

Pope Reverend Water-Nymph Nocturnas
Of The Church of Discordia

Papal Brief #25: Kihdohn-Spuin Ahtahvi-Ahnai Seh Spuin da-Bahn
(Which is anything but brief.)

There is a practice done by those of the Mormon Church, in which people who are already dead are baptized posthumously as a Mormon by the Mormon Church. They claim that this does not supersede the wishes or will of the deceased, only gives the person the option of going to the Mormon version of Heaven rather than wherever they are.

Of course, the hidden implication that the one baptizing the deceased person is “saving” them, presumably from Hell. And the implication of *that* is that the Mormon Church is the One True Path. This is the ultimate form of the continuing ultimate arrogance of most organized religions. And of course, arrogance is just fear, disguised. At least in this context, anyway. The religion of (take your pick) is run by people who are secretly terrified that their way is wrong. This they will never admit to others, for they don't even admit it to themselves. But it is true. They secretly fear being wrong, and if they're going to be wrong and go to Hell, well then by God they want **everyone** to go to Hell with them.

We know this to be true because people who are confident that they are right do not need words to spread their gospel. Their whole life, everything they do, just their being alive is their wordless gospel. These people you will rarely notice, for they show no outward signs of Enlightenment. Those who are *obviously* Enlightened are the ones you should avoid. For if it is so obvious that someone is so wonderful, they are probably a cult leader (whether intentionally or not). This is why it is said, “If you meet The Buddha in the road, kill him.”

Because of the pitiful lack of faith on the part of the Mormons, that they feel they need to baptize the dead to their religion, I have decided to do something to hopefully ease their fears, as well as the fears of all other people who share the same dis-ease of secretly fearing to be wrong.

For now do I, Pope Fayanora, speaking *ex Cathedra*, hereby declare that by the power invested in me by Eris as a Pope of Discordia, that from this day forward, **all Mormons throughout all Time (living, dead, and not yet born) as well as every person of any faith (or lack thereof) throughout Time (living, dead, and not yet born) to be hereby and forever Baptized to the un-Church of Discordia.**

What this will mean is simply this: now that everyone throughout Time is an honorary Discordian, they now have the entire Multiverse of possibilities before them. Born and raised a Mormon and decide, after death, that you'd rather see what's going on in Valhalla? Saint Gulik shall lead the way! A die-hard Jew in life and, upon death, you've taken a fancy to Nirvana? No problem! You died as a SubGenius and ended up in The Region of Thud, but you'd rather be smoking weed with Bob in Whatzamajiggy? Why not? Hard-core atheist and Non-Existence getting dull? Then go on

over to the Pastafarian Heaven, complete with a hooker factory and a beer volcano. You're a Discordian and you want to frighten the dead Jehovah's Witnesses? Then you're free to enter their enclosure and whisper "I wonder what will happen when the last seat is taken?"

Now no one needs to fear. Wherever you think you'll be going to go after death, you can always change your mind at any time in your afterlife. Now stop being scared and let's get on with this business of living.

Of course, this whole Papal Brief was moot and redundant, anyway. Everyone already *had* all those options to begin with.

Signed,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Pastor Rev. W. N. North".