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Elton John Needs To Go To Confession

Okay, logic isn't his strong suit. [Elton John thinks organized religion is a blight and needs to be banned worldwide](#) because they foster such hatred, especially towards gays. (That should be easy to do, right?) But he also wants the leaders of organized religion to have a major conclave and push for world peace. So, they're evil, but before we eliminate them forever it would be nice if they could help us avoid World War III. Okaaaay. And here's Elton's memories of Sunday school:

"I love the idea of the teachings of Jesus Christ and the beautiful stories about it, which I loved in Sunday school and I collected all the little stickers and put them in my book."

Well, he gave it a go. He collected the stickers, so don't say Elton didn't keep an open mind. He's hardly alone. I have friends who insist organized religion is responsible for countless wars, genocides and other crimes against humanity and that we'd be better off without them. Balderdash. If every religion in the world disappeared today, people would quickly find a million other reasons to hate each other, from skin color to nationality to you name it. "South Park" just mocked the idea that religion is the root of all evil with a truly hilarious two-part episode. 500 years in the future, the two main branches of atheism are slaughtering each other over issues of belief and saying things like "Science damnit!" and "In the name of science, what are you doing?" rather than using the word "God." Very funny. Very true.

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