Abstract
The article criticises the interference of religion, particularly Islam, in economic decisions and economics in general, using a sarcastic tone that depicts reasons making “Pastafarian economics” the “most productive form of economics” and “Pastafarian finance” the “most ethical form of finance”, in a way similar to what enthusiasts of “Islamic economics and finance” allege.
1. Introduction

For the last five decades at least, conventional finance has been continuously criticised by antagonists, be it financial experts or mere users whose misfortune in some financial operations made them blame conventional banks and who were tricked into believing that banks could actually be of use to citizens. Many alternatives to conventional finance and to the present economic systems were suggested, most prominently Islamic economics and finance and Pastafarian economics and finance. The self-described ground-breaking religion of the Almighty Flying Spaghetti Monster (FSM) and Prophet Bobby Henderson PBUH challenges the teachings of Allah and Muhammad PBUH, and as both religions are said to be supported by hard science, with the Islamic Quranic scientific miracles on one side and Pastafarian Intelligent Design facts on the other, it seemed rather imperative to work on a guide compiling some of the economic guidelines for the pious Pastafarians out there who choose to live according to a halal pastaful path, and compare it with the guidelines of Islamic economics.

2. Basics of Pastafarian Economics and Finance

The economic precepts of Pastafarianism can be obtained from the Holy Scripture, i.e. the Gospel of the Flying Spaghetti Monster and the Loose Canon. And whether the reader is a curious mind, a Pastafarian Sparrowist, a SPAMist, an adherent to Orthodox Pastafarianism or the Reformed Church of Alfredo, or even a Linuinst, the precepts described in the following paragraphs would hopefully be of assistance.

2.1. Pasta

Pasta is undoubtedly a necessary nutrition source for many Humans, and is particularly an axiomatic element in the life of all Pastafarians. As a matter of fact, followers of FSMism bestowed upon it a multitude of prayers, one example is provided below:
2.1.1. Overview
It is assumed in the Pastafarian Culture that the FSM has endowed the mainly-carbohydrate substance with some enchanted qualities. For instance, the Gospel of the Flying Spaghetti Monster relates that “Deoxyribonucleic Acid (DNA) has the form of fusilli pasta”. Furthermore, the fact that “college education has been given an artificially high price tag” is alleged to be in order to “leave students with little money left over for the basic requirements of living”, and burdened by poverty, they are more likely to drink cheap beer and most likely to eat pasta or noodles, which Pastafarians consider as “some part of His greater plan to spread FMism”. In this sense, students truly are the future, ergo Pastafarianism is.

2.1.2. Pastaful Zakat Contribution
Pastafarian Law suggests, yet does not oblige in a tithe-like way, that a contribution is to be made if the consumption of a Pastafarian during one year exceeds on average the amounts of 595 grams of spaghetti per day and 85 grams of meatball per day. The rate of the contribution is estimated to be around 2.5% of the current value of the difference between the consumed amounts and the amounts mentioned above, and is to be made in the form of pasta, meatballs, Pirate ship material\textsuperscript{vi}, or other items and substances\textsuperscript{vii}. These numbers and the different values are determined according to the equation\textsuperscript{viii} depicted in figure 1, which was revealed to Pastafarian theologians.

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\caption{Equation Relating the Flying Nature of the Flying Spaghetti Monster, Allowing His Noodliness to Span Infinite Distances in Infinitesimal Spans of Time}
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Source: Flying Spaghetti Monster (2012)
The Pastaful Contribution is in accordance with the sixth “I’d Really Rather You Didn’t” principle, quoted below:

I’d Really Rather You Didn’t Build Multimillion-Dollar Churches / Temples / Mosques / Shrines to My Noodly Goodness When the Money Could Be Better Spent (Take Your Pick):

A. Ending Poverty
B. Curing Diseases
C. Living in Peace, Loving With Passion, and Lowering the Cost of Cable

It is also in accordance with the Holy Book of The Loose Canon, particularly a passage in The Book of Solipsy, quoted below:

62 I, an Invisible Giant Floating Glob of Sauce-Covered Noodles and Round Meat, have no need for your money or resources, BUT, your fellow humans do. 63 I appreciate your love and praise and such, but lots of people right around your immediate vicinity need your love and worldly resources a whole lot more. 64 Don’t be so idiotic as to throw your money at people who live in mansions and beseech thee for thy cash, and speak as if endowed with authority from other giant, invisible thingees. 65 Come on, people. 66 Wise up, say I, Your Holy Boiled Grain-Based Nutritious One. 67 If ye have been blessed with great resources, such as to have been born with a silver spoon in your mouth, ye are to remember that it is not thine spit which hath coated that spoon with silver. 68 Thou should be especially grateful for thy blessings, and especially giving of thy resources.

The contributions are to be made in favour of the following with no particular distinction, and preferences emanate entirely from personal affinities:

1. Pirates
2. Midgets
3. Other

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To conclude the subsection, it may be interesting to mention that Pastafarians are known to often cite the following quote by Prophet Ragu when giving out the Pastaful Contribution: “Accept His Noodly Magnificence into your heart, into your soul, and ye shall forever be free. R Amen”. Followers of FSMism, much like many other religions, believe that after doing this contribution, FSM willing*, believers shall forever be happy in Paradise.

