

Hidden Cross

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Hidden Cross Contest

No one entered the contest, so apparently I am the winner. Oh well. This contest may be held again.

E-mail move

For those of you who receive this via paper format, I would like to have your e-mails. You will still receive printed editions, but the e-mailed version will allow me to send hyperlinks, notifications for upcoming events, pictures and videos, and so much more! Imagine not just getting these articles, but news announcements or movie/video reviews within days! You might even get several e-mails a week (and a radio show host in St. Paul is screaming 'No! Don't do it! I know what it's like!') Simply e-mail me at Vertisai [at symbol] hotmail.com to get connected.

Dinosaurs and the Bible Update

Last time I said that about 80 minutes were completed. The new total is 108 minutes. A few of the old minutes had to be removed due to an accidental repeat on my record sheet, but that was no big deal. The Value of Dinosaurs became the second section to cross the half-way mark, jumping from 5 second finished to 33 minutes finished! (section and minutes)

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Koran vs. New Testament

Part 2

CONCLUSION

Allah is a demon. With the evidence from his appearance to Mohammed matching with the possession of the man by Legion, Allah's followers proving that his kingdom is earth, and Muslims receiving forgiveness and salvation only if they fight, these all prove it. What does the Bible say? It says that Satan is the god of this world. Therefore, this world is his world, and it would be his kingdom.

Before Islam, Allah was the god of the moon, and I think that is a fair and true statement, because just as the moon produces none of its own light, but reflects it from the sun, so Allah produces no power of his own, but steals it from the Father and the Son.

As I stated in my timeline paper, One need only compare the reception of the Koran with Mark 5:2-13 to see that it was a demon, not an angel, that came to Mohammed.

So, the Koran is poetic, eh? With thousands of writers coming together several decades after Mohammed spoke, and after he died, it should have been.

Mohammed wrote the Koran, according to some sources. Really? That would have been quite a feat, since he was illiterate.

So Allah sounds like the first part of the Hebrew name for God, Elohim, huh? Allah and Elo sound similar, so they must be the same? Pan was the name of the Greek god of mischief, but you probably think of the frying pan. Does that mean that Pan and the frying pan are the same? Tango and Mango sound alike; one is a dance, the other a fruit. This statement that they are the same because they sound alike is at the reasoning level of a young child.

Jesus was just a good guy, right? How can a liar be good? If a person is good, they do not lie, but if they are a liar, they are not good. Jesus himself said that he was the Son of God. If he is not, he is a liar, and not a good man. If he is, then Islam is wrong. Either way, they fail.

There are several things in Islam that show how it is evil. First, there are only 2 areas on the globe: those where Sharia law exist, and those where it will exist. Second, 100% of the terrorist groups are Islamic. Third, before Mohammed, Allah was the name of the statue in the Ka'aba that his tribe worshipped. Fourth, when Mohammed refused to be a reciter, the spirit suffocated him almost to the point of death. Something to account for this is that Mohammed was born with epilepsy, and would go into fits and convulsions. Fifth, muslims are never allowed to change the prayer that they make, so as the Bible says, it is the number of their words, not what they say, that they think will reach God. God himself would have you pray with a meaningful heart because you want to, not because it is that time of the day.

Every one of the aforementioned things in this paper showed how these two religions are absolute opposites. Where the God of the Christians loves, Allah hates. Where He condemns, Allah encourages. Where He supports, Allah attacks. These two religions are absolutely opposed, and there is no way around it. Just in this paper, there have been 8 categories that are at the core of the religions that are absolutely opposite each other.

And, to settle the argument once and for all, no, there are no moderate Muslims, Islam is not hijacked, and the fundamentalists are, by nearly unanimous agreement of philosophers around the world, the ones that are correctly interpreting the Koran. To say that the religion has been hijacked is like saying that the democrats aren't really for abortion, but that someone 'hijacked' the party. If you are looking for the moderate Muslims, start looking for the liberal Neo Nazis as well, because they are both the same in that neither really exists. According to the standards in the Koran, they are radical or they are going to hell.

Feminism

Feminism is a blight on the earth. It is against God's natural order. It only makes society worse.

I go to Riverland here in town. If I have the time and there is a need, I hold the door open for people (common courtesy, or so I thought). I once last year held the door open

for three people. The first was a man much older than myself. The second one was a young man about my age, and the third was a young woman about my age. Both of the men, the first and second respectively, smiled and thanked me. The woman, however, gave me one of those looks like 'just because I'm not a man doesn't mean I can't hold open a door MYSELF!' I just smiled at her, thinking she would have to notice that I held the door open for two men as well, but whether she did or didn't, she never thanked me.

I think this illustrates feminism perfectly. I used to think that feminism was portrayed that way just to scare people away from it; that was, until I actually had this encounter. Now, I understand if she wasn't feeling well, or something else had ticked her off, but I did nothing to her, and I always try not to take out my problems on uninvolved people. And, besides, she didn't look ticked off until she noticed me holding the door.

Feminists then nail men the second way. Once men become scared of holding open doors for fear of nasty looks and rude remarks, as I was afterward, not to mention the more physically threatening reactions, then feminists scream 'chivalry is dead'. Well, it is only feminists we have to thank for that. So, when I go out on a date, I can either be the sexist jerk that thought I had to hold open the door because my date was too weak as a female to do it, or I can be the insensitive jerk who refused to hold open the door for my date despite the fact that I did ask her out, and it was my idea. Either way, I, the man, end up a jerk. My choice now: do I want to be considered a sexist one or an insensitive one?

