

Commentary: The Matrix

While The Matrix Trilogy goes far to explain the virtual experience, it is a fundamentally bastardized version of the Christian hope. When the story's protagonist, Neo, meets the god of this world, aka 'the architect', he is in fact meeting the Accuser of mankind whose goal it is to lock each of us into hopeless karmic repetition & to deny us God's great gift of ascension. Neo, like all of us, desires much more--he desires love. This is where the plot breaks down. For Neo, the greatest of all loves is found in a woman. Thus, when she is suddenly killed he 'has nothing left to lose'. He thereby becomes freed to offer himself as a sacrificial lamb when the demand is made. Since I haven't watched the movie in quite some time, I can't recall all the divisions between the movies' story line & authentic Christianity. However, I can at least mention three of the most egregious issues that have potential to undermine the faith of the Christian who isn't well grounded in scripture.

First: Christ was with God the Father at the creation of the world. Unlike Neo, Christ was never an unwitting seeker, but always humanity's divine rescuer. See John chapter 1

Second: Christ knowingly came to earth to offer himself a living sacrifice to save humanity. He certainly didn't go through the process because he had nothing left to lose. See David's prophecy in Psalm 22

Third: The God of all things in The Matrix is machine only--void of love or any other feeling. Christians who have forged an intimacy with God the Father have discovered Him to be wholly loving & passionately concerned with their ultimate welfare--the primary of all caregivers & the greatest of all loves. Does a God of no feeling speak these words?:

Oh that my head were waters, & mine eyes a fountain of tears,
that I might weep day & night for the slain of the daughter of my people!
Oh that I had in the wilderness a lodging place of wayfaring men;
that I might leave my people, & go from them!
For they be all adulterers....
Jeremiah 9:1-2

In case you don't understand this, God is speaking the words of a tormented parent watching his children suffer from the worst addiction to mental anguish & to the one who inflicts it. As any parent watching foolish children make tragedies of their lives, He wishes He could place us somewhere where we would be safe so that He himself could rest from having to hear our cries & from having to observe our self-sabotage. Thankfully, Our Creator continues to be an involved Father of the greatest love & compassion. We are so very fortunate.