2.2. Piracy
Indeed, every pastaful Pastafarian reading this document would not have his eyebrows rise at the sight of the word “Piracy”. Nevertheless, for those curious minds who may be reading, a short briefing shall be offered about the Pastafarian view of Piracy.

2.2.1. Overview
What needs to be understood from Piracy is neither the Hollywood image of brigands and outlaws nor the issue of copyright infringement, as Pastafarians consider these images to be profoundly flawed. In Pastafarian culture, Piracy stands for humility, environmentalism, devotion to freedom, and humour.

Pirates* were the original Pastafarians, much like the Arabs were the original Muslims. Similarly to the Arab colonisation of other lands in order to spread the religion of Islam**, Pirates left the whereabouts of the Kingdom of Noodelium to sail the Seven Seas. The only difference between Pirates and Muslims*** was the social structure: While that of the Pirates had a nomadic nature, Muslims seemed to be overjoyed with what other people’s lands had to offer and decided to eventually settle in****, using Islam to Arabise the newly-colonised territories from Spain***** to Asia, similarly to what European colonial powers did in Africa using Christianity, or to what the Soviets did****** using Communism.

More importantly, the Pastafarian understanding of Piracy explains the very causes of a problem that has long been threatening Humanity: Global Warming. The existence of a correlation between the number of Pirates and the average global temperature has been revealed to Pastafarian scholars
as a striking fact, and the correlation that was sketched in an old Pastafarian book can be examined in the graph below. On the ordinate axis the global average temperature in Celsius is represented, and on the abscissa axis the number of Pirates is represented. A dot on the line denotes a particular year.

**Figure 2: Empirical Relationship between the Number of Pirates and Global Warming**

Additionally, in a question addressed to Prophet Bobby PBUH about Pirates and the issue of Global Warming, he reveals yet another remarkable scientific point.

*Halloween Pirates, for example, are at least trying to emulate true Pirate behavior, sometimes with important details such as wenches and grog. We can see solid evidence that they are indeed making a difference on weather patterns; the several months following Halloween are always colder than the several preceding it—just as the Pirates-temperature causal relationship predicts.*

*Talk Like a Pirate Day (www.talklikeapirate.com) is another good example of how acting like a Pirate can influence the weather. Every September 19, millions, if not thousands, of people*
communicate in Pirate-speak, a subtle nod to their Creator, and a conscientious effort to curb global warming. And with great success. Since its creation several years ago, the temperature on September 19 each year has been colder than on the day I picked scientifically at random—July 10—without exception. Just a coincidence? Unlikely.

Another rather stunning fact in favour of the Pastafarian view of Piracy is the following: The country of Somalia has the highest number of Pirates, and yet, unsurprisingly, the lowest Carbon emission in the world.

These links, drawn entirely from an empirical process, could offer us explanations that have long been sought. And for Pastafarians, such excellent scientific proofs of His FSMic Noodliness outweigh any so-called scientific Quran miracles or any miraculously ambiguous Jesus-like form on the skin of a cow.

Finally, after clearing any doubt about the perception of Pirates within Pastafarianism, the examination of the role of Pirates within the Pastafarian Economic System should certainly be clearer.

2.2.2. Economic Impact of Piracy

The institutional framework of Pirate societies was characterised by its extremely democratic nature, which is intrinsically associated with an equal distribution of natural, and acquired, resources. Pirates rarely resorted to violence to settle their internal economic conflicts and were reported to have a very safe banking system\(^{xx}\), and although it was characterised by its high liquidity ratios, it did not stop Pirate investments from yielding substantial yearly profits that were, naturally, equally distributed. Moreover, various reports of an advanced social security system to compensate for the loss of limbs or eyes were thoroughly documented as well.

In Pastafarianism, one of the goals that could crown a pastaful life is to build one’s very own Pirate ship. In microeconomic terms, if the propensity to save\(^{xx}\) over one period, \(s\), is diminished by a
fraction $a$ used to acquire material for the Pirate ship, then the propensity to consume $c$ will increase to $c'$, with $c' = c + a$, this in turn increases the total consumption $C$, which will have positive repercussions on the Gross Domestic Product (GDP) of any state with a Piratocracy system, i.e. favouring the rightful Pastafarian economy to thrive. Moreover, the Pastaful Contribution in the form of Pirate ship material, as mentioned above, is a wealth redistribution mechanism that is considered to be efficient, because the FSM cannot be wrong, and just, because the FSM cannot be unjust.

On a side note, it is customary that Pirates, perhaps complemented by a band of marauders and a wench, accompany this most joyful process of building their own Pirate ship with some grog and a parrot mastering how to say “Arrrgh”. Finally, while acknowledging that wearing Pirate regalia does not generally pose any unusual risk, always keep in mind that, when wearing an eye patch, objects may be closer or farther than they appear.

### 2.3. Wealth, Savings, and Income

One of the most determining sayings regarding the issue of wealth in Pastafarian culture is attributed to Prophet Ishmali Camuwundra: “It is easier for lasagna to pass through the holes of a colander than it is for a rich person to enter Paradise”, and the definition of rich in Pastafarian tradition is very simple: “A rich is anyone who has more than me” (Flying Spaghetti Monster, 2012).

