



"Who is the liar but the one denying that Jesus is the Christ? This is the antechrist, the one denying the Father and the Son. Everyone denying the Son has not the Father: (but) the one confessing the Son has the Father also." (1 John 2:22-23)

REFUTING THE JESUS MYTH CLAIM

ANTECHRISTS

When I was young I would hear, now and then, some one say "God is dead." Back then it seemed like possibly a poor joke or just a trick to see shock registered on someone's face. It was never spoken publicly and rarely spoken in private, but I remember hearing it a few times. It was not taken seriously by anyone I knew except for one weird guy I met working on a farm one summer. I remember I didn't want to stand close to him because I expected lightning to strike him.

By the way, the term above, "antechrist," is not a misspelling. It is the correct translation of the Greek "ἀντιχριστός" (antichristos). It means "in place of Christ" ... not "against Christ" as most translations render it. The term referred to false christs; figures or personalities invented to take the place of Christ. "Antechrists" were counterfeits of the real Christ.

I've witnessed antechrists being preached in the churches and in other cults. I've also seen claims that Jesus was only a myth. Proponents of this theory claim that the real Jesus didn't exist, and that He was only a mythological figure.

Times have changed. Unlike the days when I was young, people today openly declare that Jesus was a myth; that He was merely a contrived copy of older pagan deities.

As bizarre as it is, the "Jesus is a myth" teaching has gained traction ... mostly via the Internet. This error is a predictable outgrowth of people affected by the Beast System. It is the natural spiritual decay and mental incapacity that follows when ever men worship men. People that reject God cripple themselves and lose their ability to think clearly or normally. They develop unsound carnal minds that can't differentiate between truth and error.

So people today, increasingly affected by a spirit of antechrist, have become susceptible to nonsense teachings about Jesus. They claim He is just a mythical copycat figure comparable to older deities like the Egyptian Horus, the Persian Mithra, and the Greek Dionysus.

Learned historians and scholars don't accept that theory. But false prophets continue to parrot the lies in hopes that people won't make the effort to research or question. The existence of Jesus is not difficult to prove. In fact real historians say that it is laughable to claim He didn't exist.

In western literature there is more history and documentation about Jesus than anyone. To claim that Jesus never existed is more ridiculous than claiming that George Washington never existed.

JESUS IS UNIQUE

To say that Jesus was a fictional character – a copy of earlier pagan gods – is ludicrous. I have spent 40 years researching and teaching that Jesus is unique in history. His story is one-of-a-kind. There has never been and never will be another like Him. There have been people or groups who hated Jesus (for example the Jews in Jerusalem who orchestrated his murder), but even Jews don't claim that He was only a myth. They claim He was a criminal.

As pointed out in the Genesis story there is a spirit of rebellion that works in unregenerate men. These are the ones who refuse to accept that they are answerable to a Creator who is over them and that He has laws of absolute truth. These people seek to have their own laws ... their own ideas of what is right or wrong. They don't want anyone to tell them what to do. It is a childish trait of a spoiled and self-centered generation. These are the worst of the lot ... the worshippers of self. This is the very essence of the sin that brought down Adam as related in the book of Genesis.

There are also people who are just gullible, lazy, or weak minded and are influenced by peers to accept obvious error. Or some people may be insincere and prejudiced.

With the advent of the Internet it is easy to find published articles offering reasons to reject Christ. Many people are swayed by such things. This can be overcome by honesty and repentance ... but once one has started on the slippery slope of rebellion, few are able to dredge up the

honesty and drive to climb back out of the pit.

In any case, this kind of people are blind due to their own self-worship and carnal spirit. Rebellion against Jesus spawns a need to recruit others to join in their misery. But when the blind lead the blind both run off the road.

DEATH WISH

Rejection of Jesus causes men to lose their bearings ... their ability to grasp reality. People often comment that something bad is happening to society today. They are right, and it is caused by society's rejection of Jesus.

4. *Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch (new growth) cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine (the root stock); no more can you, except you abide in me.*

5. *I am the vine, you are the branches: He that abides in me, and I in him, the same brings forth much fruit: for without me you can do nothing.*

6. *If a man abides not in me, he is cast forth as a branch, and is withered; and men gather them, and cast them into the fire, and they are burned.*

John 15:4-6

People who reject truth are committing spiritual suicide. Both Moses (Deuteronomy 30:15-20) and Jesus (John 1:4-5; 3:19-21) pled with people to accept truth and light that they might have life.

