
Subject: Re: Jesus

Posted by [fl00d3d](#) on Thu, 07 Sep 2006 11:03:07 GMT

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I very quickly skimmed through this 9 page discussion about religion and wanted to throw my 2 cents in.

1- The person who started this thread spammed his beliefs then disappeared. Crimson have you cross-referenced the IP to see if this was a different user? Or maybe it was just someone jumping from one site to another trying to force their beliefs on someone else. *shrug* Either way I find it amusing that they posted a very controversial subject for the first and only post then disappeared. And here we are debating it like the weak-minded humans that we are.

2- I was brought up "Non-denominational protestant" in a dutch-reformed church ... to be specific. For those that haven't heard of this it is a "no bullshit" version of Christianity (comparatively speaking to other Christian faiths) that focuses on the central beliefs of the Christian FAITH and not all of the other details that many others seem to enjoy arguing about. I went from the time I was born until I left for military service (at 17).

3- Now, with that being said, I am now 25 years old and have only attended about 5 church services in the last 7 years - most of which were obligatory because of friends or family. I still have my faith and I still believe in the teachings of my religion, but I have noticed an incredible ignorance growth in humanity and a dramatic series of abuse by 'the church'. For this reason I choose not to go.

4- What is even more interesting (I hope my fiancee forgives me for this, lol) is that my fiancee is Wiccan which is about as far from Christianity as you can get. Just imagine some of the conversations and debates that we have! But we manage to go through our lives with the understanding that religion is a part of your deepest sense of self (as most would call "your soul") and it is between you and your higher power. No one else. If you choose not to believe it, you simply don't. Because you accept the consequences of your own actions - whatever they may be - and you're OK with that. Even though I have VERY strong beliefs about a lot of things, I find myself just as tolerant because I am no better than the next guy (or gal). Our differences are what make us stronger and our forgiveness and tolerance is what makes us better people.
