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Pope Francis says Satan is a very smart person you should not argue with

'This is evil, it is not a diffuse concept, it's a person'

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The Devil is an actual person rather than a concept, Pope Francis has claimed.

Satan is smart and should not be argued with, the Pontiff told TV2000, a Catholic broadcasting network.

"This is evil, it is not a diffuse concept, it's a person," he said.





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"Satan is smart, he tells us that when we kick him out he will go, but then after a while, when you are distracted after a few years, he comes back, with seven companions worse than him.

"He is very polite, knocks at the door, rings the bell, comes in politely, and in the end he comes in with his friends."

He added: "It's important to be smart, to spot, and to have the ability to discern Satan's lies.

"With Satan you can't argue."

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The Pope recently called for a change to the wording of the Lord's Prayer, arguing it is Satan and not God who leads humans to sin.

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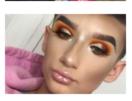
The prayer, also known as "Our Father," asks God to "lead us not into temptation," but Pope Francis said: "It is



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not a good translation because it speaks of a God who induces temptation."

He added: "I am the one who falls. It's not him pushing me

into temptation to then see how I have fallen. A father doesn't do that, a father helps you to get up immediately.

"It's Satan who leads us into temptation, that's his department."

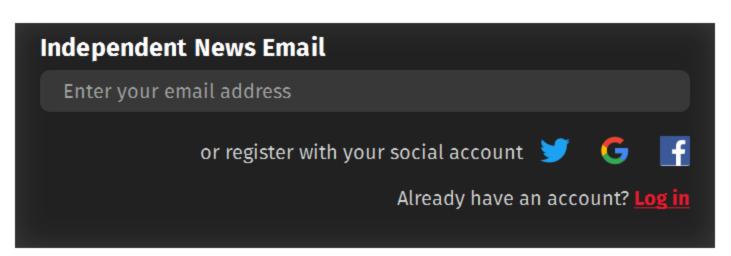
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Go stellar!:) Enough of the metaphors. Become a natural scientist in our own life - and discover the reality. Stop being a philosopher! Res Un Sunt!Stop having fantasies and get to know where you are. Wake up :)Eventually you guys will. Anyway things grow slowly in reality, so there you grow ... infinitely. Leaves a lot of space for stepwise corrections. Only one way to really know. No thoughts. Just practice. Meet up - and stop speculating. We already met up. Daddy is a patient ... infinity I guess ... you might get a lot of breaths before you go (unless radically traumatized?) My cat seemed to knew when he was going. Spend some time with the dying even animals and experience some inifinity heads up in the gateway as you may already adjust to it. Cheer up. Take the clues. It is appalling to see when somebody does not have a clue. Lack of experience. A pitch you were never on - yet but destined for. No thoughs here really. Just happened to get lucky when I opened the door - and sucked onto the pitch. Who is there? In any case you learn the truth and can redirect.Drop out of your cocoon, drop some TV hours (hypno box) and go look at the real thing instead of having fantasies about it. Knock. Knock. Open the door. Try out some prayer ... another word for that living in that community. Daddy is God of course. Satan is not behaving as a brother - but guess God loves all



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his kids - so no really got exterminated. But neither is I - I may be evil as well. Trying to convert - taken a short life time. Good luck! Best of all from brother F. Be nice to your "family"! The other side is kind of the other side of things .. the inverse concepts of worldly adoration here in many ways. Anyway, a comfort for you guys is ... you're not in control! That is the basic deception. The ego is the basic evil. Live the inverse - and life becomes good and resourceful. An energizer bunny driven by the sun - rather than batteries. Go stellar!:) Enough of the metaphors. Become a natural scientist in our own life - and discover the reality. Stop being a philosopher! Res Un Sunt!

