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Subject: pawkyfox's Another Thread

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pawkyfox wrote on Wed, 08 October 2008 21:10 Do you believe in God?

Yes, I am Christian. A prophecy was written and Jesus came and fulfilled the prophecy; it could not have been an accident. I would like to talk more about my beliefs but maybe in another thread. so... here's the another thread. where to begin?

let's ignore the rather awkward fact that we have no real proof jesus existed at all... take the bible as proof, if you like. so let's look at that proof.

the four gospels, which in any case were written long, long after jesus' supposed death, wildly disagree on every single major event of his life. the virgin birth, jesus' lineage, the 'flight into egypt', the sermon on the mount, judas' betrayal, peter's denial, the crucifixion and the resurrection.

it isn't hard to figure out that the new testament is full of lame attempts to make the original messiah prophecies come out right; there's a very telling sentence in Matthew where he actually says so. "All of this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet." this was referring to Jesus' travel into Jerusalem riding an ass, 'prophecied' back in the old testament. another example, Luke makes an ultimately vain attempt to make the whole business take place around the right time by giving three historical references happening at the time of Jesus' birth; the name of the king of Syria, the fact Herod ruled Judea, and the fact Emperor Augustus was running a census at the time. problem is, though, these don't even match up to the right date. nice try, but historically it falls on its face.

moving on the virgin birth itself; read the new testament and please point out a verse for me where jesus says his mother was a virgin, or her apparently having recollection at all of giving birth without first having sex (cos you'd think that was remarkable, wouldn't you...?), or being visited by angels and so on.

and where did the virgin birth take place? bethlehem, right? in John's gospel, people very specifically say how surprised they are that Jesus was not born in Bethlehem like the prophecy said he would be. the other gospels say he was born in bethlehem, but can't agree how his parents got there. again, this is your basis for believing in Christianity?

what else? well, jesus was descended from kings, wasn't he? right back to the line of David? shame the gospels wildly disagree on that too, a massive difference in the number of generations stretching back from Joseph. that's if we're assuming Joseph's lineage means a damn thing, cos I thought he had no part in the conception in any case?

I could go on; the point is obvious. the only 'evidence' for jesus' existence at all (never mind his supposed divinity and ability to redeem and so on) is a book which horribly contradicts itself at every turn, is full of historical wrongness, and quite evidently contains a bunch of usually feeble contortions to make the original prophecies look like they've come true.

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