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Subject: Re: Jesus

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Crimson, the irony of this entire conversation is that if anyone could "prove" to you that God exists, there would no longer be a need for you to know.

So many people claim that God doesn't exist, because he lets evil happen on the earth. If you've made any attempt at all to understand his teachings, you would know that he has no choice but to allow it. To call him malevolent because of this is outright silly, he doesn't "intend" you any harm, he doesn't "wish" you any hurt, there is no ill-will at all.

The problem (or catch-22 if you will) is that what he has promised, requires blind-faith on your (our) part. If he were to say "hey guys, here I am, I really do exist", then there would be no reason for anyone not to believe. He has promised that those who do believe will inherit the kingdom of heaven. That's a pretty big prize, assuming that it is all true; and all you have to do is live your life in a way that makes him happy --- And in the end, all you're really doing is living a life that makes your fellow man happy.

Personally, I don't believe that you have to follow any one religion to gain the reward he has promised, but you do have to actually believe in him, and agree to attempt to live in a manner that he approves of. If you succede at this, you'll win in the end, regardless of which thief you give your money to here on earth.

If God promised you eternal salvation in exchange for believing him, and he took away the ability to Not believe in him, then his promise would be sort of meaningless... everyone would be rewarded in the end.

If you're simply in to science, take a look at Pascal's Wager.. while it provides no proof, it does show you how you have a 75% chance of being better off in the end, simply by believing in god whether or not he exists. The other 25% will be miserable

For me, it isn't a matter of what bad things men have done in the name of religion. These are the same men that you claim "created" religion for their own benefit. They are simply "men", and they aren't perfect -- some are far from it. However, God's underlying message has not changed, only those who attempt to persuade you in to believing for their own gain. God's message is simple.. Love one another, live in a manner that brings respect to you, your elders and your children; "be a good person" -- you're probably already doing it without even trying.

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