

I have had several people ask me about how the debate went with Robert Price this past Friday evening. For those of you who haven't kept up with the blog or who don't remember (no reason you should!): I was in Milwaukee to have a debate on the question Did Jesus Exist? The event was sponsored by the Milwaukee Mythicists, a rather unusual group of local folk who are committed to the idea that there never was a man Jesus, but that he was completely made up by early Christians, a myth. Hence their name. Robert Price agrees with that view.

The Milwaukee Mythicists are not a chapter of a larger nation-wide organization. They are the only group like that that I know of (if there are others, I'm sure members of the blog will let me know). They are a small group, but vibrant, committed, and, apparently, growing. My view, of course, is that their very *raison d'être* is problematic, since Jesus, in my view, almost certainly existed. Hence the debate.

Despite our differences, I have to say that I was given an exceedingly warm and generous welcome by members of the group. My sense is that as a whole they thought we are more closely aligned than different, that, apart from that little Jesus question, we have a lot in common. Almost needless to say, the group (almost?) entirely comprises agnostics and atheists, and they are interested in promoting an atheist agenda.

There were several ...

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