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Subject: Re: pawkyfox's Another Thread

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Quote:Actually Jesus did exist and was a major contributor to the spread of Christianity in his time. The fact he actually considered himself as the messiah is a totally separate matter.. but he existed none the less.

I'd normally not poke my head into somebody else's religion like this, but Jesus could not have contributed to the spread of Christianity in his own time. Certainly, his legacy contributed to the spread of Christianity, but the religion simply didn't exist before Saul of Tarsus (better known as Paul) came along. Until that time, "Christianity" was nothing more nor less than a reformist movement within Judaism. That is what Jesus contributed to the spread of during his lifetime. The fact that his movement took root and later split with Judaism to become its own faith was not the result of any action he took before being crucified.

Whether or not he made any direct contribution after being crucified depends greatly on your sources and beliefs, but it is an incontrovertible fact that there were no Christians while Jesus was alive. His followers and their followers neither called nor considered themselves such until long afterwards.

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