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Posted by [excelav](#) on Sun, 16 Mar 2008 19:59:36 GMT

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Posted by [Bill L](#) on Sun, 16 Mar 2008 21:02:26 GMT

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Posted by [Deej \[5\]](#) on Sun, 16 Mar 2008 21:11:45 GMT

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Oh!!!.....you want the Olympics??? Suuuuurrrrrreeee!!!!!!.....we'll give

you the Olympics!! While you're building those stadiums, be sure to build a soapbox big enough to accommodate every dissident in the country and don't forget to "supersize" the pressbox.

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Posted by [Deej \[5\]](#) on Sun, 16 Mar 2008 21:17:50 GMT

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Posted by [Sarah](#) on Sun, 16 Mar 2008 23:41:12 GMT

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. . . not to mention asking Americans to boycott anything is like asking them to voluntarily give up their teeth. We are completely addicted to comfort and convenience and in general would not give up so much as a single square of toilet paper to make the world a better place.

Sarah

Cynical former organizer of product boycotts

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Posted by [Kim](#) on Mon, 17 Mar 2008 00:30:07 GMT

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Posted by [JeffH](#) on Mon, 17 Mar 2008 05:59:48 GMT

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Posted by [Deej \[5\]](#) on Mon, 17 Mar 2008 06:08:16 GMT
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Don't they have a monopoly on the manufacture of RAM Kai Chek?

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Posted by [Deej \[5\]](#) on Mon, 17 Mar 2008 06:17:23 GMT

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 The lives of those in Gaza are not less valuable, agreed. However, they are living in an area of active, destructive aggression against their neighbor. It is likely that many of those killed or injured know who the true perpetrators are. They are unable or unwilling to police their own territory and are experiencing the result. If they handed the perpetrators over to Israel or Brought them to justice themselves, it is likely the Israeli response would be much different.
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>>>>and ship them across the sea.

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>>>>buying there products and handing them technical expertise. We embolden
>>>>them by not standing up to them on human rights and the theft of our defense
>>>>and military secrets, not to mention their constant opposition the the
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>>>>and their interference in world matters.
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>>>>China has publicly announced a 35 year plan to take over the world. The
>>>>Chinese and the Russians are building super weapons to defeat the US,
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>>>>they are currently doing military exercises together right now. They
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Posted by [erlilo](#) on Mon, 17 Mar 2008 07:41:33 GMT
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Posted by [erlilo](#) on Mon, 17 Mar 2008 07:55:20 GMT
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Are you thinking about a last, big Texassalute from a sitting president with his last day at the job?;-)

erlilo

"Mr. Simplicity" <noway@jose.net> skrev i en meddelelse
news:47de0fe6@linux...

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> Don't misunderestimate us. We can still blow up the earth.

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Subject: Re: China
Posted by [rick](#) on Mon, 17 Mar 2008 08:41:10 GMT
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On 17 Mar 2008 05:59:36 +1000, "James McCloskey"
<excelsm@hotmail.com> wrote:

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Subject: Re: China
Posted by [rick](#) on Mon, 17 Mar 2008 08:43:14 GMT
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". . . not to mention asking Americans to boycott anything is like asking them to voluntarily give up their teeth."

makes me wish my dentist was chinese...

On Sun, 16 Mar 2008 16:41:12 -0700, "Sarah" <sarahjane@sarahtonin.com> wrote:

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Posted by [Kim](#) on Mon, 17 Mar 2008 10:20:27 GMT
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rick <parnell68@hotmail.com> wrote:
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That made me giggle for about a minute, until I realised I sounded like the
evil dude from Inspector Gadget... ;o)

....oops, Just started again. ;o)

Subject: Re: China
Posted by [Kim](#) on Mon, 17 Mar 2008 10:26:29 GMT
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"Mr. Simplicity" <noway@jose.net> wrote:
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Given they have a larger economy and a much larger population, that would,
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Subject: Re: China
Posted by [Bill L](#) on Mon, 17 Mar 2008 13:55:06 GMT
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Erling, how right you are.