Nevertheless the interpretation of this saying has been very controversial: one interpretation states that, in order to achieve eternal happiness in the afterlife, “a Pastafarian should hand over his belongings to a tramp”, so this person will become instead unable to enter paradise. The adherents to this interpretations claim that “to fail to rid one’s self of such riches is to proclaim loudly one’s lack of faith in the power of His Noodliness to sustain His children through the riches of faith alone”. They additionally assert that their interpretation is praised by the majority of Pastafarians, as “it alleviates any cumbersome sense of guilt or shame that an individual might otherwise feel, while allowing him to continue his cherished tradition of condemning everyone else, because as each of us knows,
everyone else always has more”. This view has, nonetheless, raised concerns of applicability, and the extent to which it could ensure equality.

Another interpretation states that the proper application of this saying can only be achieved by means of a Fascist Pastafarianist government that would enforce Piratocracy and undertake the task of establishing a sovereign fund, namely “Bayt Alpasta”, where the taxation and other multiple fiscal revenues are centralised, ensuring that the riches of any person do not exceed anyone else’s, and hence accomplishing social justice. And while this method has raised much concern, supporters have nonetheless praised the success of Irani, Saudi, and other governments in establishing similar structures.

On a side note, Modern-day Pastafarianism does not have anything like Nilesat sheikhs, prone to spreading the word of Allah all over the world, or any Television evangelists campaigning against abortion clinics, and of course raising a fortune out of it in both cases, therefore the wealth condition is more likely to apply for every single Pastafarian.

2.4. Central Banks
Being a holistic way of living Pastafarianism encompasses a whole view of the economy and even of central banks. Pastafarian Law considers the central bank to be the sole structure responsible for carrying out monetary and fiscal policies, this is allegedly due to the combination of grog and carbohydrates that that makes the process of decision making in a Piratocracy system considerably swifter than all other systems. It significantly eliminates inside lags, and to a lesser extent the outside lags as well. Moreover, the spirit of the Pastafarian scripture implies that the functions of a central bank in a Pastafarian economy e.g. seignorage, setting the interest rate ...etc., are not quite different from conventional economies yet, at the same time, not quite similar. Pastafarianism has kept the same policy mechanisms of conventional economics and introduced certain improvement to the foreign exchange processes, as well as several tailored solutions to other issues that
economies face on a daily basis. The role of a central bank in Pastafarianism can be observed in figure 3.

**Figure 3: Functions of a Central Bank in a Pastafarian Economy**

The upper left part of the graph refers to the hierarchical organisation of potential board members and governors of the bank: As the influence and the good judgement of Pirates are undisputed, it is necessary that in the case of the presence of a Pirate, his or her advice in financial matters are to be taken into account, to ensure a pastaful choice. Pastafarians may or may not use the assistance of Midgets, as the dashed line could be interpreted; however, from a purely economic point of view, this assistance is recommended as Midgets are known to be resilient to inflation, and would therefore be reticent to engage in policy decisions that could result in a high consumer price index.

Policies are carried out in a slightly distinctive way: While classical fiscal instruments, e.g. government expenditure, are still effective and work in the same way that classical macroeconomic models predict, Pastafarian fiscal policies also make use of Pasta and Pirate ships as well as investment, taxation, or governments purchases, as described previously in section 2. Monetary policy on the other hand is more complicated: Aside from interest rates and monetary liquidity,
Pastafarians peg the currencies to certain types of sauces and these sauces themselves are used as intermediate non-fiduciary foreign exchange currencies. This measure contributes significantly to the process of stabilisation of the foreign exchange market as tastes in sauces are known to change only after a long period of time. It also allows for more intra-Pastafarian cross-country investment, and makes the prospects for Pastafarian international interbank lending markets more feasible. Moreover, as pesto with parmesan is the de facto sauce in most FSMic economies and cultures, probably due to its recurrent mentioning in Pastafarian Scripture, central banks use this variety more often in order to stabilise the market and smooth import and export patterns; this does not however exclude other varieties of pesto or other sauces.

2.5. Miscellaneous

One important point that needs to be kept in mind, when it comes to the different Pastafarian contributions, is the following: No Pastafarian is ever expected to “contribute to the cause” if he or she does not want to. This also applies to Pirate ships: “Freeloaders” are expected to be welcome; however they probably will not be allowed to touch the cannons. Furthermore, to emphasise the importance of this point in the Pastafarian creed, one particular passage in the Gospel of the Flying Spaghetti Monster, among the many ones related to Pirate ships, is of particular relevance. Its importance resides within the “extra mile” that Pastafarians are willing to go in order to finance building Pirate Ships and still abide by the ethical code of free will:

There has to be some motivation to contribute, after all.

Still, we are not above devising certain fund-raising schemes to ensure that we can obtain as big and as glorious a Pirate Ship as possible. The sale of T-shirts helps. Also, coffee mugs and bumper stickers are effective. But FSMism is a highly international and Web savvy church, and we seek to utilize those attributes to bring in a particularly big windfall.
Our idea for a major new fund-raising campaign involves time travel and the lottery. Ever since the world was discovered to be round, scientists and explorers have known that there are times when it is Tuesday in one place yet it remains Monday somewhere else. We plan on turning this often ignored fact to our advantage. By using super-fast Internet connections, we will have foreign Pastafarians on, say, Tuesday morning look up what the winning lottery numbers were and send them back to us where it’s still Monday (i.e., in the past). This scheme will require a lot of cooperation on the part of Pastafarians, and we are certainly up to the task. While some may question the ethics of such a plan, we argue that our ethical standards are rock solid when compared to televangelical Christians who garner a fair amount of their wealth from recently cashed Social Security checks.

