
Subject: Re: hope none of you are them

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KIRBY-098 wrote on Wed, 19 July 2006 07:11 Humanity is evil. Christ and his teachings are perfect.

Despite being quiet in this thread as to see where it goes, I'm hoping to get a reasoned and well thought out response from you in regards to the question I'm going to ask.

Up until recently, I've held very similar beliefs to you. I held for a long while an atheist approach to this issue because it made more sense that we are more animal than anything else; that our consciousnesses are merely the sum of the parts by which we are made. A Christian friend and I discussed the flaws in Catholicism, more importantly, the pomp and circumstance that the entire dogma fondles itself with. Then it led to the situation of denominational religion (all based around Abraham's 3 major tendrils) and how the fundamentalists are, if they are right, the ones that their respective "God" would be looking for in the ideal human being. Literally taking their documents word for word in their correct context and application can only be doing exactly what God wants-- word for word, right?

I grew up in a Catholic environment, and even now I still treat the notion of Jesus resurrecting as so phenomenal that it is not even something I sit down and reconsider. Whether or not he actually did almost seems to be a non-issue in lieu that if he merely died and did not come back, he was a pretty awesome guy anyway worthy of being remembered as one of the greatest philosophers humanity has ever produced. After I looked through the Catholic doctrine and found how little of it has Biblical reinforcement, I was more or less swayed into the more fundamental approach that "Christians" hold. That being said, I confess I might have jumped on that boat a bit prematurely. Of course I was immersed in the Bible all throughout school, but I never read it critically as an adult in the fundamentalist context. Suffice to say, it's a pretty big fish to catch.

For example, the story of Samson defies so many fields of probable science that in context, (Biblical or not) the possibility of it happening is relative to me reaching through my monitor and pulling out a purple monkey dishwasher. Another is the story of Creation, the story of Adam and Eve, and even more improbable, the issue that people lived up in excess of 900 (nine hundred) years before dying. You'll notice that a lot of the Old Testament is so fantastic that it's like living in MiddleEarth. I researched the issue as to why people believe this is truth by associating "Christian Science" to the equation, but after looking at that such data critically, there are numerous flaws in each of the theories presented. The explanations seem vilify the science practiced today and formulate anew around a very, IMO, dangerous idea that I will tell you in a moment.

The New Testament is much more believable, and I am more inclined to believe that as it is written, it actually happened very much the way described. This isn't including the issue of miracles and other supernatural happenings which I am quite undecided on because:

The axiomology does not make sense.

That is my primary concern regarding every single organized religion that has ever existed and will exist. Why should I treat the Bible as an objective truth when its existence defies the criteria that would otherwise allow for objective truth? Normally this wouldn't be an issue. I mean, no one

really cares about objective comprehension of why doors open and why cola tastes good, but this is a metaphysical issue that demands our absolute obedience to avoid a state of physical pain. That's huge! Much of the Christian literature I read speaks of some kind of divine intervention on their psyche. Frankly, I'm not sure what to make of that. They tell me to give my heart to Jesus (how I'm to do this exactly I've inquired about, but I'm still confused as all fuck), accept salvation (this too I've asked many times and have yet to receive an answer that makes even comprehensible sense), and read the Bible for objective truth to the issues I have in life. As such, I am now left in a limbo of agnosticism. Logic tells me that God almost certainly exists, but rationality tells me that such a God is not necessarily the one outlined by the pages of the Bible.

My question to you my friend is thus: Why? How?

Not, "Why should I bother", because that is an obvious and extremely arrogant question to even posit. I'm referring to the metaphysical principles that MUST exist otherwise the arguments for Christianity have failed before they start.

How does this even work? I've asked this to my Christian friends and I am always left with a lingering issue regarding the circular tendencies. For example; I've asked how they can come to know God (in the Biblical context, obviously) or Jesus in a truly phenomenal way if prior to reading the same words I have read, they were unaware of them. They claim to speak to God on a daily basis as well. I can honestly tell you that regardless of how much I believed in God as a child and teenager, that every time I spoke to God I never received any kind of tangible (or intangible) response-- to others this is not true and quite the opposite. Either I was "praying wrong", insane, innocently ignorant, or I was right in bringing these issues of personal, absolute inconsistency up. That being said, as per my understanding, without the Bible, the knowledge of God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit would be confined to the leather bound pages next to my monitor. This raises some pretty insane consequences and I'm sure I don't need to elaborate too much on the inductive nature of what I'm talking about. So I'm left with:

Why is this truth? Why is *insert non-biblical doctrine* not truth? Is there a rational non-circular argument to support the objectivity of the Bible? If so, I would truly like to hear it.