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Posted by [Gantt Kushner](#) on Sat, 02 Feb 2008 05:24:09 GMT

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Posted by [dc\[3\]](#) on Sat, 02 Feb 2008 05:47:55 GMT

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Posted by [excelav](#) on Sat, 02 Feb 2008 06:23:18 GMT

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Posted by [excelav](#) on Sat, 02 Feb 2008 06:28:40 GMT
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John Birch, and the John Birch society, has nothing to do with being anti christian or anti religious. Although I do think somebody is on acid.

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Posted by [Gantt Kushner](#) on Sat, 02 Feb 2008 16:13:38 GMT

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Absolutely. Now if we just had a better source of content...

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You reduce Jesus to a nice teacher, and then worry more about the
actions of his "followers" than you do about the enemy of souls...

Here is who Jesus is: (from the book of John)

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and
the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning.

Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made
that has been made. In him was life, and that life was the light of men.

The light shines in the darkness, but the darkness has not understood it.

He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the
world did not recognize him. He came to that which was his own, but
his own did not receive him. Yet to all who received him, to those who believed
in his name, he gave the right to become children of God
children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a
husband's will, but born of God.

The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us.
We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who
came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

Now, this is either a lie and a cruel joke, or it is true. If it is a lie,
then Jesus is a fraud and a criminal, not a good teacher, and he

deserved what he got. If it is true, then that film was inspired by the enemy of souls.

For yourself, you decide. I know where I come down on this.

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But how would you know? It's a hall of mirrors and paranoia...

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Posted by [Don Nafe](#) on Sat, 02 Feb 2008 20:31:01 GMT
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Posted by [jim drago](#) on Sat, 02 Feb 2008 22:18:26 GMT
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I think I'll stop at this point because we are about to go down the age old
"question of faith" road and one can not argue against faith.

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>also.

James (and others) I've got to say that in the face of historical evidence I truly admire your faith. The fact that one can draw a direct correlation between Jesus Christ and Deities from thousands of years before Christ (as well as other bible stories) is of no consequence because you see the bible as the Word of God. That is a commendable and wonderful thing, but please do not confuse historical facts with propaganda or being persecuted.

The truth will stand up in the light of scrutiny.

And I am in no way suggesting that just because there are these interesting coincidences between Jesus and other so called Deities that Jesus Christ is not the Son of God. I just think that these coincidences along with the fact that at the time that the Deification of Christ was finally recognized as "the truth" by the Nicene Council the Christian religion was so fractured that it needed a single unifying theory (pun intended) to keep it alive and that makes me wonder about the validity of the Bible as the "Word of God" as opposed to a Council of Men.

Just my \$0.02 CDN

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I knew I'd be sorry for opening this can of works! It's not the first part of the Zeitgeist movie that concerns me but that's probably because I'm not a Christian. I hope you all can forgive me. I know God does. I believe that God loves us all, no matter what we do or what we believe. I believe that the hand of God has been at work in all the great religious scriptures - from the Bhagavad Gita to the Koran to the many versions of the Bible.

However i believe that all those books are the work of men (and maybe some women) and as such reflect their beliefs, opinions and agendas. And I take grave exception to anyone who believes that their Truth is more true than mine.

Anyway I think it's a shame that the Zeitgeist guys thought it best to lead with their section about Christianity. It seems to have almost guaranteed that many Christians would stop watching and never see the second and third parts, which are the ones that most got me wondering about what really happened and what's really going on.

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Posted by [Gantt Kushner](#) on Sat, 02 Feb 2008 23:26:13 GMT
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OOPS! "Can of WORMS"!!! Not "Works!".

Sorry.

Gantt

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Posted by [excelav](#) on Sat, 02 Feb 2008 23:35:53 GMT
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Posted by [Kim](#) on Sat, 02 Feb 2008 23:45:45 GMT
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Cheers,
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Posted by [excelav](#) on Sun, 03 Feb 2008 01:27:12 GMT
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Posted by [Don Nafe](#) on Sun, 03 Feb 2008 01:41:19 GMT
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Posted by [dc\[3\]](#) on Sun, 03 Feb 2008 02:05:50 GMT
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It all depends on what is authoritative to you.

If you assume that there cannot be miracles, that the natural world is all there is, then you study Jesus and the Bible as historical documents, no more important than any other.