This passage, and others, can only leave the reader in awe of the beauty and wisdom of Pastafarian values.

3. Pastafarian Economics and Islamic Economics: A Comparative Approach on Miscellaneous Topics

When it comes to debate, in order to “render to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s”, one must admire the openness of the followers of the Pastafarian religion and their complete avoidance of dogmatism, quite the reflection of their self-bestowed description, narrated according to Prophet Bobby Henderson PBUH as follow:

Finally, we find that the religions tend to put a lot of stock in "dogma," which is a way of saying they are correct beyond all doubt. Even the most devout of the Pastafarians will scratch their heads and nervously readjust their eye patches at this idea. Dogma implies an absolute belief in something, and in order for people to have an absolute belief in anything, they’d basically have to be fucking omniscient. We have a different approach: FSM believers reject dogma.
Pastafarians always welcome criticism and their stance regarding academic reproach is described by Prophet Bobby PBUH in the following passage of the Gospel of the Flying Spaghetti Monster:

Now take a look at how much criticism of Christianity, Islam, Judaism, and the other religions there is. People can’t seem to decide on the simple things, like which holy book to follow, let alone whether any of it is true. There are arguments between friends and countries, tens of thousands of books on the various religions, all poking holes, jabbering about which god to worship (Hinduism), jabbering about which ancient prophet's cousin to support (Islam). It's a mess. And yet we find that exactly, count them, zero books have been written to poke holes in the theory of the Flying Spaghetti Monster. There isn't even any academic criticism, only academic support—and academics love to argue about everything. All this we take as evidence that FSMism is probably true.

Moreover, debate with fellow believers seems a rather civilised way for Pastafarians to connect with other Humans and prove all other religions wrong, and although Pastafarianism is considered to be the only true religion out there, Pastafarianists seem to be always open to debate, even if Danish caricaturists or French magazines draw pictures of the Pastafarian Deity or a Pastafarian Prophet, for example.

Furthermore, Prophet Bobby PBUH has clearly stated in the Gospel of the FSM that members of other religions are only misguided; therefore, they are urged to convert to His Noodly Way in order to escape the Sexually Transmitted Diseases (STDs) of hell²⁸⁸.

Figure 4: Position of Pastafarianism towards Other Religions

Q: Are the other religions wrong?
A: No, they're just misguided. We accept converts from other religions with open arms.
3.1. Overview about Islam

The Gospel of the Flying Spaghetti Monster describes Islam as “the world’s second largest religion after Christianity”, and asserts that Pastafarians and Muslims engaged in intense contact in Iraq and Afghanistan where “missionary work”, executed by a surprisingly significant number of Pastafarians in the military, took place. A detailed comment on this “missionary work” is the following:

While people believe that the president sent troops into Iraq to find WMDs, it’s pretty much been common knowledge that most of the weapons they were supposedly looking for were over in Iran and North Korea. So why did he send so many troops to the wrong country? As you know, until recently, Iraq was a country run by a secular government, under the rule of Saddam Hussein. High government officials in the United States predicted correctly that it would be easier to convert a secular country to Pastafarianism than it would be to convert, say, Iran. This program of bringing His Word to the people has been termed by the Pentagon as Operation Wiggly Multiappendaged Deity, or Operation WMD for short. As President Bush probably once said, ”We are making progress in Iraq. But it’s going to take time.” Tune in to see how it goes.
On the other hand, Muslims have been known to carry out their own sort of “missionary work” in Pastafarian milieus as well, with different methods yet still the same hard work and devotion that Pastafarians are known for. This is probably one of the reasons that contributed to the emergence of Pastafarian Islam, and to the popularity of the saying “there is only one Flying Spaghetti Monster, and Bobby PBUH is His Prophet”.

Additionally, Muslims and Pastafarians teamed up in multiple occasions against unbelievers, one of the compassionate Pastafarian involvements with Muslims took place in Melbourne, a certain April 15th, 2012, at the Global Atheist Convention, where they both marched in unity to honour the FSM / Allah against blundering Atheists. A quote from the website of Prophet Bobby PBUH, is more than enough to summarise the views of the marching believers.

*Islam and Flying Spaghetti Monsterism have the same core beliefs in common; we believe (and truly know) that the universe and all living beings were created by a deity and a Prophet spoke in His name. We just have different opinions about the name of that God and Prophet.*
and also treat our wenches slightly differently. Apart from that, Islam and Pastafarianism:

Same struggle!

Abiding by the “photos or it did not happen” axiom, you can find below some photos of the rally, with Pastafarians in colander head gear, a pack of Spaghetti, the Gospel of the FSM, and a representation of the FSM, and on the other hand Muslims in Islamic regalia and slogans honouring Islam and wishing death to some infidels, namely Christopher Hitchins and Ayaan Ali Hirsi. In this marvellous spiritual endeavour, His Noodly Appendage, the FSM, has sent a blessing message in the form of the reflection of a Pirate ship, which can be seen in the photos below.

