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Subject: Re: Jesus

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What you don't understand is that I fully intend to offend you and shake you and call you names. I won't get anywhere by placating you. Some people NEED their faith so viciously attacked once in a while so they can either affirm their beliefs or open their mind to other possibilities. The human experience is vast and complex and I thoroughly enjoy poking you with a stick and watching your reaction. I love saying totally whacky things to see what you do.

Now, why do I want you all to be atheists and convince you of my position? Let me float a few ideas your way:

1) Christianity and maybe other religions tell you that those who don't believe are going to hell and may even tell you that we're EVIL. I don't want you praying for me or worrying about me.

2) You are my friends and I believe several of you are intelligent enough to really step back and examine your faith. I'm waiting for someone to swallow their long-held pride and ask the difficult questions you may not want to know the answer to. I'm waiting for someone to be brave enough to take a small journey in the path of an atheist and see what makes us tick. I've taken a tour through the Christian faith and have spent many a sleepless night discussing with my brother who is still a theist but becoming less so every day as we talk. If you really want to know my path relating to religion in detail, I will be glad to share it. However I do currently believe I have had more exposure to your religion than you have to my non-religion. (speaking in the most general of terms I possibly can, of course)

3) From where I currently am in my path of theories and playing with ideas and debating with my brother, I am of the current mindset that religion is often more harmful than good and if I can help just one person see that and see why I think that way, then maybe it will help speed us along to the day I see when religion is categorized as insanity and humans experience life completely differently than we do now.

I will no longer entertain replies that deal in wording or semantics. I do not care to have a theological debate. My desire is to entice someone or someones to make the brave leap and follow the path of an atheist and find out why I and many others are so. I'm not saying I'm right, though of course I do believe I am. And if you end the journey more sure of your faith, then fine, and if you decide that you need to re-examine what you believe to be true, then I will do anything I can to point you in some of the directions you may ultimately desire to take.

Simply put, my brother and I talk about this stuff all the time, and in the last year or so I've watched my brother change from a hardcore Christian to where he is today where he can see religion from a different perspective but is currently not yet ready to let go of "God". I wish to share some of these things with you.

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