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In article <4154042b\$0\$4047\$61fed72c@news.rcn.com>, jmfahciv@aol.com writes:

>In article <9kH4d.8\$25.361@news.uchicago.edu>,

> mmeron@cars3.uchicago.edu wrote:

>>In article <ciumli\$eco\$1@hood.uits.indiana.edu>,

>glhansen@steel.ucs.indiana.edu (Gregory L. Hansen) writes:

>>>In article <2rfbb4F18ta1tUI@uni-berlin.de>,

>>>Gernot Frisch <Me@Privacy.net> wrote:

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>>>>> Religion brings wars, plagues, famine, death and destruction.

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>>>>>Yes. That's religions that do not stick to the bible. And don't tell

>>>>>me about the crussades, those were not christians, they were beasts

>>>>>with a cross on their shields.

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>>>>For some reason, this is something that's come to bug me. The Usenet

>>>>community holds the Crusades as the epitomy of religion gone wrong, the

>>>>slathering Christians that killed their peaceful neighbors for no crime

>>>>worse than not being Christian.

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>>>:-) Yep, that's the popular PC, culturally sensitive, "look Ma, I'm

>>>so noble" view. As for the historical facts, as you say.

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>>>>This was at a time of an expanding Muslim empire. They'd taken Northern

>>>>Africa, invaded Spain, were attacking Byzantium, up to Italy. The Pope

>>>>lived in Italy. If you were the Pope and invaders were in your land,

>what

>>>>would you have done? Looks to me like a clash of cultures, not religions

>>>>per se, although the difference may be hard to see when each culture

>>>>identifies itself by a religion.

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>>>To put things in perspective, the Crusades, which lasted some 200

>>>years, were preceded by about 400 years of Muslim aggresion and

>>>followed by another 400 years of the same. The Turks were still

>>>trying to take Vienna late in the 17th century.

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>>>>Where "taking" means making war, not talking and not playing nice.

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Yes, of course.

Mati Meron | "When you argue with a fool,
meron@cars.uchicago.edu | chances are he is doing just the same"