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Subject: Finally an intelligent post!

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Well said, Javacx. I mostly agree with you, except about one thing (maybe I misunderstood you, but here we go anyway):

You dont necessarily have to believe that all which is written in the bible is "Holy Truth" to be a Christian (At least I dont feel so). I regard myself as a christian, and do not believe that everything written in the bible is true/correct, but neither do I think it is a work of (complete) fiction.

I like to view myself as quite open-minded (Who doesnt?), and understand that the Bible is a work that consists of many different texts/scriptures written by many different people over a timespan of several thousand years (Much of the material in the Old Testament was handed down orally through many generations before being written down. It would be foolish to believe that it would not change at all during this time).

It is wodely known that the Bible has its fair share of contradictions. Frankly, this should not be very surprising, as its different parts was written by many different authors.

The christian Bible as we know it today was compiled by church leaders several hundred years AD, and many would-be Biblical texts were scrapped, while others were admitted. It would be wise to have this in mind, and the fact that the Bible (or its two main parts) was not written in one go, or added to "chapter by chapter".

What about miracles? Honestly, I dont know. I would would like for it to be true, but I simply dont know how well the Bible can be trusted. Some parts of it can certainly be trusted better than others. The purely historical accounts and ancestry-listings is probably quite accurate. As for walking on water and making water into wine...Well, one simply have to make up ones own mind, based on the information available. For us, who have no first-hand experiences or second-hand accounts about the events described, it may be hard to decide what to believe.

I do not believe every word in the Bible, but neither do I think it is complete rubbish. Obviously, it should be taken with a grain of salt (as everything else), but I also think it would be foolish to discard it as complete fiction.

I dont really know what to believe. Although I think many of the miracles in the Bible can be explained scientifically, many things seems too fantastic for my scientifically educated mind to believe. I guess I fall in your category of Agnostic-Theist. I have some belief, but I am no fanatic or fundamentalist, and in lack of convincing evidence, I dont quite know exactly what to believe.

If you managed to read all this, thank you.

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