
Subject: Re: Questions I would like to pose to athiests
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shippo wrote on Sun, 17 April 2011 18:25

basically I believe the Bible is 100% fact and that it is what we are to live our lives by. tradition or other sorces are not to be accepted in place of the Bible.

Exactly what I was hoping for.

The vast majority of the bible, and christian religion, is not remotely christian.

During the 4th, 5th and 6th centuries when Christianity became prominent, there was a need for it to be defined. In a number of councils (most famously the council of Nicaea) various elements of bible literature and rites were being decided on.

One major issue was the split between Aristotelean and Platonic philosophy: Which one would christianity follow?

Aristotelean philosophy meant following a certain set of rules based mainly on virtues, that would provide a system to base your actions on, and judge them by.

Platonic philosophy meant following exalted ideals. Inattainable perfect goals and states of being, that one should strive for their whole life.

The most fervent follower of the Platonic line (and one of the "founding fathers" of it) was Augustinus, and it's his system of beliefs that was adapted in christianity. What does this mean? Basically, a load of bishops sat down, and decided what was and was not to be put in the bible. Some gospels were removed, others were altered (this is all on paper)

(cant be arsed to type the rest now, ill continue later)
