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HEY!

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Lauren Lane <lane[REDACTED]@gmail.com>
To: Richard Carrier <rcarrier@infidels.org>

Tue, Oct 25, 2011 at 9:41 PM

Rick,

Skepticism is fast approaching so I thought that I would send out the first of many flirty e-mails to precede the event, after all I am a single lady this year ;)

I trust that the year has treated you well and that you've mostly kept out of trouble, or at least pretended to do so. Any chance we can finally consummate our years long flirtations? I would say ask your wife for permission, but I'm pretty sure she hates me still.

Also, any chance I could pick your brain about ancient history sometime? My work seems to be taking a idolatry/myth turn this semester and I hear you have all of the knowledges or something like that.

Yours,

Lauren

Richard Carrier <rcarrier@infidels.org>
To: Lauren Lane <lane[REDACTED]@gmail.com>

Wed, Oct 26, 2011 at 1:14 PM

On Oct 25, 2011, at 7:41 PM, Lauren Lane wrote:

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Oh yes. You're definitely a threat. Which is quite a compliment. ;)

> Also, any chance I could pick your brain about ancient history sometime? My work seems to be taking a idolatry/myth turn this semester and I hear you have all of the knowledges or something like that.

Yes. I have all of the knowledges. At least, depending on what subject exactly you're all up in. Feel free to email me questions for consultation.

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Lauren Lane <lane[REDACTED]@gmail.com>
To: Richard Carrier <rcarrier@infidels.org>

Wed, Oct 26, 2011 at 4:09 PM

Tell her not to be threatened and that I just need to borrow you for an hour! Or two! Or five! Million! Really, she has no reason to be worried as all we would do is hold hands and read the bible anyhow.

Know any cool shit about mythology? Particularly goddesses and their symbols and the kinds of costume that they wore. Anything you have to offer on that front would be more than helpful. I guess I am just hoping that there is some sort of rhyme or reason as to how symbols were chosen for gods.

Also, do you think I'm pretty?

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-Lauren

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Richard Carrier <rcarrier@infidels.org>
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Thu, Oct 27, 2011 at 11:59 AM

On Oct 26, 2011, at 2:09 PM, Lauren Lane wrote:

> Tell her not to be threatened and that I just need to borrow you for an hour! Or two! Or five! Million!

Two.

(That way I could get in four or five good goes before collapsing from exhaustion.)

> Really, she has no reason to be worried as all we would do is hold hands and read the bible anyhow.

Oh damn it. I was hoping at least for a blow job. And I was even going to return the favor! Oh well.

(You know, technically the bible doesn't anywhere prohibit mutual extramarital oral sex. And I do hear tell all you good Christian girls find that fact persuasive.)

> Know any cool shit about mythology? Particularly goddesses and their symbols and the kinds of costume that they wore. Anything you have to offer on that front would be more than helpful. I guess I am just hoping that there is some sort of rhyme or reason as to how symbols were chosen for gods.

Depends on region and era. With those specifics I could direct you to some good references. But my field is not in iconography or archaeology of dress.

I do know there is a lot of debate on the meaning of goddess symbolism (usually someone seeing a vagina everywhere, while others accuse them of seeing vaginas everywhere).

Really, the naked breasts are usually emphasized, as symbols of fertility and the bearing and rearing of new life (and as the most prominent anatomical feature distinguishing women from men, and that literally produce food; plus men love looking at them, more than vaginas even—and of course it was usually men cutting and ogling these statues). Beyond that, there is tremendous diversity and I doubt any common through-line.

Do a Google Images search for "priestess crete" for one of my favorites. Some of the pages for those surviving icons might discuss the imagery and its possible meaning, such as the skirts and snakes and other odd things (these priestesses would likely be embodying the goddess and thus their dress would resemble how the goddess was imagined). This was c. 1300 BC and thus long before the Greco-Roman period, but it is a proto-Greek culture.

For a very different take on the breasts theme, do a Google Images search for "cybele breasts" to see the Roman-era statues literally covered with tits. As well as all kinds of weird creepy animal parts (whatever that's about). And then to see how strong this theme is, do Google Images searches for "Venus of Willendorf" (that's 40,000 years ago) and "lajja gauri" (Hindu sky goddess; note that later Hindi iconography trended massively conservative and anti-sex, whereas ancient iconography was graphic) and "goddess tara" (a Chinese goddess with breasts exposed). The Roman Venus and Greek Aphrodite are similar.

But not all goddesses conform to this model. Many were "chaste" or "matronly"; examples can be found in all cultures for which we have a lot of goddess iconography. Google Images search "roman goddesses statues ancient" and look through the variety, and that's just the one culture. Google "ancient Artemis" for my favorite in the "chaste" category (Artemis was an ass-kicking virgin; she's the Roman version of Athena). I would suggest that the various goddesses represent the ideal fantasy types that men assigned to women (so ideal virgins are found along with sex pots and ideal moms, with proper matronly gowns or dozens of breasts), but I could be wrong. There is no doubt a lot of literature exploring this and other theories.

> Also, do you think I'm pretty?

And witty and gay. Who can that attractive girl be? Such a pretty face. Such a pretty dress. Such a pretty smile. Yadayada.

(Oh wait, that story ends with me getting shot ...)

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Fri, Oct 28, 2011 at 3:48 PM

Four or five goes in two hours? ...I have only dated assholes, none of them have been that awesome! And by "holding hands and reading the bible" what I really meant was "doing the nasty." If you expect blowjobs I demand to be serviced first just so you know. Also-I like to have my nipples played with for future reference.

Thank you so much for the information! You have been most helpful indeed.

Now all the information I need to know is when we're gonna get some alone time already.

-Lauren

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Richard Carrier <rcarrier@infidels.org>
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Fri, Oct 28, 2011 at 8:13 PM

On Oct 28, 2011, at 1:48 PM, Lauren Lane wrote:

> If you expect blowjobs I demand to be serviced first just so you know.

Actually it works better the other way around. Given my poor monogamous life, any other woman gets ahold of me after sixteen years and I'm not lasting long. Whereas I always last longer the second go. And in addition to that, I get so turned on by getting a girl to come, add in some additional fooling around, and the total resulting time delay, and I'm back up by the end of it. And the order really doesn't matter since I'm always good for it. Besides, I think it's way sexier to get blown by a girl with her clothes still on. Which suggests a natural sequence of events. Just saying.

(Oh wait, was that TMI?)

> Also-I like to have my nipples played with for future reference.

And I like playing with nipples. So that works out.

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But now I have to call this email thread to a close. Seriously, you are going to get me in major trouble. Go radio silent, please. :-)

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