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Subject: Re: Jesus

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msgtpain wrote on Mon, 28 August 2006 23:09

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.

I tend to subscribe to the contextual moral code "Do unto others..." not because Jesus said it (granted it seems to coincide conveniently) but because it makes rational sense. Philosophers almost accross the board have agreed on this one ethical truth from both ends of the spectrum.

Now I'm not familiar with Mormonism at all, so correct me if I'm mistaken, but the Bible itself says that following that one commandment from Jesus just simply isn't enough. You have to "give yourself to God" (whatever the hell that means), "accept Salvation", and a myriad of submissive commands in order to get the prize at the end. It just simply is not as simple as following a moral code and that is where the Bible loses it's appeal to the skeptical masses. Unfortunately a lot, if not all of these commands have no rational basis at all. You can go about living your life as Jesus would have but you might not subscribe to say... Tithing for whatever reason you can conjure up that will produce just as much good. If the moral code of the Bible were as simple as "To unto others as you would have done unto you" then I assure you we wouldn't be having this discussion. But the problem lies much farther then simple morals. Some of the prerequisites to see the kingdom of God are downright illogical and not worth subscribing to.

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