Figure 6: Pastafarians Holding the Gospel of the FSM Revealed by the Prophet Booby PBUH next to a Slogan Praising Prophet Muhammad PBUH

Source: HENDERSON (2012)

Figure 7:
A Muslim Who Seems to Be In Serenity with the Flying Spaghetti Monster despite the Seemingly Violent Nature of the Slogans Surrounding Him
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Source: HENDERSON (2012)

Figure 8: Pastafarians Proudly Raising a Pack of Spaghetti and the Holy Gospel Next to Muslims. United In Regalia and Turbans!
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Figure 9: Brothers in Belief! Notice the Reflection of the Pirate Ship in the Background. Coincidence? I Think Not. Source: HENDERSON (2012)

Figure 10: Photo of a Proud Pastafarian Praising the FSM
Furthermore, Pastafarians and Muslims have even more in common: The two holy months of Ramadan for Muslims and Ramendan for Pastafarians, incidentally in the same yearly period, are filled with a lot of spiritualties in common\textsuperscript{xxxii}. While the name Ramadan is the name of the month in the Pre-Islamic lunar Arab calendar that Arab Muslims amended and then preserved, the name Ramendan is thought to derive from the habit of extensively nurturing one’s self with ramen noodles during this month. Naturally, Ramendan is the least of all commercial Pastafarian holidays and followers of FSMism are encouraged to give ramen to the needy ones.

For all the above-mentioned reasons and more, it was deemed important to compare the positions of both religions on some economic issues, using as a benchmark the advancement of Islamic Finance, of which the crescendo was absolutely not owed to Gulf money being constantly pumped in, but more to the flawless nature of Islam, and in the hope that one day, Piracy and Pasta revenues could thrive side to side with Petrol and Gas returns in the same “FSMIslamic” financial institutions. The approach consists in comparing, on one hand, the Holy Scriptures of the Gospel of
the Flying Spaghetti Monster and the Loose Canon with the Qur’an, and on the other, the Sayings and Deeds of Prophet Bobby PBUH with those of Prophet Muhammad PBUH.

As a side reminder, should a reader, from whichever religious affiliation, maybe feel mocked or sense that his religious beliefs are offended; it would be interesting to redirect him to one of the answers of Prophet Bobby PBUH concerning this particular issue:

Q: Your "religion" offends my beliefs. What should I do about feeling mocked?

A: Our alternative beliefs are in no way mocking your beliefs more than yours mock ours. FSM believers are peaceful, open-minded, well educated, and reject dogma outright. We’ve never started a war and have never killed others for their opposing beliefs. Compare our record to yours.

3.2. Interest

The issue of interest in Islam is far from being simple: While only one kind of interest is explicitly prohibited, other types were prohibited as a precautionary measure, just to be on the safe side. Moreover, the whole discipline of Islamic finance does not seem to have a unified vision on the issue, while Saudi authorities tread carefully around it, Egyptians seem to allow it, and Iranians say it loud and clear: Interest is a no-no. To make things even more complicated, Islamic banks seem to have the habit of repackaging interest into new contracts with fancy Arabic names, which appear to have a stronger market penetration (MEJRISSI, 2013). Therefore it would be unsafe to issue a concluding judgement on the Islamic finance industry, aside from perhaps saying that its practice is not in any way like its theory.

For Pastafarians, the issue of interest is clear: Although there is neither clear prohibition nor encouragement, the spirit of the Scripture could help in deducing that interest is not prohibited. On the other hand, the wealth-related guidelines make it explicit that the paid interest should not make the lender richer than the borrower. In mathematical terms, when assuming that the borrower is a
Pastafarian, the nominal interest term $i$ covering the full period of the loan is determined according to the following equation: $i \in \{-\infty, i\}$ with $W_B - i \geq W_L$, $\leftrightarrow i \leq \frac{1}{2}(W_B - W_L)$, $W_L$ being the wealth of the lender, and $W_B$ being the wealth of the borrower. Indeed the interest term to be paid can be negative, i.e. the borrower pays less money back to the lender, provided that this one is extremely rich, and this is in order to satisfy the above-mentioned equation. Furthermore, the equations could be developed more thoroughly to include other parameters, assumptions, or particularities; however the two axioms that need to be kept in mind are the following: First the absolute free will to sign a contract or not, and second the prioritisation of “no one being richer than me” over other objectives.

