PIE ON THE TABLE

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> *The central idea is, of course, that Christian faith offers a sedative for suffering in this life by promising that we will be fully compensated in the next, when â€œmany that are first will be last, and the last firstâ€ (Matt. 19:30). Atheists like to ridicule this aspect of faith as â€œpie in the sky.â€ What is almost always missed is that Christianity often puts the pie on the table! It makes life better here and now. Not merely in psychological ways, as faith in an attractive afterlife can do, but in terms of concrete, worldly benefits. Consider that a study based on ancient tombstones has established that early Christians outlived their pagan neighbors! What that demonstrates is that Christians enjoyed a superior quality of life*

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