
Subject: Re: Jesus

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j_ball430 wrote on Sun, 27 August 2006 11:17

Why is it that we're mocked because we believe in something we can't see? Do you not have faith that you will have a house tomorrow? You don't know if that'll be true until the day ends. It's a physical impossibility unless you have some sinister plan to burn down the house or have it destroyed by some other means.

Why is that so much easier to believe in than a higher being? Simply because you've had a roof over your head for your entire life? That doesn't mean anything when tomorrow comes and your house suddenly goes up in flames. Yet, you still believe that you're going to be in your bed tomorrow night in the comfort of your own home.

The fact is, you believe in something that you can't see. I believe in something that I can't see. The only difference is what I can't see is a little bit more life-changing. Disagree with my beliefs? Fine, but don't dare mock me because I believe in something.

Faith and belief are two vastly differing concepts that get routinely used in place of each other. Faith is an epistemological conundrum because it defines objectively that which is not known or further; knowable. Belief is a concept similar to desire, or more appropriately: hope. Consider belief to be "hopeful necessity", which encompasses both adjectives fully.

When someone says they have faith in something, they are by association encompassing belief through that faith. For if you can make the jump that a certain god is (Biblical or not), you must also have the hope that such a god exists. However, it is possible to believe that a god is, but not be so arrogant as to suggest that any concept of such a god is knowable through faith. That is why I say that I believe that God exists, albeit God is unknowable so I don't pretend to have faith in any component of Him.
