
Subject: Re: Jesus

Posted by [Hydra](#) on Wed, 30 Aug 2006 14:52:52 GMT

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Crimson wrote on Wed, 30 August 2006 07:00 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.

Not to sound like an arrogant asshole, but you've just proven me correct.

No longer can you call atheism anything other than a religion (your version, at least). It exhibits all the qualities of a proselytizing religion that you claim to hate. Hell, you admit that you

want to create harmful conflict ("...I fully intend to offend you and shake you and call you names...") simply to get a rise out of people ("...I love saying totally whacky things to see what you do...") (wouldn't that make you a troll in your own forum? better get to banning yourself quick!).

In other words, you're attacking other religions for doing only the exact same things that you have been doing this whole time.

I don't want to say that makes you a hypocrite because I would think you to be above something like that, but if it looks like a duck and quacks like a duck....

So when are you going to organize your fellow atheists into an army against us infidels (non-believers in nothing, that is) who have been oppressing you all for so, so long?