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Subject: Re: China
Posted by [Deej \[5\]](#) on Mon, 17 Mar 2008 14:53:00 GMT
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Subject: Re: China
Posted by [Deej \[5\]](#) on Mon, 17 Mar 2008 14:53:38 GMT
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"erlilo" <erlingl@tdcads.dk> wrote in message news:47de26d5\$1@linux...
> Are you thinking about a last, big Texassalute from a sitting president
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> erlilo
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In Texas, it's called a farewell Bar-B Que

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Posted by [Deej \[5\]](#) on Mon, 17 Mar 2008 14:55:33 GMT

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news:hkbst317o9k9gklnq62iui7b59rhi187da@4ax.com...
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Not if they hired Steve Jobs as "Chairman"

Subject: Re: China
Posted by [dc\[3\]](#) on Mon, 17 Mar 2008 15:15:52 GMT
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I would start with intent, and perhaps ask who will leave first?

But then moral equivalence is really a political issue, not a moral one.

DC

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Subject: Re: China
Posted by [rick](#) on Mon, 17 Mar 2008 15:45:05 GMT
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plus you forgot to mention the benefits of nuclear winter will be in
combatting global warming.

On Mon, 17 Mar 2008 08:53:00 -0600, "Mr. Simplicity" <noway@jose.net> wrote:

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Posted by [Deej \[5\]](#) on Mon, 17 Mar 2008 15:46:07 GMT
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"TCB" <nobody@ishere.com> wrote:

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>China views Tibet as a serious threat to its national safety, rightly or wrongly.

Rightly or wrongly does matter. Don't pass over that issue too quickly.

>I don't think that it's right for rockets to be fired on Israeli citizens.

>But you agree that a fair number of those killed and maimed in Gaza are non-rocket-firing

>civilians, yes?

Who are used as human shields specifically to draw these sorts of false comparisons.

As far as boycotts go, it is far too late for any of that to matter.

Our own thirst for cheap consumer goods put us in the position we are in.

DC

Subject: Re: China
Posted by [excelav](#) on Mon, 17 Mar 2008 16:26:19 GMT
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Posted by [Gary Flanigan](#) on Mon, 17 Mar 2008 16:27:10 GMT
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Bullshit, not at all the same thing

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Posted by [Deej \[5\]](#) on Mon, 17 Mar 2008 17:14:16 GMT
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news:47de9a4d\$1@linux...

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Subject: Re: China
Posted by [Jamie K](#) on Mon, 17 Mar 2008 17:26:43 GMT
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Heh. Great, more anthropogenic climate change, just what we need. Out of the frying pan into the freezer...

Getcher hands off the thermostat!

Cheers,
-Jamie
www.JamieKrutz.com

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Posted by [Jamie K](#) on Mon, 17 Mar 2008 17:30:14 GMT
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Last I checked it's still winter (until Thursday I think).

BTW, we're getting snow here too, but so far not much. We'll take all

the moisture we can get...

Cheers,
-Jamie
www.JamieKrutz.com

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Somethings would be hard to do without, no doubt. It would take time to
turn things around. People can vote with their dollars. Red wing shoes
still makes some shoes in America, companies like this should be supported.

I'm saying when China does things like they did the other day the world should stand up and protest. For the good of our country we should buy American and stop buying chinese products if you can. Take the time to look to see where something is made and try to buy American. The other day I bought Fruit of the Loom socks, I had a choice between American made and Pakistani made, the same price. The foreign made stuff should sit on the shelves until it rots. Voices should be heard when it comes to foreign made products, when there are so many American jobs being lost.

