

New Religious Landscape Study from Pew Research

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I must be still affected by my upbringing as a child, which was strict Christian fundamentalist, and they would end the church service by asking if anyone wanted to become "saved" and which was understood as "saved from hell"...so it was an appeal to the desire to remove the pain of uncertainty after death.

I am sorry for underestimating the influence that religious views seem to have - perhaps I've been to long outside of the discourse.

[Quote from Cassius](#)

Saying that "You're doing what you're doing - whatever you're doing - because you think it will bring you pleasure" does not seem to me to be a very helpful way of looking at much of anything. I realize that many people that this helps them defend "hedonism," and if so than I suppose whatever floats one's boat is good.

But to me, it's an argument that smacks of circularity and even disrespect for the other person who is earnestly suggesting that whatever they are pursuing is not pleasure at all.

You are right that it would be disrespectful and it also cancels the opportunity to grasp the meaning of what the partner in a discussion is talking about. But from my personal point of view I would argue this is - more or less - the way we work as humans.

I can put your mind at ease - I would never argue about religion this way to a stranger 😊