This is not all. Many feminists go much further. They claim that Christianity is sexist because God is called 'father' and Jesus was a male. Some even go to the absolute extreme, claiming that it was Christa, the daughter of God, who died for our sins, and that the only reason it is considered to be Jesus, a male, by the church is because the church is sexist. Wow. No, really, I couldn't believe it at first, either, but it is painfully true.

So, while running from Christianity, many embrace evolution. This is a joke in itself, since Darwin stated in *The Origin of Species* that women were actually less evolved than men. He actually called this Sexual Selection, a sub-part of Natural Selection. He said in another writing on this topic that whether in thinking or doing, whether in understanding, learning, or even in hand-eye coordination, men were more evolved. This is, as any Christian will tell you, bull.

On the other hand, I have to say this: Adam, a man, was created first. He named the animals, each and every one. If not for him, women would not exist. Feminists, it is a fact, so deal with it. That being said, Adam had to give up part of himself for Eve to be made. The creation of woman, the thing so many feminists hate, is actually the best guide for marriage. The man is the one who should have to sacrifice the most so that the wife does not have to. Whether it is protection of the family or giving up watching football to spend time with the wife, the man is the one who should sacrifice.

The woman's role is to submit; the man's role is to protect. The woman bears children, and the man provides for them. This balance is essential. Modern professionals say that parents should balance these responsibilities equally between the two. This will only mean that both will have their quality go down. If the biblical role is held, then both can specialize, the man at providing for the family and the wife at managing it.

Is there a place for feminism in Christianity? Absolutely not. Feminism in all its forms supports abortion rights and women working. I even heard one feminist say women should get paid for being stay at home moms. From who? Is she going to charge the man for holding a job and providing for the family? Then he would charge her for watching

the kids when she wants to take a bath, then this, then that, pretty soon the entire situation has degenerated into nothing but senseless bickering.

Proverbs

Victoria's Secret must be that there isn't a shortage of material.

The Six Philosophical Questions

In philosophy, there are 6 questions that are most often 'pondered'. By 'pondered' I mean someone has sucked off of the college system pretending to know something while they freely tell their students that there is nothing to know. The following format is thus: The headline is the question, and the part under it is the answer.

Where did I come from?

God made the entire universe, and everything in it, including you.

Why am I here? (a.k.a. What is the meaning/purpose of life)

Humans were made in general to glorify God and to serve Him. For each person that is different. For some, it is to serve meals to the homeless. Others are doctors, judges, or lawyers. Your specific way of serving is determined by taking an inventory of your skills and then deciding what to do with them to glorify Him. For example, I am skilled at reading, understanding, applying, and writing. With those skills, I have decided that, though I plan to be a minister, I can glorify Him right now with the Hidden Cross Newsletter.

How should I live?

Read the Bible and obey. Other than that, like I said above, take inventory of your skills and make a decision about how to serve Him.

Where am I going when I die?

If you have repented (which means to turn away from your sins) and have trusted in Jesus Christ, then you will go to Heaven. If not, you will go to Hell. There are no other options.

Why is there suffering?

Because we live in a fallen creation. It fell when Adam ate the fruit of the Knowledge of Good and Evil. When we fell, we fell hard, and we took all of creation down with us.

Who am I?

You are a special, individual, unique creation of God. He made you in His own image, and He loved you so much that He died on the cross for you.

Now that you have answered these philosophical questions, that so many people wander about aimlessly trying to figure out, you can stop yourself and others from foolishly wasting time. These answers are true; let no person, man or woman, convince you otherwise.

Timelines—Egypt

If it were not for Egypt, the Israelites, as well as several other peoples, would have died out long ago. Because Egypt was so powerful, Joseph was able to control much more than other countries could. Later, it served to be the enemy against whom the Israelites could unite under Moses, and this unity kept them together during the hardships of the exodus and 40 years in the wilderness.

Timelines—Jesus

Jesus died for our sins. This makes Christianity the first religion where God came down to man, where usually it is man trying to get up to God. Over 300 prophecies about the Messiah, written at least 400 years before Jesus was born, and he met every one of them without fault or miss, or vague interpretation.

Christian Quiz

This week, rather than quizing you on the Bible, I will quiz you on how to read the Bible. The questions will be covered in future articles. This is simply a matching game. Match the thing on the left to the thing on the right.

Level 1	Face text
Level 2	Other scripture
Level 3	Grammatical
Level 4	Historical
Level 5	Scientific
Level 6	Prophecy/allusion
Level 7	Application/Commentary
Tier 1	Levels 1 & 2
Tier 2	Levels 3, 4, and 5
Tier 3	Level 6
Tier 4	Level 7
Scriptural Interpretation	Contains 7 levels on 4 tiers of importance
Central Interpretive Motif	The ‘glasses’ you will use to interpret scripture
Equidistance lattice structure	An imaginary code meant to distract from what the Bible actually says

Questions? Comments? Suggestions?
E-mail me at Vertisai [at symbol] hotmail.com

If you have a story you think should be included, or would like to volunteer as a writer, your willingness to help would be appreciated.

Seriously, no one has ever done this. I would most likely use just about ANYTHING you send me so long as it is appropriate.

The answers are: They are already matched up. The articles on Scriptural Interpretation, Central Interpretive Motif, and Equidistance Lattice Structure will be covered in the next articles.