Subject: Re: Questions I would like to pose to athiests Posted by eatcow on Mon, 16 Apr 2012 06:52:38 GMT

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Why do people keep trying to argue about Christianity when they are ignorant of various subjects they are discussing...

The 2nd council of Nicaea was called in response to a group of heretics who thought it was wrong to venerate statues and images. This explains the art aspect.

In regards to the Bible, the 1st council had nothing to do with that instead its main goal was fighting another heresy, the Arians. The key point almost every council was called in response to a heresy that was contrary to what the Church was teaching and the Church fine tuning what it is the Church means with her various dogmas. You are right that the canon of the Bible was not finalized till the 4th century, but near the end and it was a series of councils that all drew up the same list.

The key in regards to spoony and my final paragraph is this, he opened the subject for debate. He made a claim and I asked him to back it up.

There is a large group of scientists who believed in God, and a lot who were Catholic. Kepler, Einstein, Newton, Boyle, Faraday, Kelvin, and Planck all believed in the existence of God and/or were Christian.

Here is a list of some Catholic scientists:

http://www.catholicbook.com/AgredaCD/MyCatholicFaith/mcfc014a.htm

Giordano Bruno was persecuted for theological differences, not his scientific views.

Galileo was brought up before the court for teaching heliocentricity because he was teaching it as truth instead of a conjecture. He had no solid arguments to support the view so he used the Bible to support his views and this was what made the Church angry considering the mess Protestants created with their theological position of sola scriptura.

Key point: Bruno and Galileo were brought up before the church for theological matters.