Jesus said:

46. *For if you believed Moses, you would believe me: for he wrote of me.*

47. *But if you believe not his writings, how will you believe my words?*

John 5:46-47

CHOOSE LIGHT OR DARKNESS

Who prefers darkness rather than light? Who rejects truth? Jesus said they are the ones whose deeds are evil (John 3:19-21). They are the ones who want to usurp the throne of God, to determine good and evil on their own terms.

Those who promote the teaching that Jesus is a myth are those who blaspheme the holy spirit of Christ, for whom there is no forgiveness ... unless they repent.

30. *The one not being with me is against me; and the one not gathering with me scatters.*

31. *Wherefore I say to you, Every sin and blasphemy will be forgiven to men: but the blasphemy against the spirit will not be forgiven.*

Matthew 12:30-31

Blasphemy against the spirit equates to hatred of the

spirit of truth. This is not merely a mistake or a confusion. It is a sin that causes a spiritual death sentence from which very few will repent and be redeemed.

Now let us look at this blasphemy called "The Jesus Myth" so you will be aware of it.

ZEITGEIST

"Zeitgeist" (German for "Spirit Of The Age"), is the label chosen by Peter Joseph for the name of his video in which he claims that Christ was/is a myth. His video was published in 2007 and has been viewed several million times. The size of his audience indicates that there are many lost souls out there looking for excuses to dismiss truth so they can live godless self-worshipping lives.

The term "Zeitgeist" came from the New Age Movement introduced in the 70s and 80s.

Peter Joseph is the spokesman for a large movement. He contributes much to today's growing boldness of public denunciation of Christ, and this has given rise to even more confusion among typical churchgoers and all who do not have a good grasp on history or the Bible. New Agers don't accept that there is a difference between man and God. It is the age old claim that men can be "as gods" (Genesis 3:5).

The Zeitgeist approach is not empowered merely by lust for money and notoriety. It is a religious movement in itself because it promotes the worship of man as the supreme being of the Universe. There are several others who have joined in to make the claim, but Zeitgeist is currently the best known.

Who falls for this deception? Those lacking a basic knowledge of the Bible and history. They are possibly victims of the programming pounded into them from the churches and government schools. Of course, the love of money usually plays a big part in the lives of false prophets who promote the deceptions (Mark 10:17-25). Also Jesus taught that a man cannot serve mammon and God at the same time (Matthew 6:24).

DOCUMENTATION

The birth, life, death, and raising of Jesus is probably the most historically documented event in human history. No one life, no history of any personality has had such an impact on mankind, both secular and religious. Time itself is calculated by the life of Jesus (e.g., "2018 Anno Domini - Year Of Our Lord"). The fact that Jesus was born, and was murdered and raised, and was known as the Son of God is factually indisputable. Good historians laugh at the suggestion that Jesus didn't really exist. They may have varying thoughts concerning Biblical teachings, but they universally agree that Peter Joseph's claims, that Jesus was a myth, are wholly false and unscholarly fabrications.

The purveyors of the Jesus myth theories make their claims based also on church teachings. The first problem is that churches and Peter Joseph both use faulty versions of history. Neither is right. The churches teach a false christ. Peter Joseph teaches that there's no Christ. Why would anyone pay attention to either side?

For instance, a common church teaching is that their Jesus was born on December 25th. Peter Joseph claims that Horus, Mithra, Dionysus, Osiris, and some other gods were born on December 25th. None of this is true. Serious Bible students, and even historians, know that the real Jesus was not born in Winter. Historians also know that the referenced gods were not born on December 25. The whole thing is nonsensical. So to use a December 25th birth as a comparison is off point.

THE BIBLICAL JESUS

Some people just don't pay attention. The christs claimed by the church world are false similar to the pagan deities. But just because the churches put forth false christs doesn't presume that no real Christ exists. I've been exposing the churches and their fake christs for a long time. I want people to become aware and acquainted with the REAL JESUS. For them to do that they need to know how to separate the fakes from the real Christ.

Churchgoers, worldwide, have been set up to have their faith destroyed by the churches. I've helped many escape from those poison teachings. I've done so by giving them truth and making them aware of the real Jesus. But millions are still stuck in the church world's false theology. Trapping people in the church world was precursor to the process of destroying their faith. For those whose faith is built upon church deceptions, when they see the Zeitgeist video they aren't able to see the error. Zeitgeist then becomes the next step of the assault on faith. For some it destroys the desire to pursue truth at all. So they lose their faith.