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Posted by [excelav](#) on Mon, 17 Mar 2008 19:36:32 GMT
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"James McCloskey" <excelsm@hotmail.com> wrote:
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>"Mr. Simplicity" <noway@jose.net> wrote:
>>the only thing I buy at WalMart these days are disposable clothes. I'm

>>pretty hard on shirts and shoes 'vcause I'm running around in te wilderness
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>>quite a it, jumping over barbede wire fences, fighting with mastadons and
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>>Dire wolves.....that sort of thing. No point in wearing Polo or Calvin

>>Klein.
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>Somethings would be hard to do without, no doubt. It would take time to
>turn things around. People can vote with their dollars. Red wing shoes
>still makes some shoes in America, companies like this should be supported.
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>I'm saying when China does things like they did the other day the world
should
>stand up and protest. For the good of our country we should buy American

>and stop buying chinese products if you can. Take the time to look to see
>where something is made and try to buy American. The other day I bought
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>of the Loom socks, I had a choice between American made and Pakistani made,
>the same price. The foreign made stuff should sit on the shelves until
it
>rots. Voices should be heard when it comes to foreign made products, when
>there are so many American jobs being lost.
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Maybe I should face it, and realize that things won't change. If you can't
beat them , join them. Give the people what they want, you say? maybe I
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Posted by [erlilo](#) on Mon, 17 Mar 2008 23:42:13 GMT

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Posted by [Bill L](#) on Tue, 18 Mar 2008 01:48:55 GMT

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Posted by [chuck duffy](#) on Tue, 18 Mar 2008 03:13:33 GMT
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Erling, I hear ya, but more blame should go on those rich privileged French families than on their American relatives. I'll leave this alone so I do not offend anyone and start WWII, and I hope others will do the same. I don't think anybody here would really like That history lesson.

I'll just say that northern Europe wasn't doing to good against the Nazis, until guys like my uncle James John McCloskey showed up, and you should never forget it.

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Subject: Re: China
Posted by [rick](#) on Tue, 18 Mar 2008 08:50:13 GMT
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freezing rain, sleet and some snow here this morn.

On Mon, 17 Mar 2008 11:26:43 -0600, Jamie K <Meta@Dimensional.com>
wrote:

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>Heh. Great, more anthropogenic climate change, just what we need. Out of
>the frying pan into the freezer...
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>Getcher hands off the thermostat!
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>Cheers,
> -Jamie
> www.JamieKrutz.com
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>rick wrote:
>> plus you forgot to mention the benefits of nuclear winter will be in
>> combatting global warming.
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>> On Mon, 17 Mar 2008 08:53:00 -0600, "Mr. Simplicity" <noway@jose.net>

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Posted by [erlilo](#) on Tue, 18 Mar 2008 09:08:29 GMT

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The second worldwar started, as far as I remember in 1938 here in Europe. USA came into the war about 3 years later and it was just because Japan was allied with Germany when they attacked Pearl Harbor. In those 3 years, most of America was doing big business, selling whatever they could to the fighting parts. The same thing was happening in the first worldwar and it was first when a passengership filled up with American business people, that was making big warcontracts in Europe, was attacked by a German submarine in the Atlantic Ocean and sunk, America was involved. Most of these people had friends in, or was involved in the American Parlamenty in one or another way, so there was no way out from being involved in that war on the "right" side.

So, what I'm saying with my words are, Americans are just humans in their heads, like the rest of the world, with exactly the same good and bad sides as the rest of the world, filling up their heads. Most of the difference and problems are in the HUMAN made religions that's for the most have a culture thousand of years back in the history. It's special to think it over, the bible was a product that's started our christian stories from the Middle East with stories about God and The Garden of Eden(in Iran) and all the wars following up, long before someone could write at all.

All humans need something to be proud of, as the telling stories in the old bible, all humans need and must have something to hate or love, also in these modern times as in the start of the bible. It have allways been the victory in wars that have started the glory in stories, as said well in song we all knows well, "The winner takes it all".

It's a really good idea to also get involved the real stories of how a war is starting and not just remember the glorifying endings when a nation mean they alone saved the world from the bad enemies. All American stories started in Europe with all problems here some hundred years ago. It's just the human nature trying to do something to survive, a paralell to the problems of the Israel people in Egypt that get Moses to glorify their history and find the land with milk and honey, as Europeans found out that

America had all the milk and honey they needed to survive.

I love America but I also love Europe and the rest of the world, where good people allways trying to do a difference for the soul.

Thanks for listening.

