

Joke About Origin of Religions

One day a disciple of Satan came running into Satan's throne room. The disciple was in a very agitated state and cried in anguish, "Master, Master, the most awful thing as happened."

Satan was unruffled and asked his disciple, what is this awful thing that has happened?"

The disciple answered, "A human has achieved enlightenment and realization of eternal spiritual truth."

"Its not a problem. Don't concern yourself about it. I'll send some tomorrow to organize it into a religion!" exclaimed Satan.

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Note: This "joke" draws on the distinction between esoteric and exoteric religion. Esoteric religion depends upon individual enlightenment. Exoteric religion depends on the codification and popularization of insights from esoteric religion for the masses. The former is dynamic and creative while the latter is dogmatic and ritualistic.