Matters of Faith

Atheist Confession

Atheist: Forgive me, father, for I have had pure thoughts.

Priest: Say 6 goddams, 2 mutherfuckers, and kick a dog. Anything else?

Atheist: I passed a mosque without laughing out loud. Is that a sin, father?

Priest: I'm afraid that's a very serious sin, son. Draw a derisive cartoon of muhammad.

Atheist: Yes, father,

Priest: Extra credit if you get it published in a Danish newspaper.

Be Afraid. Be Very Afraid.

You want to know how to really scare kids this halloween? The Sunday before the 31st, take them to a good old fashioned holy-roller church and let them hear about the hell that awaits them if they don't live by christian rules. Just as scary is the idea that Jesus is going to return any day now, and life as they know it will be over in an instant, even if they have been very good. No more mommy and daddy as they now exist. They can never ride their bike again. They'll be afraid to sleep at night, because Jesus might come before they wake up.

Jesus Was Fully Human?

Once you've imagined the gentle Jesus having to take a dump, Christianity loses much of its charm, and the whole idea of the Trinity is soiled and tarnished forever.

Mars Blues

I worship Mars, the god of blue peanut M&Ms. I pray daily that unworthy M&Ms may miraculously acquire the color blue, and a peanut. For Mars gave his only begotten sweet tooth that those who accept him as their personal snack food may not perish, but have everlasting love handles. Yeah, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of green vegetables, I fear no kale, for thy chocolate and thy thin candy shell -- they comfort me.

Book of Common Prayer

Archbishop Cranmer wrote the Book of Common Prayer in 1549. His words have been quoted by anglophones more often than the speeches and soliloquies of Shakespeare. From the prayer book come such familiar phrases as: *for richer, for poorer, in sickness and in health, to love and to cherish, till death us do part*; and *earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust*.

The Key to Eternal Life

Forget religion. I'll tell you the secret to eternal life.

Breathe at least once every six minutes. Never stop.

Ode to Jimmy Swaggart:

Held, once, in such high regard;

Hoist, then, on his own petard.

Lord give me chastity. But not yet.

-St Augustine

Just Sayin'

If the Christian God is omniscient, and he made man in his own image,

why are there so many stupid people in the world?

Billy Sunday

The rivers of America will run with blood before they take our holy, God-inspired Bible from our schools.

Daily Prayer

Lord, lead me not into temptation.

Just take me directly to the sin.

There are three religious truths . . .

1 Jews do not recognize Jesus as the Messiah.

2 Protestants do not recognize the Pope as the leader of the Christian faith.

3 Baptists do not recognize each other in the liquor store or at Hooters.

Religion:

The fraudulent leading the delusional to believe the ridiculous about the contrived.

The Age of Reason

Marriage is the only reason for prostitutes.

Sobriety is the only reason for bars.

That's how ridiculous Christians sound when they say that

Jesus is the only reason for Christmas.

Credulous Skeptic

Tell a Catholic his church has a big problem with pedophile priests, and he will immediately become defensive. He will demand absolute proof. When overwhelming, compelling evidence is presented, he will still refuse to believe it.

But tell him Jesus was born of a virgin, and he will readily accept that as the gospel truth, without a hint of skepticism.

Jesus is the only reason for Easter

My favorite part of Easter is the Bible story where Mary Magdelene, after encountering the risen Jesus, invited him and the disciples over to decorate Easter eggs. Although Mary was proud of her new Easter bonnet, she found that now she was short on money and couldn't buy enough eggs. Jesus miraculously turned a dozen eggs into hundreds – enough for a wonderful Easter egg hunt. Jesus also miraculously turned the egg carton into chocolate Easter bunnies – enough for all to gorge on.