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Posted by [Bill L](#) on Tue, 18 Mar 2008 15:19:24 GMT

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All people are basically good and are trying to survive as they understand it. With that starting point you can understand and help others. All people are basically good.

erlilo wrote:

> The second worldwar started, as far as I remember in 1938 here in Europe.
> USA came into the war about 3 years later and it was just because Japan was
> allied with Germany when they attacked Pearl Harbor. In those 3 years, most
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> was making big warcontracts in Europe, was attacked by a German submarine in
> the Atlantic Ocean and sunk, America was involved. Most of these people had
> friends in, or was involved in the American Parlamenty in one or another
> way, so there was no way out from being involved in that war on the "right"
> side.

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> bible, all humans need and must have something to hate or love, also in
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> victory in wars that have started the glory in stories, as said well in song
> we all knows well, "The winner takes it all".

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> is starting and not just remember the glorifying endings when a nation mean
> they alone saved the world from the bad enemies. All American stories
> started in Europe with all problems here some hundred years ago. It's just
> the human nature trying to do something to survive, a paralell to the
> problems of the Israel people in Egypt that get Moses to glorify their
> history and find the land with milk and honey, as Europeans found out that
> America had all the milk and honey they needed to survive.

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Posted by [Bill L](#) on Tue, 18 Mar 2008 15:24:06 GMT
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Here's a stat: at the beginning of the war, Norway had the world's largest merchant fleet. At the end they were far, far down the list, having lost most of their ships and crews carrying US Lend Lease goods to Europe. Norway and Greece probably put up the greatest resistance against fascist invaders during WW2.

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Posted by [Bill L](#) on Tue, 18 Mar 2008 15:30:15 GMT

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Posted by [Aaron Allen](#) on Wed, 19 Mar 2008 00:12:05 GMT

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One might ask the same question, and substitute the name Gilgamesh in place of Jesus. What if it were proven that Gilgamesh indeed pre-existed Jesus and the Bible and that those stories handed down were recycled tales of Gilgamesh? How would that shake your own belief system (I'm not saying one way or the other) and what would you do with it?

AA

"DC" <dc@spammersinhell.com> wrote in message news:47e05997\$1@linux...

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> I just have one question for you both.

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> What would change in your beliefs if it could be shown that

> the real Jesus was the one of the Bible? That all the best

> evidence, when considered outside of philosophical

> pre-commitments, shows that Jesus was who he said he was,

> and the story of his origin, purpose, his life, death and

> yes his resurrection, as shown in the Bible, is pretty much spot-on?

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> What would happen to "faith as human myth-making and story

> telling"?

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> What would happen to Scientology?

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> If it is true, would it not affect your beliefs profoundly? If so,

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They don't teach this in schools very much, so you might be excused for
not knowing about it, but here are some references:

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jewish_ghettos_in_Europe

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jewish_persecution

excerpts from this article

During the Middle Ages in Europe there was full-scale persecution in many places, with blood libels, expulsions, forced conversions and massacres. A main justification of prejudice against Jews in Europe was religious. Jews were frequently massacred and exiled from various European countries. The persecution hit its first peak during the Crusades. In the First Crusade (1096) flourishing communities on the Rhine and the Danube were utterly destroyed; see German Crusade, 1096. In the Second Crusade (1147) the Jews in France were subject to frequent massacres. The Jews were also subjected to attacks by the Shepherds' Crusades of 1251 and 1320. The Crusades were followed by expulsions, including in, 1290, the banishing of all English Jews; in 1396, 100,000 Jews were expelled from France; and, in 1421 thousands were expelled from Austria. Many of the expelled Jews fled to Poland.[2]

Tsarist Russia

For much of the 19th century, Imperial Russia, which included much of Poland, contained the world's largest Jewish population. From Alexander III's reign until the end of Tsarist rule in Russia, Jews were restricted to the Jewish Pale of Settlement, and banned from many jobs and locations. They were subject to racist laws, like the May Laws, and were targeted in hundreds of violent anti-Jewish riots, called pogroms, that had unofficial state support.

James McCloskey wrote:

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>> The Jewish conspiracy thing was a justification created in Europe as far
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>> back as the Crusades to avoid paying debts to Jews. It's a brilliant
>> plan, really:

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>> 1. Forbid Jews living anywhere but the ghetto, for convenience in
>> locating them

>> 2. Forbid Jews doing anything but money lending, banking, gold/silver
>> smithing, etc.

