

Welcome to PANTHER. PANTHER stands for liberty, equality, fraternity and sharp claws.

You'll have to imagine the Marseillaise, I found a free clip but it won't play.

Not only is the universe big, there may be more than one of it. Multiverse theory is real not just Pratchett. The most pressing theological questions of the C21st are probably whether God created quarks and whether all the so-called divine revelations took place in other universes too. Maybe the universe in some sense is 'God'. We don't know. We haven't a clue. On the whole we think Einstein, Schrodinger and Professor Cox have more of a handle on things than the guy who wrote Genesis.

Ooh, ooh, o master, are these allowed. Some people have only met a very narrow range of ideas and don't know any history either. They get a bit freaky when they meet something they don't like. They're not so much the problem. It's a crazy rabble calling themselves the Left who back them who are the problem.

We're being taken into Never-Never Land where there was no Reformation, no Enlightenment, no Marx, no Darwin, no counter-culture and for that matter no Greece, no Rome, no Buddha, no Lao-tze and everyone is ever ever so religious, no-one ever ever had ideas other than those acceptable to the more literal followers of the Abrahamic faiths and absolutely no-one even dreamed of saying anything nasty about religion, least of all Marx.

Well, comrades, all I can say is it's a good job you weren't around in the C18th. Of course religion never upheld the evil or ridiculous either. Upheld or upholds. It couldn't do that. Religious people are good.

Some of Mummy's friends just haven't moved on. After all, they understand. No-one ever claimed Stalin liked ideas other than his own.

Ah, ancient Greece, home of philosophy, reason, debate, mathematics and the inventor of the wheelbarrow. They had steam operated machines too, and plumbing.

Democritus considered the existence of atoms. It took 2500 years to get to modern atomic theory because of the monster of revealed religion., in which it's evil to ask because men say God has already given the answer.

The ancient Greek male didn't think much of women, but he had reason, he was prepared to discover and consider fact and he had certain compelling images in the forefront of his mind suggesting it just might not have taken him 2500 years to get there either.

People are not property. A lot of people in high places seem to have a problem with this one.

It's probably a good idea to stop thinking the argument about religion has anything much

to do with religion. It's about power and control. Fascists are simple little animals. They command. We obey. Life ain't quite like that.

It would be good if we didn't put all the stars out.

Among the excesses of the French Revolution of 1789, which of course went bad, was to put a statue of Reason on the altar of Notre-Dame. It would be even better if this time we could be civilized about these things.