If, however, you decide it is impossible for intelligence to self generate (you code guys should know about this) and we are walking repositories of clearly specified intelligence in our genes and minds, then there had to be some input to the system from outside.

Given that fact, and I think it is a fact, we give credence to the histories of Socrates, Aristotle, and Plato, and they existed hundreds of years before Jesus. We study them and appreciate them as historical fact and as philosophical influences, in short, as real people, yet the atheists wish us

to believe that Jesus was a fairy tale. Well hang on, because it is very unlikely that Jesus was a fairy tale, and worse, there is no possible explanation for the lives of self-sacrifice and the gruesome deaths of the apostles and followers of Jesus because of their unwavering convictions, than something abso-fuggin-lutely huge happened in their lives to change them, and the world forever. Jesus, was what happened; the real Jesus, not the metaphor Jesus, not the ghandi-buddha-krishna-MLK-good rabbi Jesus, but Jesus Christ the Word. Notice please, that I have yet to say a word about the changed lives and miracles that support my faith. They too are real, but they are not even needed to show the reasonableness of believing in Jesus.

If you believe there is more to life than the material, then you really, truly must meet Jesus.

If not, then one viewpoint is as good as another. You try them on like suits and sunglasses until you like the fit.

DC

Subject: Re: TOTALLY off topic!
Posted by [dc\[3\]](#) on Sun, 03 Feb 2008 02:10:27 GMT
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Subject: Re: TOTALLY off topic!
Posted by [Kim](#) on Sun, 03 Feb 2008 02:15:01 GMT
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Happy to email it to you if you wish. Let me know.

Cheers,
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Posted by [dc\[3\]](#) on Sun, 03 Feb 2008 02:15:43 GMT
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It's up to you!

DC

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Posted by [Kim](#) on Sun, 03 Feb 2008 02:36:20 GMT
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Don,

As per my post to James if you want to continue off list I'm happy to do so, but I don't particularly want to be going to far into this myself while I'm "moderating". ;o)

We must have that beer one of these years. ;o)

Cheers,
Kim.

Subject: Re: TOTALLY off topic!
Posted by [Kim](#) on Sun, 03 Feb 2008 02:38:34 GMT
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"DC" <dc@spammersinhell.com> wrote:

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Posted by [dc\[3\]](#) on Sun, 03 Feb 2008 02:41:19 GMT
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Posted by [dc\[3\]](#) on Sun, 03 Feb 2008 03:15:47 GMT
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Will contact you via email.

DC

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Subject: Re: TOTALLY off topic! - My responses on general...

Posted by [Kim](#) on Sun, 03 Feb 2008 03:16:56 GMT

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"DC" <dc@spammersinhell.com> wrote:

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Done. :o)

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Subject: Re: TOTALLY off topic!

Posted by [Sarah](#) on Sun, 03 Feb 2008 04:55:56 GMT

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Wow, I found that kind of hard to stop watching, but I have stuff to do.
I'll have to watch it in sections. I made it to the 30 minute mark, then I

had to get busy.

I will say that so far I already knew about a lot of the parallel "Son of God" myths from both my History of Western Civilisation classes, and, amazingly, my New Testament class. But I've never seen the pagan and astrological parallels presented in such detail. It's fascinating, and I wish I had the time to check out all the sources listed, but alas, there are only so many hours in a life.

I know it upsets believers to no end, and I'm sorry, but yes, there have been other legends of virgin-birthed saviours and their resurrections for thousands of years before the Christian one. And again, I'm sorry, but telling someone to "read the Bible" is not going to answer any questions about the history of it's construction, or the possible earlier outside influences on it's content.

In case you didn't know, the narration behind the little animation about the man in the sky who loves us is from George Carlin at one of his shows in New York. Clearly not a fan of religion. In fact, he may actually be Satan himself.

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> (<http://zeitgeistmovie.com/>).

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> I'm still digesting it. I've already seen a lot online that refutes and
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> Gantt

Subject: Re: TOTALLY off topic!
Posted by [Sarah](#) on Sun, 03 Feb 2008 05:23:17 GMT
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Dude, if my neighbor starts mowing his lawn on sunday mornings again, I will definitely stone him, and do so with impunity. Bible's orders.

