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Subject: Tower of Babel

Posted by [Stevehwan](#) on Fri, 21 Mar 2008 14:13:36 GMT

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Check it out for yourself. There's even a picture!

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Posted by [rick](#) on Fri, 21 Mar 2008 15:58:53 GMT

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thanks bill. people will believe what they CAN believe more than what they're told to believe.. hell, i was raised catholic...school...the hole shot and if that didn't work i guess nothing will. according to all religious soothsayers "if you don't believe the way we/i do you are going to hell" so i guess everyone is.

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man has always spoken in metaphoric, allegoric and or euphemistic terms...except biblicly. ya know steve i don't profess to be right because i just don't know but it seems there are a lot of people so willing to tell me how wrong i am when they're no different than me.



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Hell, I wouldn't even send Thad to hell!

grin

No one has any right to say any of those things. Personally, I believe I am in more danger of hell than someone who lives as an honest atheist all their lives and give Jesus a chance on their deathbed.

I cannot pass judgment on anyone's eternal destiny.

The question that concerns me this Easter is answering the question of what we would see if we could take a time machine back to Jesus tomb on early Sunday morning after his death.

Would we see a bunch of guys stealing a body, or would we see a resurrected Lord and Saviour?

None of us is wired so as to not understand the ramifications of either possibility.

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question 2...it truely (to me) depends on what you're (not you) trying to sell. again, it's the way i was built. if something is thats good as do unto others as... the no other explanation is necessary as that is good enough for me. i don't need daily "miracles" to convince me. what i do (as me) require is...here's life...you be the judge. the virgin mary on a piece of toast ain't gonna so it. jesus on the side of a building, ain't gonna do it. somebody selling me salvation for a buck ain't gonna do it.

ya know jesus got really pissed at the money changers; if it were today i'm sure all the tv geeks would have been included in that tally. ad far back as i can remember the main point of the message has always been money and it's no different today. salvation for a buck...or whatever you can mortgage your house for. when jesus told peter to build the church upon this rock he wasn't speaking of some edifice that would take 100 years to build. he was talking about faith and all that it entails both the good and the less than good.

all inclusive, not some exclusive club where only the self proclaimed saved were welcomed.

but, being humans we feel compelled to make it after our own design. something we can understand when truly we can't. we can site phrases like "only god know" or "he works in mysterious way" or don't question the ways of the lord' because we then don't have to (as god in his devine wisdom) endowed us to...is to ask why.

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>because i do not prescribe to any particular religious bent does not  
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>demand my money to be considered a faithful follower.

That is one of the signs of a good church and you are wise to believe it. There should be no connection made between your salvation and giving to support the org. If anyone makes that connection, walk out the door. I would.

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How about this one:

I'm 17 or so, and we are driving to NYC from CA to see relatives. I drive because Dad is a terrible driver, and I can drive all night at that age. We are in the midwest tooling along in the left lane of a divided freeway doing about my usual 75 (everyone is asleep, right?) when a voice, as clear and loud as can be goes CHANGE LANES NOW.

It didn't seem like a voice you questioned, so into the middle lane I went and immediately some LUNATIC comes screaming around the bend (the road curves left there) going \*the wrong way\* in the lane I had just vacated, doing at least 90+ with no lights on! At that speed, headon, there would have been nothing left but purple mush. I think I aged 5 years in 30 seconds right there...

Where'd the voice come from?

Here's a quickie: Know how many people beat hepatitis C?

No one. Except me.

I have the antibodies and none of the virus. Many tests. No one can explain it. Guess there was something I was supposed to do.

Me talking to you is the result of miracles. No toast involved.

If one disallows all miracles, then they can make Jesus into another teacher and go follow anything they want. If he raised dead guys, it is a different situation.

>ya know jesus got really pissed at the money changers; if it were  
>today i'm sure all the tv geeks would have been included in that  
>tally.

I used to work for a teevee "ministry" and I can tell you it was worse than you think. He'd kick their butts.

I think ole Billy Graham would pass muster though.

>when jesus told  
>peter to build the church upon this rock he wasn't speaking of some  
>edifice that would take 100 years to build. he was talking about  
>faith and all that it entails both the good and the less than good.  
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Yes! The true church is invisible and does not have a headquarters!  
you are so right.

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>the brain you gave me so make me understand; i do. do unto  
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But we can't. We are all fallen and lost, and we need a savior. Which explains why Jesus did what he did. Yes, sometimes atheists live more moral lives than some Christians, but real Christians are still living better lives than they would have without him. Going to heaven is



not a work/merit system, which is why my atheist uncle, friend to Madalyn Murray O'Hare and hater of Christianity, could pray on his deathbed and go to heaven, and I may not, having been a life-long Christian, if I deny my Lord. It's not that I doubt my salvation, but I can be total crap as a Christian sometimes and I have failed to stand up for him out of fear of hostility and ridicule.

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