One particularity in the Pastafarian Financial System may be of special interest to Muslims: Two individuals of equal wealth, we could call them for the sake of illustration Bobby and Muhammad, with Bobby being a devout Pastafarian who is about to borrow from Muhammad, a devout Muslim. Bobby will try to make sure that both fortunes remain equal regardless of the nominal interest rate to be paid, and Muhammad is more likely to be unhappy if he would receive interest. Hence the conditions that need to be satisfied are: $\frac{\partial (W_B - W_M)}{\partial r} = 0$ and $i = 0$, with $r$ being the real interest rate that helps in determining the actual values of the riches, and $i$ being the nominal interest rate. In this case, the Pastafarian Law guarantees that both could actually go home happy if Muhammad accepts to receive an interest of a $\pi$ value, with $i = r + \pi$ and $\pi$ proxying the rate of expected inflation, and other parameters influencing the nominal interest rate. When Muhammad would accept to receive this amount, although the nominal value of his fortune would change, the real value of his fortune would remain the same, thus no unjustified enrichment would have taken place, and both parties should not feel any moral distress. The implication of this interaction goes beyond the microeconomic level and ensures that money could be channelled between Pastafarian and Muslim financial institutions without restrictions; however if the Muslim Law refuses any interest of any form, the situation then would become slightly more complicated. On a side note, this
interpretation of interest is very practical within intra-Pastafarian milieus in the sense that it is relatively easy to be applied among Pastafarians, as they are usually poor. Finally, this view of interest offers actual measures to ensure social justice when fortunes are different or equal, in contrast to Islamic finance which seems to fail greatly in this aspect, as practice have shown.

3.3. Alcohol

Alcohol is indeed an intriguing point both in Pastafarian and in Muslim Holy Scriptures, and the different approaches adopted by the jurisprudential schools of thought in determining the commanding laws can vary significantly.

While conventional interpretations of the Quranic verses make most Muslim branches shun upon it, and naturally any related commercial activities, Pastafarianism does not pose any constraints regarding the issue of Alcohol. An exception may be some subgroups of Un-Ultra Un-Orthodox Pastafarians who interpreted the presence of the beer volcano as an indication to reserve drinking pleasures for the heavenly world. Intriguingly enough, there are other Pastafarian groups who not only allow, but also encourage drinking. Their jurisprudential position is derived from the Pastafarian creationist story, relating that the FSM was drunk when his Noodly Appendage forged the universe. Other Sparrowist groups allow particular types of Alcohol yet neither encourage nor discourage it.

Despite the fact that Heaven in Islam will be filled by rivers of wine, the Islamic prohibition is extended not only for those who drink but to anyone in contact with the ethanol molecule. One hadith, cited with a correct degree, mentions a list of activities that Allah cursed. Its Arabic text is: "لعن الله الخمر، وشار себها، وبائعها، ومباعةها، ومعاصرها، ومحملها، والمحملة إليه، وأكل ثمنها" and it could be translated to: "May Allah curse wine, and its drinker, and its pourer, and its seller, and the one it is sold for, and its presser, and the one it was pressed for, and its carrier, and the one it is carried to, and the one who collects / benefits from its price. On the other hand, for seemingly obvious reason, it is de facto permissible to bypass all of this if you are a Saudi royalty.
3.4. Stripping and related

Stripping is an even more intriguing point: While the stripper factory and the celestial beer volcano, mentioned above, are parts of heaven according to the Pastafarian view, analogously Islam regards heaven as a home for virgins, i.e. the hur. In at least nine Quranic passages, a somewhat sensational description can be found: For example, one passage describes them to be as white as diamonds and pearls, that they were never touched by a Human or a Jinn before, and that their only task is to await the believers for sexual encounters in tents. For the curious minds, some other description of the anatomic nature of the virgins’ bosoms can be also found in the 33rd verse of Surat Annaba. The seventy-two virgins seem to be also mentioned quite a few times in the Sayings of the Muslim Prophet.

Now esteemed Pastafarians, before starting to consider switching religions, the only downturn to all of this is that you cannot enjoy it in the present life, it’s only reserved for the afterlife, and indeed this is one of the main points of divergence between Islam and Pastafarianism: While the first poses a universal condemnation of fornication with a woman to whom one is not married or who is not one’s slave, Pastafarianism does not pose any restrictions, as long as there is a mutual consent, which applies to the economic aspects as well. In other words, revenues of sectors considered “sinful” in Islam could still be made use of in Pastafarianism, and the FSM, unlike Allah, would be less likely to get angry if a Pastafarian goes to a strip club.

To conclude, Stripping, and also Alcohol, remain two of the main important points of the divergence between the two economic systems, and any attempts of harmonisation should discuss these issues extensively, meanwhile Pastafarians can still integrate both aspects in their economic life.

3.5. Miscellaneous

Some other minor differences in the perception of economic institutions and economic life exist, as the Islamic view has a somewhat centralised view of almost everything in the hands of one figure, the Caliph, Emir Almou’minin or the Prince of the Believers, or any other ruler, which is not very
strange considering that the cradle region of Islam is until now home to the one God, one King, one political party\textsuperscript{LXXIV}, and the exclusively only one mentality. Pastafarianism on the other hand, and although it centralises the execution of some functions for purely practical purposes, can be very individualistic, and so far, even with the extreme varieties between different branches, no Pastafarian is known to have held weapons against their coreligionists to lead them to “the right way”. This is very influential in the sense that intra-Pastafarian economic relations seem to be rather smoother than intra-Islamic economic relations, as data from any statistical source would confirm.

Moreover, other points may arise and could be examined in future versions of this article, or in other papers by Pastafarian or Muslim scholars alike, in order to synchronise the views in the hope of establishing an efficient control over the religious economics sector.

