

We Three Kings of Orient Aren't

Where in the New Testament does it say that there were three wise men? I don't see that it specifies how many there were.

Where in the New Testament does it say that they were kings? They were magi, according to the familiar translation. Which means they were Persian astrologers.

Why did these magi need to stop off in Jerusalem and ask directions if they were following the star? (The star eventually led them directly to Bethlehem and the baby Jesus).

Why didn't Herod simply follow the star himself, or have one of his minions do it for him? That would have avoided all that nasty business of slaughtering newborn boys.

And why, given that God was omnipotent and omniscient, did he allow all those poor little innocent guys to be killed? It makes Jesus seem pretty selfish and cowardly to save his own neck at the expense of all those other babies. But then, the Christian God doesn't seem to care much for babies or small children. He killed millions of them in the Genesis Flood. He killed millions more during the Passover event.

The whole story is nothing but an astrological myth and a copycat version of religious traditions that had been around for centuries. Yet year after year Christians indulge in fantasy and delusion in celebration of the pagan holiday, pretending that it's all about the baby Jesus.

Jesus is the only reason for the season. That's what Christians proudly proclaim. They ignore the fact that December 25 was originally a pagan festival, and it had nothing to do with Jesus, who wasn't even around yet. If Christians really believed Jesus is the reason they wouldn't go Christmas shopping, decorate the tree, exchange gifts, and lie to their kids about Santa. Hypocrisy abounds.