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Posted by [Neil](#) on Sun, 03 Feb 2008 05:58:49 GMT
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Posted by [Sarah](#) on Sun, 03 Feb 2008 07:05:04 GMT
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Posted by [dc\[3\]](#) on Sun, 03 Feb 2008 08:10:11 GMT
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"Gantt Kushner" <ganttmann@comcast.net> wrote:
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You as a Jew should know this I think. They looked forward to the plan of salvation's completion, we look back.

The cross is at the center.

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Yes it can.

John 10:16

And other sheep I have, which are not of this fold: them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice; and there shall be one fold, and one shepherd.

All who seek the voice of God will find it. The question then

is will they follow it?

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Well your buddhist friend doesn't believe in a personal
God that may be know, nor do they believe in salvation,
so it could not have been a big issue for them.

Personally, I believe that we assent to the presence of God
in our lives, not the name of Jesus, like a magic phrase.

Follow that presence, and you will come to the cross eventually
if that is God's will. No one goes to hell for not saying the
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Start with reading it. then, if you have specific issues, let's talk.

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Already did. It is not my place to consign anyone to hell, but to point them to the truest expression of God's desire for us. Jesus.

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Then you reject his teachings.

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Well, there is a lot more substance here isn't there?

At least I think so.

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Posted by [Kim](#) on Sun, 03 Feb 2008 08:32:26 GMT

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"Sarah" <sarahjane@sarahtonin.com> wrote:

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Good point. It is 6:17 Sunday evening here... ;o)

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Posted by Erling on Sun, 03 Feb 2008 10:14:13 GMT
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Gantt, don't be sorry for the can of worms you have opened;-)
As a born in Christian from my start of life, growing up with the bible in hand in my youth, as the only truth, observing what's happening around me with all kind of humans I've met on my way, I can't say I've seen the light in a religious way after over 60 years of living. For me, there's only three truths: The first, when we were born - the last, when the death is coming - the second, in the middle of the first and last, we, the humans are for the most running confused around trying to find the meaning with the curios life. For me, all religions are cultural, human made after million of years with humans speculations and searches for the good life, where new generations growing up, allways want to speculate their own ways over the good and bad things. Maybe I can cook it down to some small but big things in life to take care of, that seems to work for me:
If you knows how it is to be in love with someone, be sure to love yourself as much as you can love these someones around you. Then you are making good steps to make things good for all around your way.

Just an opinion that I'm living well with:-)

Erling

On 3 Feb 2008 09:25:18 +1000, "Gantt Kushner" <ganttmann@comcast.net> wrote:

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>I knew I'd be sorry for opening this can of works! It's not the first part
>of the Zeitgeist movie that concerns me but that's probably because I'm not
>a Christian. I hope you all can forgive me. I know God does. I believe
>that God loves us all, no matter what we do or what we believe. I believe
>that the hand of God has been at work in all the great religious scriptures
>- from the Bhagavad Gita to the Koran to the many versions of the Bible.
> However i believe that all those books are the work of men (and maybe some
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>grave exception to anyone who believes that their Truth is more true than
>mine.
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>Anyway I think it's a shame that the Zeitgeist guys thought it best to lead
>with their section about Christianity. It seems to have almost guaranteed
>that many Christians would stop watching and never see the second and third
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Subject: Re: TOTALLY off topic!
Posted by [Don Nafe](#) on Sun, 03 Feb 2008 12:26:46 GMT
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"Sarah" <sarahjane@sarahtonin.com> wrote in message news:47a54cba@linux...

<snip>

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> In case you didn't know, the narration behind the little animation about
> the man in the sky who loves us is from George Carlin at one of his shows
> in New York. Clearly not a fan of religion. In fact, he may actually be
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Not George!

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Subject: Re: TOTALLY off topic!
Posted by [Don Nafe](#) on Sun, 03 Feb 2008 12:39:26 GMT
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The arguments for a 911, Central Banking and Political conspiracies have been quite compelling. The problem is they are based on a little bit of evidence and a whole lot of supposition. On the other hand the similarities between Jesus and other ancient Deities are actually based on historical evidence and that is what makes the Christian religion so vulnerable.

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news:47a3f069\$1@linux...

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Subject: Re: TOTALLY off topic!
Posted by [Don Nafe](#) on Sun, 03 Feb 2008 16:15:14 GMT
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Posted by [Gantt Kushner](#) on Sun, 03 Feb 2008 16:53:21 GMT
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Posted by [TCB](#) on Sun, 03 Feb 2008 18:42:53 GMT
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Part I = Comparative Religion 110. Yes, most religions nick something from other, usually local and popular religions. The 'big three' these days come from roughly the same place, so will show some similarities. Keep in mind there are 850 million Hindus in the world and a billion plus Chinese who have no interest in virgin birth or third day resurrction.

