
Subject: The Passion of the Christ

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da_shiz, I just want to clarify something. When I use the words "truth", "knowledge" and "belief" I'm using the literal interpretation of them. If you believe in something, you do not know it to be truth. If you know something, then it is truth and you no longer simply "believe" it to be true. We do not "believe" that $1+1=2$, we "know" that. While I'm not trying to undermine my own religion, or start a conflict with you, it may be possible that Jesus was a fraud and just managed to dupe everyone. Don't get me wrong, I in no way believe this to be true, but it's still a possibility, even if it's not a plausibility. I only say this because we don't "know" what the truth surrounding the matter is. Historical studies that far back are incomplete, hence we don't "know" if Jesus even existed. Recent Bone findings have found a "Son of Joseph, Brother to Jesus", however, once again, there is insufficient proof (last I heard) that it is the same Jesus as the bible dictates, though it is highly likely that it is.

Now, the whole religion concept is a system of beliefs. By its own admittance of it being a belief structure, the religions of the world say that the proof of their set of beliefs are not "Knowledge". There is no "proof" that our religion is the right one, just as there is no "proof" that anything any religion states is true. The changed phrase, "Experiencing is knowing" would apply here. We do not "know" that atoms exist, as we have not experienced them ourselves. We have to rely on others that they exist. The same holds true for religion. We have to rely on others for what could be true. Now, this is not saying atoms don't exist, just as I'm not saying God doesn't exist. However, just because we don't "know" them to exist doesn't mean they don't. We just don't "know" it. An example of this is quazars. We believed atoms to be the smallest thing in existence, in fact we "knew" it. Now something smaller has been discovered... the quazar. So now we "know" that to be the smallest thing to exist. Until now that it. We now believe that something smaller than a quazar exists, strings. So much for "knowing" the "truth", huh?

Edit: and yes, Javacx if you want to bring out that Athiest argument, go right ahead. It's always an enjoyment to watch them squirm.
