Subject: Re: Jesus Posted by Crimson on Thu, 31 Aug 2006 01:29:20 GMT View Forum Message <> Reply to Message

j_ball430 wrote on Wed, 30 August 2006 07:561) How is being prayed for offensive? As you care for us as friends, that's the same sentiment that we share.

I don't remember specifically saying it was offensive. Considering what I believe, why would I be offended that you sit alone talking to the air about me?

Quote:2) I've examined my faith... a lot. I am no longer the brainwashed Christian that my high school made me. I was blind as to why I believed what I believed. I thank public education and a maturing brain for my release from the religious prison. I have questioned my faith. I have also brought in the Big Bang and other evolutionist ideas into my beliefs. I still believe God is the ultimate authority, is infinite, and I do believe in a Heaven and Hell. However, I do see that the Bible is more or less a story book. Not in the sense that you see it as, but in the sense where it's telling historical events in a more children story book type of way.

I completely respect that. You took a step back from what's been drilled into your head all your life and removed the stuff that didn't make sense to you. I hope that you don't plan to stop there and evolve (if you will) your beliefs as new thoughts and ideas come around that make sense to you.

Quote:3) Religion is harmful. Religion is very much corrupt and evil. However, belief isn't. Believing in a higher power poses no threat to mankind. However, joining everybody together and shunning the rest of the world and considering them heathens is bad. Fortunately, that's not what true Christianity is about.

I agree. I totally understand that some people need to believe in a higher power watching over them and protecting them, and others need to believe someone is watching them when no one else is to keep them from doing bad things. In fact, I suggested to someone just in the last couple of months that their schizophrenic, bipolar son would probably do good to "find Jesus".

Thank you for addressing the subject matter instead of the other posts that attempt to derail.