

Message: The Atheist Church and Christ

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The title of this message is, "The Atheist Church and Christ".

Dear listener, have you heard of the new atheist church thing happening in Europe and the U.S.? There is a new movement where people who don't believe God exists are gathering in what they call the church for some nice signing and some inspiring messages and entertainment. I would encourage the listener to view one of their church services to look for the differences between a typical religious church service and the atheist church service.

One singular thing should hit you like a sled hammer after viewing the atheist church service and it is this... that it is pretty much the same as a religious church service.

Yes, the only difference is the God language used in the religious version and a few of the rituals the religious people do that the atheists don't. Perhaps more importantly, I would suggest that if you looked at the average person's life who attends either the religious church or the atheist church, you would find two things.

First, their lives are essentially indistinguishable. That is to say their behavior and words are essentially the same.

Second, that the atheist church-goers life is more consistent with what they process as their essential beliefs about reality than the religious church goer. In other words, the atheist is less of a hypocrite than the religious church goer.

Why is this so? How is it that the person professing in some way to believe that God exists has a life that is indistinguishable from a person who believes that God does not exist? How is it that the religious people's main expression towards their god – their church attendance or 'worship service' – is essentially no different than the people who rejects that any god even exists? More importantly, how is it that the lives of the moral atheist or agnostic is indistinguishable from the lives of the average Christian person?

There are only a few possible answers to these questions. Either the christian religious people only pay lip service about this god, or their god asks nothing of them that would make them different than a human being who does not believe god exists. Those are the only two logical options. In other words, either the bible people only admire the teachings in their book, only actually adopting those things which keep them comfortable in the world, typically religious rituals they practice in their meetings. Or, the god they see in their book doesn't actually ask them to do anything to speak of in this life other than attend a religious meeting they call 'church'.

If you listen carefully to the average Christian expressions of their god, most normally speak of 'christ'. This is true across sect, denomination and division lines. Christ is the most popular term Christians, or those who take the label of their particular sect, speak of. I regularly encounter bibilians or Christians who speak of 'christ'. Let's take a look at some of most widely held beliefs about the bibilian's Christ.

I regularly hear people speak of 'their relationship with christ'. If you ask a christian, 'what is the most important thing that God wants', you might well hear, 'my relationship with christ'. Please notice what is first, "me" or "my". The answer is certainly not, 'doing what Christ wants'. When you press a biblian to explain exactly what a relationship with Christ entails, you are not likely to get an answer that conveys anything other than subjective feelings.

So, when biblians or Christians speak of, 'my relationship with christ', what they are really saying is their prayer rituals or trying to continually gain more understanding into the mystical Christ entity. At the end of the day, christian's Christ is largely a metaphysical concept only, shaped by the particular sect that person is a part of.

Most importantly, the Christ of the world's bible based sects is generally created to match the beliefs and desires of that particular groups cultural needs or desires and is NOT an unchanging being who teaches objective truths. The 'christ concept' of bible based religion is a means to heaven that each individual gets to shape into what they want. This is consistent with the virtual universal adoption of relativism as a world view.

The Christ of the biblians or Christians, however, is a very different being than the actual person whose words were recorded and preserved in the first four books of what people label the new testament. Perhaps the easiest way to represent this is to present a contrast between the teachings of the Christ of the biblians or average Christian in comparison to the actual person who calls himself the Light of the world.

So, let's travel back in time about 2000 years and place the 'christ concept' of the average contemporary biblian or Christian on the mountainside where he is about to deliver his core teachings on how human's ought to live.

When christ saw the crowds, He or she went up on the mountain; and after He or she sat down, His or her disciples came to Him or her. 2 He or she opened His or her mouth and began to teach them, saying,

3 "Blessed are the self-confident and self-promoting, for they are the successful ones.

4 "Blessed are those who laugh and have a good time, for they enjoy their life in the world.

5 "Blessed are the aggressive and go-getters, for they control more of the world.

6 "Blessed are those who really don't care about what is right or wrong, for how can you know anyway, and you avoid all conflict with others that way.

7 "Blessed are the shrewd and calculating, for they shall get what they want.

8 "Blessed are the smart, for they shall have a better theology.

9 "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall find a way to profit off that peace accord.

10 "Blessed are those who have never been persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for who knows what is right anyway so why risk your reputation for that...stay positive.

11 "Blessed are you when people admire you and say all kinds of good and positive things about you because of your cool Christ concept. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward among men will be

great; for in the same way they rewarded other clever religious people you...best selling books, positions at university and seminary, etc.

“You are the spice of the earth; just don’t be too different or stand out in any significant way or else your spice might become unattractive and then people will not like you and you might not be accepted by others.

“You are just one of many lights in the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden; nor does anyone light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. Let your light shine before men in such a way that you fit in and don’t rock the boat. God is known by all people’s beliefs, so be sensitive when you speak about God and don’t offend anyone so that they might approve of your Christ and thus give glory to you.

Well, dear listener, if you don’t know the real light, the just spoken sayings might sound good and right to you. After all, they reflect the natural human spirit and base human desire to be accepted by others and to fit in and conform to the way things are. Thus, when you hear the bibilians’ speak of their Christ, it should fit in well to the saying just spoken.