4. Conclusion

The Pastafarian view of life can be phrased as Prophet Bobby Henderson PBUH put it in The Gospel of the Flying Spaghetti Monster:

\textit{The more you read about us the more you’re going to be persuaded that the Flying Spaghetti Monster is the true Creator and that FSMism just might be the best religion ever. Go ahead. Try us for thirty days. If you don’t like us, your old religion will most likely take you back.}

Of course, granted that your old religion is not Islam, in that case not all of your body parts may still be intact if you decide to publicly leave it\textsuperscript{LXXV}.

The Pastafarian view of economics and finance offers a very particular perspective, but who are we to judge? If Gulf money permits turning a blind eye to keeping a limited female access to the job market, and the prohibition on females driving becomes a “part of the culture”, then who can look down on peaceful Pastafarians on their quest for Spaghettis and Pirate Ships? After all, no Pastafarian has so far committed any suicide bombing\textsuperscript{LXXVI}.
As a final reminder, the author, though not a Pastafarian, can marvel at the grandeur of Pastafarian Economics and Finance in a way completely different, or similar, to how some of his acquaintances, colleagues, and professors, though being Atheists, Non-Muslims, or closet-Muslims support Islamic Economics and Finance

Acknowledgments

As a disclaimer for our sarcasm-impaired friends, the only serious sections of this article are the abstract and the acknowledgments. Read thoroughly between the lines, all of them, and check the different views and books yourself to have an idea, and most importantly don’t take sugar-coated Islamist speech for granted. If someone finds the concept of the article “offensive”, “aggressive”, or simply not to their taste, please skip reading it as the author is sure that your time could be put into a better use.

If “Islamic economics and finance” are to be granted an equal place in our universities next to Keynesian Macroeconomics, with bi-yearly conferences on how “these economics can solve modern-day problems”, then Gulf funds are doing a fine job, but then again, not without some sarcasm from our part. And again, if the article still seems too unorthodox, a small remark could probably help: If you, dear reader, find a concept such as “Islamic finance” to be worth regarding, then just change the term “Islamic” with “Pastafarian”, and there you go, both are religions and both come from alleged Deities, and in this sense there is no difference between Allah and the FSM. And while you are at it, feel free to use “Hindu finance”, “Shinto finance”, “Buddhist finance”, and why not “Wiccan economics”. Finally, a thank you is always owed to patient readers with a good sense of humour.

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The reader can also refer to the article as “Pastafarianic Economics and Finance” if he wishes the title to rime with “Islamic Economics and Finance”, or for the simple sake of “funsies’.

Version of March 30th, 2013. Material is available under both CC-BY-SA 3.0 and GFDL 1.8. And I know this is not that much use of an endnote.
PBUH in Pastafarianism is an initialism for “pasta be upon him”, “pesto be upon him” or if you like “parmesan be upon him”, it’s your call!
PBUH in Islam is an initialism for “peace be upon him”. Others argue that it is “prayers be upon him”, as it is closer to the Arabic translation of “صلاة الله عليه وسلم” which is transliterated, following the STUNdard method, to “salla allahu alayhi wa sallam” literally meaning in Classical Arabic “Allah has prayed upon him and made peace” and could mean in Modern Arabic “Allah did a prayer and then said hello”, that tricky Classical Arabic language that just is not spoken anywhere in the world! For a thorough explanation on how Classical Arabic is not used as a conversation language anywhere in the world, except maybe lame legal texts, lame Aljazeera, lame Pan-Arab political parties, and some fake pornography addressed for Westerners with neo-colonial complexes, you may check various publications on the topic, meanwhile let none fool you: The languages people speak in most of the so-called “Arabic-speaking countries” is a mixture of the languages used by the different colonial regimes in those states. Think of it, for example if Israel / Palestine was an Arab land before its Arab colonisation, how did Jesus manage to have buddies named John, Marc, Lucas, Mathew, etc. in the supposedly land of Muhammads, Alis, and Ahmeds. Is it yet another test of faith by his Great Noodly FSMic Wisdom?

In Arabic it is referred to as “الإعجاز العلمي في القرآن”, transliterated, following the STUNdard method, as “al’iejaz eelalmil fil Qur’en”, and roughly meaning “scientific outbreaks in the Qur’an”. Regardless of how incoherent it may sound, you can actually find this “discipline” in many “universities”, as well as many sheikhs earning as much as some Television evangelists do.

The equation may, or may not, yield the results of 2.5%, 85, and 595, depending on the extent to which the dear reader is drunk. I have personally chosen these numbers because Muslims have somehow calculated that around 2.5% of one’s wealth is to be taxed yearly if it exceeds 85 grams of gold or 595 grams of silver. Basically these calculations were done in the very same academic rigour that the Hamburger University has, as one Roy Hunter metaphorised a similar issue on the Venganza forum. In short, its purpose is to provide an additional humorous element for a reader who is aware of the framework.

Basically just about anything you want.

The Muslims among us would be more familiar with “Insha’a Alflying Spaghetti Monster”.

The original ones not the Somali counterfeit.

If the reader is of Pan-Arab or Muslim affinity, or simply feels offended for whatsoever reason, please kindly bear in mind that the author is not apologising for telling history the way it happened.