A similar progressive process has been at work in the universities to bring in a culture of self-worship called Postmodernism. Postmodernism was developed in the 20th century and is essentially a belief that there are no absolute truths or laws, and that individual or cultural habits and inclinations are more reliable than science, laws of physics, or historical fact. It is the ultimate pit of ignorance that results from the worship of man. Postmodernism has now had time to spread its poison and it is destroying minds.

Postmodernism was, not surprisingly, preceded by the philosophy of Modernism. Modernism came in the 19th century. Modernism and Postmodernism were stages in a progression aimed at the minds of academia. It was used to attack and destroy young people's belief in reason, common sense, and objective reality. Modernism in the 1800s introduced philosophies to destroy students' belief in real and proven science and physics. Spurious theoretical philosophies replaced real and workable philosophies of science and physics. Modernism was a step leading to Postmodernism which is afoot today. Postmodernism deified man's lower nature and put emotions and lusts ahead of provable and sensible science and physics. Emotions and prejudices took precedence over real workable answers and formulas.

The result of first destroying academic belief in classical science and physics opened the door for rejection of the existence of any truth that is absolute. This led to tossing out God's laws and accepting the reign of non-reason and

belief by propaganda. This is part of the plague of spiritual blindness we read about in the Bible. It is a poison to the brain so that $2 + 2$ doesn't have to equal 4. It can equal 5, 6, or anything that feels right and reality has no solid place.

Again, young people were led to Postmodernism by first being programed by Modernism ... a process much like people today who give credence to Peter Joseph and his "Christ Myth" nonsense because they were first mentally incapacitated by the churches' deceptions. They had already lost their faith in reason and truth.

This is the progression from bad to worse ... the inevitable result of rejecting and ignoring God. The churches accomplish this by teaching that God's law is bad, and that Jesus took law away and replaced it with "grace" and "love." But the churches don't know the meaning of grace and love.

THE ZEITGEIST CLAIM

Peter Joseph, the maker of the Zeitgeist movie, claims that Jesus was merely a copy of older religious figures like India's Buddha and Krishna, Persia's Mithra, Greece's Dionysus, and Egypt's Horus and Osiris. In his video he sounds like he knows what he is talking about. But his presentation has huge holes in it.

Peter Joseph and other "Christ Myth" proponents claim that these old pagan gods were the sources from which was created the "myth" of the Jesus of Scripture.

The Zeitgeist movie claims that these pre-Jesus gods were born of virgins on December 25th, died and were resurrected in three days, had 12 apostles, were visited by wise men, and were called son's of god. He also claims that calling Jesus the "Son" was a take off of the word "Sun," and that the Sun's death in midwinter and its rebirth on December 25th, as the days begin to lengthen, was the real source of the story of Jesus' resurrection. Thus, Peter Joseph claims Jesus is linked to Astrology and Sun Worship.

I first watched the Zeitgeist movie about 10 years ago. I won't watch it again. It is insulting because to watch it I'd have to endure again his blasphemy, lies, and insults against Jesus. I suspect that, given the chance, they would crucify Him again. It is disturbing.

THE OLD GODS

Let's take a look at these pre-Jesus gods to see if the Jesus of Scripture is a mirror image of them.

I've already addressed the false claim of the December 25th birth. That one was easy. None of them were born on December 25th.

What about the connection between "Sun" and "Son"? This is laughable since the two words have a similar sound in English only ... not in Egyptian, Greek, or Latin where the words would have had to sound alike if it were true.

HORUS: The Egyptian god Horus was probably the greatest god in Egyptology. He was not their Sun god as Zeitgeist claims. He was their god of the sky. Their Sun god was Ra.

Horus was not born of a virgin. He was the son of Isis

and Osiris. And as is the nature of mythological gods, the Horus myth evolved and changed over time. In early Egypt, Horus was the brother of Isis, Osiris, Set and Nephthys. But as different cults formed, Horus was changed into the son of Isis and Osiris.

Egyptology has no mention of Horus being crucified, resurrected, or even dying at all. He didn't have 12 apostles. The Bible's description of Jesus isn't even faintly like Horus. Peter Joseph and his ilk are dead wrong.

OSIRIS: Osiris, the green-skinned deity, was Horus' father. He was the god of the underworld and ruler of the dead. His father was the sun-god Ra and his mother was the sky goddess Nut. Osiris was brother of Isis whom he married and became her husband. There is certainly no similarity to Jesus here. No virgin birth, and no connection to December 25.

