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Subject: Re: WBC

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Quote:The Bible is the inspired word of the judeo-christian God (or so we were told). If it was merely a "collection of historical documents and writings written by various individuals across the world during those time periods," then there would have been no need of it at all. Only because it was inspired by "God" was why it was known as the Holy Bible.

Yes, it's true that each book is God inspired, but that doesn't change the fact that they are still historical writings by individuals during those time periods. At any rate, I am not here to debate a technicality on ones defining interpretation of the definition of the Bible.

Quote:This is all correct apart from "what they did is not right by any means". Any civilised, moral person knows it's wrong. The law says it's wrong. But their religion says it's right.

I don't speak for anyone, except for myself. "By any means", is by my standards and principles. I agree with you that in their religion, what they did would be "right" in this context; no disagreement.

Quote:i've never been under the impression that any 'god' had anything to do with the compilation of the bible, but that's what we're incessantly told. if you want to say it was just written by men who - when they claimed to know very specific things about a particular God - were lying or crazy or just repeating rumours they'd heard, you might be on to something...

Any 'god' does not have a relation or correlation to the Bible by default. Again, I agree. People take the word 'god' and automatically tie it to the Bible, but fail to realize that there is more than one context. There are even scriptures in the Bible (I cannot reference off-hand), that there are multiple Gods, but that we should only worship our one true God. Again, a lot of this is up for interpretation and understanding. If you do not believe in God pretty much all of this means absolutely nothing to you. It's probably a fairy tail in your mind. However, for those with strong faith they do study and find understanding that makes the most sense to them. I most certainly do not call the writings of the Bible to be fallacy, nor the people who wrote them to be crazy, ill, dillusional, or other; I didn't know those individuals nor did I live in that time period to understand anything about them, other than they existed.

Quote:you're trying to create a mystery where none exists. seems to me that either the prophets who claimed to have received "revelations" from this god were lying or crazy, or if it's true, then the god was incompetent. The dumbest person on this forum could have done a better job of it.

Really hoped with as intelligent as you seem on a forum board you would have come up with a better explanation of what you mean, other than, again.., referencing the people as "crazy or lying". Don't really know what to say to you here..

Quote:I remember you saying this before; you went on to say that "the entire book of Exodus is scientifically proven". I hope you don't still think that?

Big statement, right? The entire book being scientifcally proven? A poor remark on my part, let me

divulge. Many events in the book of Exodus, and many things that were referenced such as the battle, cheriot's, location/etc, were found by scientists, and many things that were stated in the book were to be confirmed to exist, or confirmed to have happened. It's a big book, and it is a poor remark to say the entire thing is scientifically proven, because in my mind I was thinking only of the physical things they were able to resolve scientifically. However, this does not account for the rest of many of hundreds of words in that book.

Quote:Like a stalker?

Again, don't really have anything to say here..

Quote:Do you think hell is a real thing?

I think that people have distorted the idea of heaven and hell to the point where they are taught to be physical realms that exist, or actual places. Do I think there is a heaven and hell? Possibly. I accept the possibility that they may be actual realms, physically or maybe even spiritually. Spiritually, it would be something that I accept, as of now I don't fully understand. To me at this point they are abstractions representing references from the Bible (it talks about heaven and hell). The thing of it is, though, the bible talks about 'heaven', 'heaven(s)', hell, etc. in many different contexts. I think most people pick a definition that makes the most sense to them and flow with it, and that the most common one seems to come across that they are physical or spiritual realms where you would 'go' (verb) after you cease existence, based upon either your actions in life, or whether or not you are saved.

I also believe, Spoony, that just because you don't believe in God or worship God, that the lord will automatically deem you to "hell". He loves each and everyone, who are we to say what he would actually decide, when ultimately he is the final say in the matter. Again, I am speaking through my own relationship with God, which I suppose you would call "belief".

Ultimately Spoony, I know you ask a lot of questions and this entire spectrum of the subject is large in your mind quite often (reflects in many of your posts).

Quote:If they allowed me to do that when I was 8 years old (and I was on the right track to find "god" then), I would have found a "earth nature goddess" to worship and base my life around or probably ended up as a godless jungle dweller (I say this with a positive notion). We would have all found different gods or no gods to worship if we had been let alone. While, that begins to sound irrational to me, it is the perfect explanation of the origins of wide varieties of the religions in our history.

I really couldn't help to chuckle here.. What I said is a little abstract. To me, it's a bit of direction to someone who is searching or trying to educate themselves, or even try to understand "God". You cannot believe in something truly, with full faith just by reading it from a book. You cannot be forced upon yourself, to believe in any God, 'a' God, or be forced to agree that all of this information is true. It is a decision that each individual has to make for themselves. It is something that is decided over time, through experience, that a lot of people never actually find the answer for themselves even by the time they have lived and died.

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Correct, and ultimately like I stated, this is strictly why I am opposed to classifying myself as any 'one' 'religion'. Simply it is a category. "Our religion is right, and yours is wrong". The majority of the Bible is so abstract in areas, and a lot of it is described by things based upon their time period, which people in this state and age have a hard time relating to; to find that same understanding or explanation.

I really hope the best to you Spoony, whatever it is you learn about this subject in life. I hope you do come to know God, if you do not I don't think any less of you. However, the internet is really not a good place for this. Talking to people in person is much more critical - set the internet ego aside and the urge to be this macho intelligent egotistically individual on an internet forum who types like a God (not calling you out on this, making an example of average discussions amongst internet-goers), and actually have a heart to heart discussion with various people. Ask others then just who you are around all the time to. Discuss, ponder, think, search. If you don't care about any of this, that works too; no hard feelings.

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