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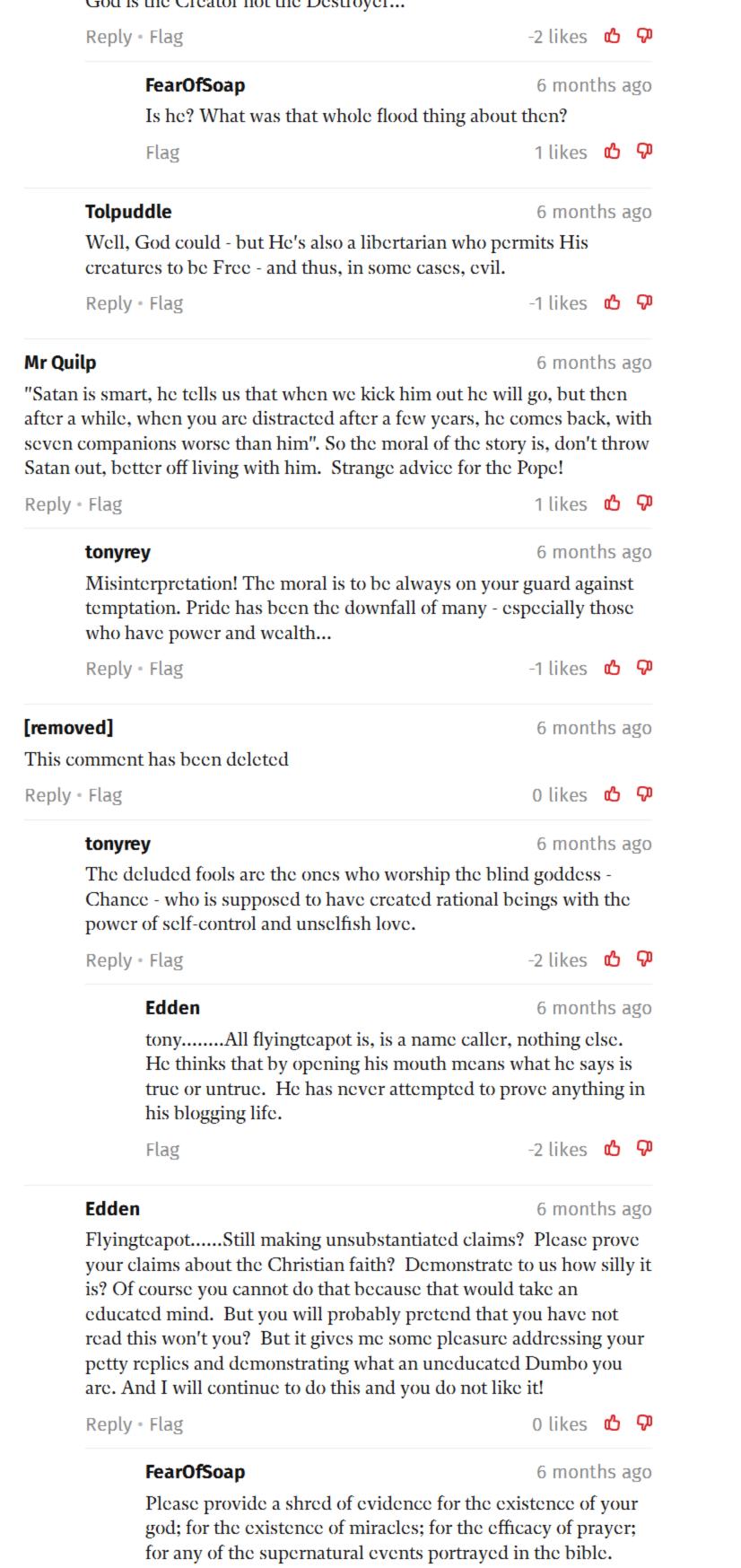
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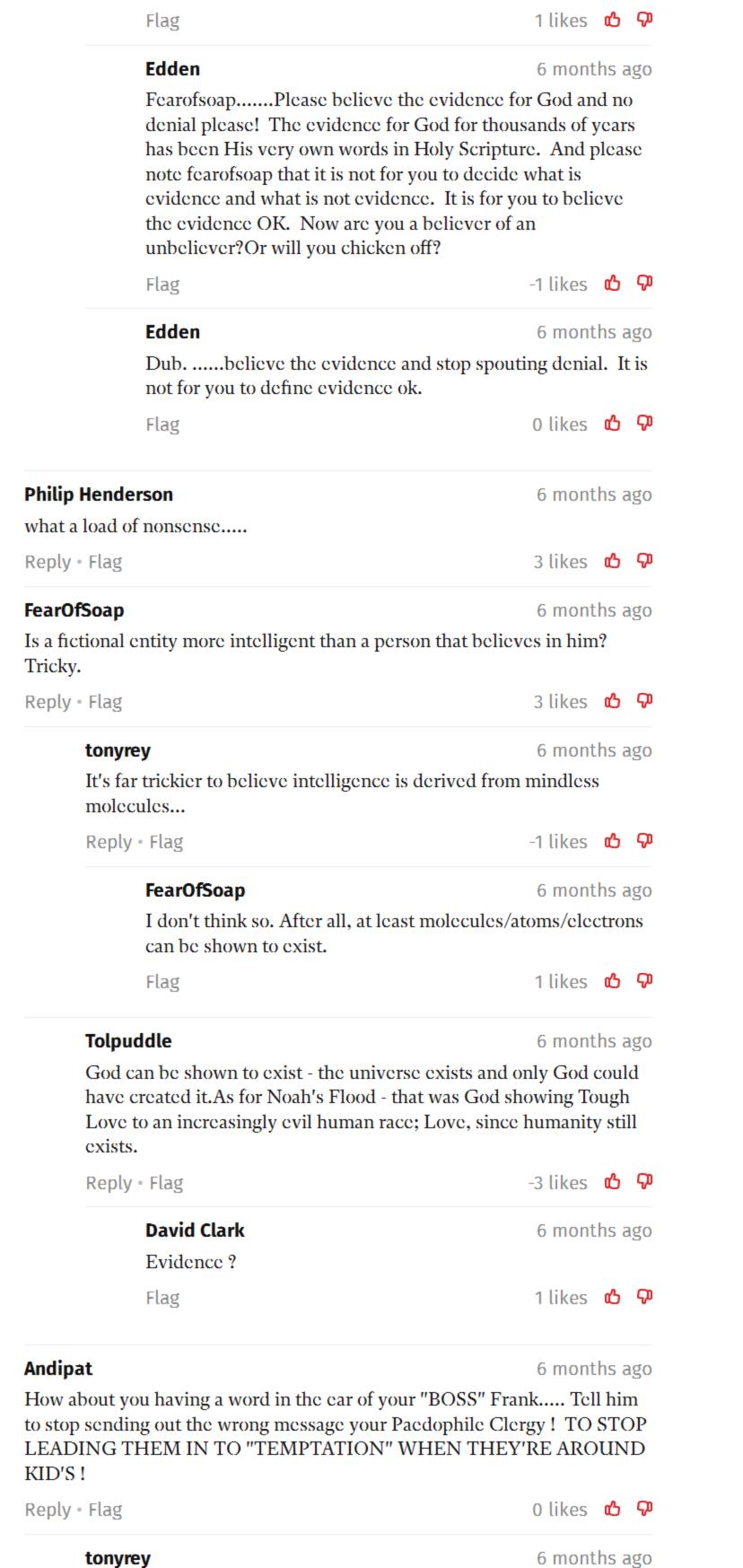
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