## Subject: Re: Concerning Jesus and the early Christians Posted by Spoony on Tue, 03 Mar 2009 07:25:14 GMT

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is it surprising that the price is so low? religion has always taught that we humans are miserable sinners who only exist to worship the dictator (no Kim Jong-II or Stalin could put it better). but take heart, because the beauty of life all around us and of non-living things in the cosmos... was all created specifically with us in mind.

bit of a contradiction.

Any Muslims here wanna comment on the 72 virgins business (assuming it actually does mean 'virgin', as most Muslims seem to believe). To my knowledge, the only mention of women in the Muslim version of heaven is the 72-virgins concept. This seems to imply two things.

- 1. Women who have sex aren't going to heaven, even if they live a virtuous life. This seems to be not only extremely repressive, but also quite harmful to the survival of the human species after all, Islam does instruct its follows to spread Islam everywhere and anywhere, so...
- 2. Those women who take heed of point 1 and remain a virgin all their life might end up going to heaven, but only for the comfort and convenience of a man; only as little more than a sex slave. The 72-virgins scenario does rather indicate that the women will have very little choice in the matter; most likely the man would have the complete choice of which of his many virgins to use, and when, and how often.

So, my Muslim friends, question: do you think any of this is good? Aren't you as repelled by this as I am? I can only guess as to how condescending all this is to women (as is so much else in Islam); I also find it pretty damn condescending to men, too. Am I supposed to be tempted by the above deal? Is it supposed to make me want to give my life in the service of Allah, as it does for so many suicide bombers all over the world all the time?