>> 3. When you owe too much money to a Jew, kill him.

>> 4. If anyone complains about you killing him, say, "Everyone knows the
>> Jews have horns and eat Christian babies."

>> 5. Walk away scott and debt free!

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>> During the Crusades, it was common practice for a German army heading
>> off to Jerusalem to make a swing through the ghetto and erase all their

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>> debts (kill their bankers) before the long march to reclaim the "Holy Land".

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> Incredibly ignorant, naive, and delusional, where did you buy this pile of
> propaganda?

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>> chuck duffy wrote:

>>> Erling,

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>>> Bill made some great points, but along with those ...

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>>> Beware of those who speculate that the arms race and the money behind
> it

>>> is a vast jewish conspiracy.

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>>> Beware of those who postulate that the first banker to loan someone the
> money

>>> for a bomb was a jew.

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>>> Be on guard against those who espouse that jew x or jewish race Y is responsible
>>> for Z. In my experience people who raise these issues are morally bankrupt.

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>>> Chuck

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>>> Bill L <bill@billlorentzen.com> wrote:

>>>> Erling, When you talk about Americans, remember that the small number
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>>>> who made money from WW2 are not the same ones who laid down their lives

>>>> or gave their time or sweat to save our European brothers and sisters.
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>>>> Bankers and arms manufacturers are the ones who really win in a war.
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>>>> It's been that way since the very first banker loaned a war lord or king
>>>> money to finance a war, probably thousands of years ago. Part of the
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>>>> money they get back and part they take out in influence. Remember the
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>>>> hundred years war in Europe. That was a field day for the bankers. They
>>>> gained enormous influence from that - so much so that they managed to
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>>>> keep the war going for a HUNDRED years, loaning money to all sides.
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>>>> Please do not make the mistake of seeing all Americans as a great big
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>>>> generality. Yes, we elect some really, really crappy presidents and
>>>> other leaders. My guess is it's about a 4:1 ratio of bad to good. But
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>>>> bear in mind we are heavily influenced by the lying PR spread by the
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>>>> same bankers who make money from the dumbass shit that 4 out of 5
>>>> presidents do at the bankers bidding.
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Whoah! Where did that come from? Did we say something about Jesus?

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That would be significant.

The evidence is not of the same quality or quantity however.

DC

"Aaron Allen" <know-spam@not_here.dude> wrote:

>One might ask the same question, and substitute the name Gilgamesh in place

>of Jesus. What if it were proven that Gilgamesh indeed pre-existed Jesus
>and

>the Bible and that those stories handed down were recycled tales of

>Gilgamesh? How would that shake your own belief system (I'm not saying one

>way or the other) and what would you do with it?

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Hmmm, I was not refering to Jesus at all, just refering to "the start" of our own religion. For me, it seems you're just coming with questions that's giving more questions about believings. You are referring to the Bible when referring to Jesus, but don't forget, the bible have an old part too, that have nothing to do with Jesus's way of living.
I can take a parallel to the New Testament, a modern Jesus, that died in 1948, Mahatma Gandhi and his life in India. Many parallels to the New Testamente in a modern way, when the British ruled India before they splitted it up in two new states in 1947. <http://www.mkgandhi.org/>
Pretty much the same philosophy and story, just happened in "modern" times, where most of the stories about Gandhi can be confirmed as real; where the bible, for me, are about real truth and believings that can't be confirmed, just because these old stories just started from mouth to mouth, long before something could be written down at all.
I'm a believer too but not for every price.

Erling

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Posted by [Bill L](#) on Wed, 19 Mar 2008 13:04:59 GMT

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Yeah, I went to school with Rockefellers and Warburgs. Funny, when you're a kid money doesn't mean anything to you. Lucy Rockefeller was just a shy fat girl and Phil Warburg (the only Jew in the school) was a brainy nerd who sucked at sports. He probably runs the New York Federal Reserve Bank today. I should have made better friends with him - who knew?