Osiris was killed and dismembered by his brother Set, and his body parts were scattered and buried around Egypt. No crucifixion and no raising on the third day.

Isis retrieved all the parts of her murdered husband's body, except the penis. It had been thrown into the Nile and was eaten by a catfish. Isis used her magic powers to reconstruct Osiris and then fashioned a golden phallus with which to conceive her son Horus. So, no virgin birth.

There is no mention of 12 apostles. Once again, Zeitgeist story strikes out.

MITHRA: Mithra originated in Babylon. He was not born in a manger. In fact, he was not "born" at all. He emerged out of a rock. So, no virgin birth.

Mithra was a Sun god and his paintings and sculptures display halos or rays projecting over his head representing the Sun. Thus we see the origin of Roman iconography putting halos over Jesus' head. Constantine, the 4th century Roman emperor, worshipped Mithra. He instituted Mithraism as the official religion of Rome and changed Mithra's name to Jesus. In time some Biblical points were amalgamated into the myth by the Roman church. This became the dogma of the Roman church under Constantine three hundred years after Jesus' birth, and so the Mithra myth took on part of the Jesus story ... not the other way around.

The Mithraic mysteries were adopted in Rome and became the mysteries of the Roman Church. The cult was popular in the Roman military. He had no reference to a December 25th birth nor to 12 apostles.

Mithra slew the sacred bull. The bull's blood (not Mithra's) made the earth fertile, then Mithra ate parts of the bull. There is no crucifixion or death and resurrection of Mithra. None of the real account of Jesus' birth, death, and raising, and 12 apostles fit the Mithra saga.

Sorry, it is just another Zeitgeist lie.

DIONYSUS: He was son of Zeus and Semele (no virgin birth). He was the god of the vine, grape harvest, winemaking, wine, ritual madness, dance, religious ecstasy, and theatre. Later Romans called him Bacchus.

It is very strange even for Zeitgeist cultists to compare Jesus to a god of drunken revelry and sexual debauchery.

Zeus' wife, Hera, discovered that Zeus had disguised himself and impregnated the mortal Semele with his child. Hera convinced Semele to insist that Zeus show himself to her in all his glory. When he appeared before her, his fiery glory consumed her. Zeus rescued the unborn Dionysus by sewing him into his thigh. A few months later, Dionysus was born on Mount Pramnos in the island of Ikaria, where Zeus went to release the now-fully-grown baby from his thigh.

Images of Dionysus show him as a beardless, sensuous, naked or half-naked androgynous youth: the literature describes him as womanly or "man-womanish."

Dionysus was torn to pieces and eaten by the Titans. So there was no crucifixion. But the Titans didn't eat his heart and it was used to magically restore him to life ... but not in three days and not by resurrection.

Anyone who can look at the myth of Dionysus and see a likeness to Jesus would have a very fertile imagination.

These pagan gods/deities that I have described are the main ones claimed to be models for Jesus by the "Jesus Is A Myth" people. You can see for yourself that the comparisons are ridiculous. Anyone who looks at these mythological deities and sees a likeness to Jesus must have a woeful lack of knowledge of Jesus. The whole Zeitgeist movement, and others like it that may exist, are corruptions of history and of theology. They are desperate ramblings of Jesus haters who will say anything to justify their debased minds.

Another published proponent of the Jesus myth is Eric Dubay, a weird fellow who is better known for his rambling teachings that the Earth is flat ... not the best reference in support of the Zeitgeist theory. Also the vulgar and crude TV personality, Bill Maher, is a published proponent of the "Jesus myth." I mention this only to show the quality or kind of people who champion this cause.

You can research the official histories of these ancient deities for yourself. This information is readily available on the Internet or in a library. Here are three sites that examine the issue. This one is less than 15 minutes: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=30AunYXtYDg&t=624s>. Another longer Youtube video is: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JFI6m6lcav4>. And here is another shorter one: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XbFbJrr1-bY&index=1&list=PL2HWwXvZ4AdxPJmwwg6LJwRvHNyrCvmS2J>. You can copy and paste these addresses in your browser to watch them. They also give references to authoritative books on mythological religions you may want to research.

CONCLUSION

God's law pronounces swift judgment upon false prophets because they are dangerous. Peter Joseph and teachers like him are false prophets. They are not enlightened or inspired teachers. They prey upon weak or ungrounded people like those mentioned in 2 Timothy 3 who can be led astray by them. It is dangerous to be attracted to such teachers or to be amused by them. Any investigation into their works must be cautious and critical. They are not mere researchers. They are blasphemers.

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