Why Belief in God is Dangerous to Humanity

So - you may be asking, "So I believe in the Bible. What's the harm? Why do you care if I want to waste my life pursuing insanity?" Yes - that is a strong point generally. The right to be wrong is one of the core principles of the Church of Reality because we often make a lot of mistakes on the path to discovering the truth. But - when a group of people threaten the well being of others then that's a different story.

In particular - Christians believe in the Apocalypse, or the end of the world. And - because it's important to them that they not be wrong - some of them are working towards making the world actually end. Others are just irresponsible and think that it doesn't matter how bad they mess things up because God will fix it and forgive them. That causes them to be irresponsible for their behavior and dangerous to society.

Faith in God is a dangerous thing. On September 11th 2001 a group of Muslims, acting on behalf of God, hijacked 4 planes and crashed them into buildings killing over 3000 people. The reason these people did it was because they believed they were acting on behalf of God and that God will reward them by giving them 70 virgins to have sex with for eternity. The fact is that these mass murderers are not in Heaven and that they are not having sex with 70 virgins. They are dead along with their victims. Why did this happen? Because they had faith! And as a result of their faith the world is a more dangerous place. Now Christians are seeing this as an opportunity to use their influence in the American administration to not only wage a war to kill a bunch of Muslims, but to take control of the world and impose God's laws (or rather what they believe are God's laws) on the rest of us by force.

Twenty years ago America had a Secretary of the Interior named James Watt. Watt was actually pro-pollution and his excuse was that it didn't matter what we did to the environment - Jesus was coming back soon to destroy the Earth. Jesus is dead - if he ever existed at all - and he is not coming back. But - people who believe he is coming are much more likely to destroy the Earth and use God as an excuse to make it happen. If religious fanatics get control of weapons of mess destruction they will use them as part of their ritual fantasies. and the rest of us will suffer the consequences.

We live on this small ball of dust and this ball is all we have for now. We have the technology to destroy all life on this planet (well - all life of any complexity anyhow) and this is our home - and it's home to all of us. So if some people believe in the Book of Revelations and use that as a basis or excuse to destroy the home for the whole human race - then they are encroaching on our rights.

Historically religion is the basis for most war. Christians slaughter Muslims, Muslims slaughter Jews, Jews slaughter Palestinians, Catholics slaughter Protestants. They all think that God gave them property. They think they are the "chosen people". And they all think they are acting on behalf of God because God is impotent and incapable of acting on his own behalf, these people have to do God's work for him, which often includes slaughtering the nonbelievers. Nonbelievers like me.

So - because of religion some moron might start a nuclear war or something and wipes out the human race and then this planet just becomes another lifeless piece of dust in the universe. Maybe the cockroaches will take over and become intelligent and form a better society? But - I have to admit that I'm partial to humans - one of my prejudices I suppose. I just think it's a bad idea to annihilate the human race. As the founder of the Church of Reality I'm going to go ahead and abuse my powers and declare that annihilating humanity is officially a sin and punishable by being annihilated.

And - it's not just one religion going to war with another. They end up killing a lot of innocent people along the way. And it's all for nothing. People have to die over something that doesn't exist. So - it's not just a bad choice to believe in God - it's a choice that is dangerous to yourself and others. There are however some religions who believe in God and are not a threat to other people and that's much better. But the bottom line in most religions is world domination and I don't want to live in a world dominated by a deity fantasy. I choose to believe in what's real.