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Posted by [erlilo](#) on Thu, 20 Mar 2008 11:39:47 GMT
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Posted by [Bill L](#) on Thu, 20 Mar 2008 14:03:05 GMT

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Posted by [Bill L](#) on Thu, 20 Mar 2008 16:07:48 GMT
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news:47e22dbe\$1@linux...

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Saying "whatever works for you" is merely assenting to this view, because if there is a concrete reality to the life of Christ, if he really did what he is said to have done, then the "myth making" perspective is simply wrong, and what we think means much less than what he thinks.

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Everything follows from that answer.

To assert that opinion is everything, and whatever works

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Erling, this explains a LOT. If your experience with Christianity is with Apostolic Christians, than I totally understand your thinking. What I'm about to say is not meant to offend anybody especially you Erling. What I am about to say is fact as I know it and my opinion based on my personal experiences with Apostolic Christians that I know.

First off, there are many different versions of Christianity. Some have been twisted and perverted the teachings of Christianity over history for their own purposes. Others have mis-taught the bible due to misunderstanding or misinterpretation. And others have concocted and added to the bible, which it says in the bible not to do. Many phonies claim to be Christians

that use the name of Jesus Christ to make money. Because anybody can claim to be a Christian, Christianity is not perfect. Not all Christians are the same, and may have differing beliefs. Christianity is not alone when it comes to these things, other religions also have similar problems, such as extremism.

From my experience and knowledge, the Apostolic Christians are a misguided bunch. They have many strict man made rules, such as, women can not swim with men, they consider this a sin. The women are not supposed to cut their hair, and they must cover their legs, etc. Their minister worship, which is man worship, not God worship fringes on being a Christian cult. The women are so brainwashed by their ministers that they will do almost ANYTHING their ministers tell them to do. In other words, they worship and follow what man tells them to do, not what the bible says, which is the word of God. They are very controlled. They are a very strange bunch.

There are Christian extremists that pervert the teachings of the bible and give Christians a bad name. The media loves to exploit the radical Christians like the ones that dance around with rattle snakes in order to make Christians look bad. They want people to think all Christians are a bunch of nuts.

The phony TV evangelist that claim to be good Christians, and then try to sell you their latest book on how to think and how to send them more money, give Christianity a bad name. It's especially bad when these hypocrites go off with prostitutes and so on. The real bad part about this is, that is what most non believers are exposed to, and end up believing that that is what Christianity is about.

It is very unfortunate that Christians are viewed so poorly because of a few.

"erlilo" <erlingl@tdcadsl.dk> wrote:

>James, did you read DC's post that I answered and do I wrote English so

>badly that you couldn't see or understand what I wrote about the child?

I

>know very well Christianity after living with my family in the American

>Church, "The Apostolic Faith" in Stavanger, Norway, as far as I remember in

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>but didn't know anything about the society around them, because the society

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>with these people, just that they had isolated themselves from the society in

>those old bible readings, in the name of Christ.

>So please James, don't tell me that I don't understand Christianity way of

>living, if it is that you're trying to say with your lines here.

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>Thanks for listening and give it a try to understand what I really wrote.

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>Erling

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>"James McCloskey" <excelsm@hotmail.com> skrev i en meddelelse

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>> It always amazes me how so many people do not understand Christianity.

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>> child is not told it is doomed, just the opposite. The child is told that

>> if the child is baptized and believes in Jesus Christ, the child is saved!

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>> "erlilo" <erlingl@tdcads1.dk> wrote:

>>>...and what did the New testament wrote about Jesus and the children?

>>>Basically, a child are borned without any sin at all, but the

>>>familyculture

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>>>a child is growing up in, will always color the way a child will live and

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>>>go. If you're telling your child that it is lost and doomed because of

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>>>in your storytellings to a child, you are really taking the first steps

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>>>for this kind of doings. We are just giving our civilization into the

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>>>of our children's future with the ways we're living the day.

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>>>There have allways been good and bad sivilizations, that could live in
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>>>or make war, that have really been colored by good or bad leaders. For
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>>>the old Bible is just a historical "cooking book" with recipes of ways
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