Part II = Pretty unconvincing. I'll believe conspiracy explanations that make sense, but I don't see the CIA or some other rogue element in the US government creating 9/11, mostly because they have shown insufficient operational art to manage much simpler operations overseas. For me much more interetsting is the publicly available and widely ignored evidence of the US involvement in Pakistan and the jihadis against the Soviets, which led directly to what we now call al-Queda. The CIA calls it 'blowback,' and that's all it was.

<http://www.counterpunch.org/physic11282006.html>

<http://www.counterpunch.org/thermo11282006.html>

<http://www.counterpunch.org/darkfire11282006.html>

Part III = Yes, Woodrow Wilson was a bastard, but someone has to print the money and why back it with gold? Let's back our money with wheat, we have a hell of a lot more of it than we do gold. 'This bill can be converted into one tenth of a bushel of wheat.' Wait, that's what we are doing, we're backing our money with the robustness of our economy, be that wheat, cars, software, movies, or something else. There are serious problems in the economy and credit markets right now, and Wall Street is one (but far from the only) party culpable, but I don't see how the gold standard would fix any of this. Yes, FDR wanted us in WW II, and we know now that he provoked Japanese as much as possible. This is old news. Vietnam was a war we lost, because the other side was smarter, more careful, and more savvy. That is, the won and we lost. Then it all just gets weird.

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Why don't you read it for yourself and find out?

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Posted by [Neil](#) on Sun, 03 Feb 2008 19:12:47 GMT
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Thadster - sounds like one of those porta-recorders with the built-in stereo mics that the other guys pointed out would be the best way to go, but if you want a separate mic(s), what about the Rode NT-4? I understand it's essentially two NT-5's in a convenient X-Y package.

If you want to go upscale, then I'd highly recommend Earthworks, I have a pair of the TC-30's and they really sound natural, clear... in a word, awesome. They don't have anything in a configuration like the NT-4, though.

Neil

Subject: Re: TOTALLY off topic!
Posted by [Gantt Kushner](#) on Sun, 03 Feb 2008 19:17:35 GMT
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Sorry - I missed your first post. How many tracks do you need? I've read some good reviews about these guys:

<http://aes.harmony-central.com/121AES/Content/Korg/PR/MR-1-M R-1000.html>

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Oh, so many questions, so little time. ;o)

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Posted by [Gantt Kushner](#) on Sun, 03 Feb 2008 22:40:36 GMT
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Whoa! Never did that. I believe in thought inspiration and the words of men, in both the Torah and the NT.

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>survived the concentration camps and kept their faith. I do not get faith
>that precludes the possibility of others having equally valid spiritual
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Can I agree that there are many paths, but they are not all equally valid? At least in the sense that some reflect reality more than others?

I think the faithful Hindu child goes to heaven, while think the adult Hindu who encounters Jesus and rejects him perhaps does not.

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I have seen Satan at work. I can't deny it.

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What concerns me is the resentment. If you feel you are right, I will take a look, but if I believe myself to be right about this, at least on some fundamental level, while perhaps missing some details, you are angry?

Wow. David Horowitz said: "Look eve Christians get to have

a religion".

Works for me.

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From John 14:

Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me. If ye had known me, ye should have known my Father also: and from henceforth ye know him, and have seen him.

I interpret this to mean that God's spirit is at work in all people, but that spirit, if followed leads to the cross.

I neither condemn others to hell, nor accept that all are equally valid.

DC

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Posted by [dc\[3\]](#) on Mon, 04 Feb 2008 01:08:37 GMT
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DC

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Christianity, you must at least represent our views and not
assign us views we do not hold.

God gave man free choice, at least to the extent that we
could choose not to follow him. Like a marriage, that is
the only meaningful love.

If your wife becomes a heroin addict, what would you do to save
her?

Have you seen the movie "What Dreams May Come?"

(You would LOVE it. Go rent it)

For God so loved the world, he sent his only begotten Son..

He paid the price to give us the option of redemption. You do see the need for this don't you?

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It is not Christianity. It is a straw man.

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ps let's stay on general. We have been nice to each other, and will continue in that vein, but let's give the audio folks a break

take care

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