However, dear listener, I have some very important truth to share with you. The Christ of the bibilians – which Christ just spoke his or her sayings previously - is worthy of the worship of the atheists and agnostics in their new church services. In other words, while the atheists have their church services and don’t believe God exists, the average christian’s Christ would be both welcomed there and comfortable there...the Christ of popular bibilantiy or Christianity is at essence a concept that exists to placate and affirm people who love their life in the world. It is not real...it has not power except to deceive and mislead, and it will lead you into darkness and death.

In contrast to this accommodating, chameleon Christ is the real Person who came two thousand years ago and spoke the words of his Father, the Creator of all. As I read his words, listen carefully to them especially in contrast to the words of the Christ you just listened to.

(5:1) When Joshua saw the crowds, he went up on the mountain; and after he sat down, His *his students* came to him. (2) He opened His mouth and began to teach them, saying,

(3) **"Blessed*² are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.**

(4) **"Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.**

(5) **"Blessed are the gentle, for they shall inherit the earth.**

(6) **"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for that which is right, for they shall be satisfied.**

(7) **"Blessed are the those *eager to grant forgiveness*, for they shall receive forgiveness.**

(8) **"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.**

(9) **"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.**

(10) **"Blessed are those who have been *treated badly by others* for the sake of doing what is right, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.**

(11) **"Blessed are you when people insult you and persecute you, and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me.*³ (12) **"Rejoice and be glad, for your reward in heaven is great; for in the same way they persecuted the *those who spoke God’s truth* who were before you.****

(13) **"You are the salt of the earth; but if the salt has become tasteless, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled under foot by men. (14) "You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden; (15) nor does anyone light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on the table, and it gives light to all who are in the house. (16) "Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see the good things you do for others and glorify your Father who is in heaven.*4**

Let me ask the listener, would that person be welcomed in an atheists or agnostics church service? Why not? Because the actual light is an offense to those who reject both the simple truth that a Creator exists, and the simple truth that there is right way for human's to behave and a wrong way for human's to behave.

The words spoken by the truth Light of the world are in fact like a light house beacon to those lost in the darkness of a hopeless, meaningless, purposeless life. His words are like a laser beam as compared to the siren song of the bibilians chameleon Christ. Christian's Christ is a means to stay comfortable in the world and at the same time have a false assurance that they are good enough to get to heaven based on their Christ religion. This is a sad existence, dear listener...if you are a person listening to christianty's Christ, I emlore you to ditch that false thing and instead listen to the real thing.

Perhaps most tragically of all, the religious people, their Christ and their church services are more damaging than any atheist church meeting will ever be. Why? Because the religious people start with something real – a person who performed miracles and defeated death to prove who he was and what he taught was true – and so obfuscate, obscure, confuse and twist that person, or at least the names or labels he is known by, and create a false thing they call 'christ' in his place. This practice for all intent and purposes, make the real Light virtually impossible to find. The thing which says it represents 'the christ' – bibleanity, Christianity and its religious system of church going – has made an attractive counterfeit that is eager to, and successful at, displacing the real thing...the actual person of Joshua of Nazareth who describes himself in the first four books of what people label the new testament.

The religious people get all upset about the athesits having their own church services because the religious people have come to believe that a meeting in a building they call "the church" is a form of worship to God. Thus, they reason it is somehow very wrong to have a 'church service' run by people who don't even believe god exists.

The truth is that bible-anities meetings in their buildings they call "church", in general, does not contain people worshipping the true and living God revealed by Joshua of Nazareth. Rather, it contains people who want to be entertained and who have no intention of listening seriously to the person who calls himself the Son of God and the Light of the world. Instead, their church meetings are in fact no different than the athesits church meetings. It is entertainment, feel emotionally good, and worship their self-invented Christ.

Please listen to the real Light's words:

(5) The religious leaders and the bible experts asked him, "Why do your disciples not walk according to the tradition of the elders, but eat their bread with impure hands?" (6) And he said to them, **"Rightly did Isaiah prophesy of you who say what others ought to do or not do, but does not do so yourselves, as it is written: 'This People Honors Me With Their Lips, But Their Heart Is Far Away From Me. (7) 'But In Vain Do They Worship Me, Teaching As official church dogma the teachings Of Men.'** (8) **"Neglecting the commandment of God, you hold to the tradition of men."** (9) He

was also saying to them, "**You are experts at setting aside the commandment of God in order to keep your tradition** (*the teachings and practices of their religion*).

Dear listener, nothing has changed...people are the same throughout the centuries or millennia. In truth, the biblicians and Christians, in general, teach their empty Christ philosophies instead of listening to, and doing, what the Creator says through his Son, the one who calls himself the Light of the world.

As always, upon hearing this information, dear listener, you are now accountable to make choices about what you will believe and how you will behave. Are you part of the religious system that claims to represent 'christ'? When you hear the real Light's words, can you not see the difference between that which is empty, shallow, false and that which is real, meaningful and true?

Don't be angry with the atheist and their church. They don't claim to represent God and thus are no threat to those who do want to know God. Rather, be upset at the religious system whose purpose it is to hide the real Light. More importantly, DO Something about it!

You might ask, what can I do?

You can become as student or follower of the Light yourself and start making a difference right now. You can start to learn to lead a life of love and truth and rightness, thus becoming a lesser light that the greater Light can use to bring people to His Father, the Source of Life, even everlasting Life. Find other people who are not laboring under the delusion of the bible based religious system, and start to practice the new command. Start living a genuine life that will make a difference to other people.

Peace to you.