Aside from the grog
xiv And for the record, they were not even polite enough to ask for the original owners’ opinions.
xv Until they got their asses kicked out from there!
xvi To countries that wished to become Communist, but mostly to countries that did not
xvii This description was added to the original graph by the author as it only included the description of the ordinate axis.
xviii The unit is number of pirates, obviously.
xx As safe as underground caves could be
xxi Probably influenced by the Arabic “بَيْت ﺍﻟﻤﺎﻝ”, transliterated following the STUNdard method to “bayt almel”,
xxii Except maybe rulers who secretly transfer some funds to Gibraltar, the Bahamas, or wherever it may seem suitable.
xxiii For absolutely no particular reason aside from boredom and of course imitating the full proof “Islamic banking model”
xxiv Much like taking the advice of sheikhs over the projected level of inflation
xxv For further information, please Google “Midgets in Pastafarianism”.
xxvi And shitloads of “satellite sheikhs” waging a tremendous wealth and advising their followers to fight the “infidel west”, yet at fly to this “infidel west” whenever a health issue arises
xxvii The author is compelled to warn the reader that any attempt to approach some Muslims should be carried out with care. The author denies any responsibility whatsoever related to any incident whatsoever related to any Muslim whatsoever.
xxviii Hell, or as it referred to in FSMism as the Underground Freezer of Doom, is not a very happy place: the strippers that come out of the stripper factory all have STDs and the beer coming from the beer volcano is stale.
xxix The same source states that “although Saddam does kind of resemble a Pirate, he most certainly is not a Pastafarian”, the author cannot stress enough this statement.
xxx “Pastafarian Islam” is a real, by FSMic Standards, branch of Islam and FSMism at the same time. Its adherents, “Pastafarian Muslims” believe that the Prophet Pirate Muhammed is the messenger of the Flying Spaghetti Monster and hold as sacred books “The Pasta Qur’an”, and the tradition of the Prophet compiled as “The Spaghetti Sunna”. “Pastafarian Muslims” are known to greet with “assalami and sauce alaykom” and constantly assert that their religion is a religion of pesto, even with “a very tiny minority” that keeps proving the complete opposite. Please kindly Google it and check for yourself.
xxxii There are major differences nonetheless: For example Pastafarians do not fast nor pray, instead they spend a few days eating only Ramen noodles and remembering the days when they used to eat Ramen as poor college students. The philosophical approach towards Ramendan asserts that this teaches Pastafarians to be “happy with what they’ve accomplished, and if they haven’t accomplished anything yet, at least be happy that they are Pastafarians”.
xxxiii Unless some “creative accounting” takes place
xxxv You are maybe wondering “what in the hell is this correct degree”? Well back then, Muslims did not have the Internet so they followed a tradition called “النسخ و التجريح”, transliterated following the STUNdard method into “annaskh wattajriḥ”, and roughly translated as “copying and cutting”. The aim was basically to separate real citations of Muhammad from the fake ones. If a citation degree is correct, then you can basically say that Muhammad said it, else you can’t be sure.
xxxvi Pretty nasty! Here’s a link for those who want to check for themselves: http://www.islamweb.net/fatwa/index.php?page=showfatwa&Option=Fatwaid&Id=10723.
xxxvii The Arabic terms “ﺣﻮﺭ” or alternatively “ﺣﻮﺭﻳﺎﺕ” are transliterated respectively, following the STUNdard method, to “hour” or “houriyet”. And yes it is not a myth.

xxxviii Now you know why many Muslims want to immigrate to Europe! It is not the religious freedom, nor the social security benefits, but those fine Caucasian blondies! All the other reasons must have been planted by The FSM, to distract us from the real reasons!

xxxix The Arabic term is “ﺟﻦ”, from the related literature it seems like an elf who lives in the sandy Sahara. Now that must be something! But even better is the Quranic verse saying that “they were not touched by Jinn before”! A sexual encounter with a Jinn? Maybe Goats are just too mainstream!

xl Here’s a link: http://quran.com/78/33. The original Arabic term is “ﻛَﻮَﺍﻋِﺐَ ﺃَﺗْﺮَﺍﺏﺎً”, you might find some pretty fascinating description by Muslim Scholars out there but unfortunately mastering Classical Arabic, not just Standard Modern Arabic, is a must.

xli And you thought that was another myth! Well here’s one link: http://www.livingislam.org/fiqhi/sp2-gfh_e.html#9. Feel free to look for “seventy” and you will find some interesting gang bang passages.

xlii Fornication with slaves is allowed regardless of their consent, naturally because they are slaves. For the Quranic basis you may consult: http://quran.com/4/3 or search for “ما مالك ايمانكم”, which is a transliteration for “what your right hands possess”, and that is not in reference to the paper towel in your right hand while doing, you know what.

xliii Not Emir Aluminium

xliv If there are any

xlv Not a myth, here’s one of the many Sayings by Muhammad: “من بدل دينه فاقتهو”, transliterated following the STUNdard method to “man baddala dinahou faqtoulouh”, and explicitly meaning “he who has changed his religion, kill him”, again a link for those who want to check for themselves http://ar.islamway.net/fatwa/5384.

xlvi Yes, it does sound cliché, but it is still true.

xlvii After all, perhaps suffering from acute Anti-Semitism makes supporting Islam a very neat and legitimate method, the author still kindly recommends seeing a specialist to help overcome such residuals.