horrendous as these acts are, God does not control Human Behavior on earth. It is we, the believers, moral responsibility to stop these genocides using whatever methods we need to use. God created man with the ability to make his own decisions, good or bad. In God's plan, you are on earth but for a brief time but enough time to live your life according to the teachings of God. It is only by giving you free will can you be judged on your worthiness of eternal life. Those that do not live by God's laws will be judged accordingly.

### **You Have Doubts?**

What about Poverty. Over half of the World is poor and many don't know where their next meal is coming from. Yet there are rich people buying multi-million dollar homes, eating the best of food anytime they want, driving fancy cars. Basically just squandering their money. How can this be allowed by a Fair God.

### **We Don't**

Everyone begins life poor and in need of substance whether born of rich or poor parents. It is one's charter to live his life according to God's laws. Happiness is not achieved through richness's it is achieved through allowing the Spirit of God to live in you. To understand the meaning of one's being, God's expectation of you is to serve others. By doing so, one will experience eternal happiness. Wealth is a gift from God if it is squandered selfishly, than one's heaven ends on earth.

### **You Have Doubts?**

Why does the Catholic Church own so much property and have gold chalices and very expensive art work and statues yet they still ask me for money when I go to Mass. Basically the Catholic Church is just another Big Business.

### **We Don't**

The Catholic Church's wealth comes from donations. In our parishes around the world there are believers in the Catholic Church's teachings and programs that help all of society, especially the poor, and they choose to show their love for the Church by giving gifts. This practice has been going on for centuries. The church does not sell these donations but displays them for all to enjoy. There is no obligation to donate to any church but donations are asked for in order to maintain the churches, pay for salaries and services, and most importantly for helping people that are the most in need. A short study of what the Catholic Church does to help others, will help you understand the purpose of your donation. Yes,! We are a Big Business but in doing God's work and our true wealth are our people.

### **You Have Doubts?**

What business is it of the Catholic Church to tell me how I have to have Sex . It is my business what goes on in My Bedroom. Birth Control is my business. I'm the one that has to support my family.

### **We Don't**

Firstly It is important to not over-rate sex. It's real purpose is the propagation of the human race. Thus God made sex pleasurable because if He didn't, mankind's first generation would have been mankind's last generation. That said the Church does recognize that sex is pleasurable and does allow a form of birth control in what is known as the Rhythm System. Look it up if you are not familiar with the term. Your bedroom is not the Catholic Church's business. What is their business, as messengers of God, is the sanctity of marriage and the sanctity of Life.

### **You Have Doubts?**

Technology is replacing God. Soon science will extend life for hundreds of years. They are building life-like robots that will serve us and actually have human characteristics. Hell we may even replace spouses with them. Thus not needing martial unions. If there is a God, why is He allowing this?

### **We Don't**

To say this will happen, for the most part, can be true. However, two things are prevalent. 1. Even though science can extend life, one still will die and all that is achieved is that one has more time to discover the true God, and this is good. 2. Robots may indeed become humanoids and will serve the basic needs of mankind . However, being machines, they can never by free will, replace emotions. They can be programmed to simulate emotion but can never replace emotion. Giving to each other freely in love and ultimately in marriage can never be substituted.

### **You Have Doubts?**

I don't need written rules. I am inherently a good person. I know what is right and what is wrong. Why do I need to join a church or read the bible, or do other things like that?

### **We Don't**

Ah! the opposite is true. You are inherently a selfish person fighting every day for survival. That is the animal in you. God designed you that way. However God also put you in a society that demands compliance to rules. Theirs, not yours. But you are right in that basic instincts of survival is also based on what you need versus what you want. How to balance the two is what God teaches you through the written words of the Bible, attending Mass, and other church learning programs. At your end, God will ultimately judge you by those things learned . Survival has an end, eternity does not.

### **You Have Doubts?**

Religion preys on weak people. The ones that are insecure and need support. I can take care of myself, solve my own problems. I am a healthy, educated, free standing man, that needs no one.

### **We Don't**

Well you have determined that all people that follow a religion are weak, insecure and in need of support, and you discovered this, I assume, by making a scientific study of the many people that follow a religion including the 1.2 Billion Catholics that live in our world. And you say that Religion preys on these people and that is why they join the flock. You also state that you can stand-alone in need of no-one. When did this occur? Was it the day you were born? How about when you reached the age of 5?, 10?, 15? Will it be true when you reach the age of 60?, 70?, 80?, 90? I think not . Religion teaches you and defines you as the creation of God. You are a child of God at all ages. Most Thinkers think that the sum of your net worth adding all the things you have accomplished, in all the years you inhabited this planet, minus God in your life, equals zero and that No One Can Stand Alone.

### **You Have Doubts?**

Catholics seem only to read what their bibles tell them to read and are not open to other outside words regarding religious faith. You believe that God's words and directions for mankind was first written to the Jews, your elder brethren, in the old testament and then was fulfilled in the New Testament. But they were still written to believers. What do you offer to the seekers that are not of the Catholic faith or have left the Catholic faith, and who are open to all words, thoughts and ideas?

### **We Don't**

Your question is valid, and to the found Christian or Jew, your premise certainly has validity. But we do recognize that more in our world are lost than are of we call the found. To tell you that certainty after death is based on scriptures, old and new and all you need is faith, works well with us, the cradle to grave Catholics but does little for what we identify as the lost. Our Catholic Men Ministries of Indian River County was founded based on two missions, the first to elevate the faith of existing Catholic men as to allow them to be true teachers of our faith and to be living examples to what Jesus taught us when he dwelled amongst us. And by doing so, have these examples radiate amongst other men so as to show them the purpose of their own being. However our second mission, which is equally important to us, is to reach out to the lost by allowing the opening of a door to them. From what I sensed from your question is that you understand our first mission, and following that would not be a bad thing for you. However judging by your doubts, you dwell somewhere in our second mission. To be clear and to remove any doubts, we are open to other views into God's creation that represents other ways of looking at the wonders of His beautiful creation, and this actually compliments our beliefs. You would be misunderstanding our Catholic faith if you believe that we are indoctrinated by what is handed to us. However, that said, we do believe in the teaching of our bibles, which makes us extremely strong in our faith, and because of this strength, we have the willingness to be open to other works of God inspired words.

### **You Have Doubts?**

Why was I born only to immediately face repeated struggles having to fight them all of my life. And then after years of fighting, when I finally overcome my struggles, I die. Why was I born? Answer this without referencing God. Note: This question was asked of me by Dr. John F. Borelli (my uncle) who served as a WWII Front Line Battlefield Doctor in the Battle of the Philippines from Oct. 1944– Aug. 1945. As a consequence of what he witnessed, he lost his faith in God. It took his death bed for him to get his faith back. (The webmaster)

### **We Don't**

This question cannot be answered without referencing God. Based on the condition you applied for an answer, you at one time must have believed in God and should know the answer. That said, struggles are the by-products of our vulnerability as humans. They are reminders that we are not a God but a creation of One that is. Being born is not of our doing or choice. Struggles are the basis of how we will be judged. A test on whether we succumb to them or overcome them. Overcoming them gives us our character and our worthiness and defines the Purpose of our being.