



ENDNOTES

¹Romans 8:28. King James Version (KJV). Quotes from the Christian Bible are King James Version unless otherwise noted.

²John 19:30, “When Jesus therefore had received the vinegar, he said, It is finished: and he bowed his head, and gave up the ghost.” KJV.

³New King James Version, copyright 1982, Thomas Nelson.

⁴Lewis, C.S. *Mere Christianity*. San Francisco: HarperSanFrancisco, 2001.

⁵Ibid.

⁶Ibid.

⁷Ibid.

⁸Matthew 17:20, KJV.

⁹John 14:12–14, KJV.

¹⁰This story is recast from the real-life account of Todd Harvey, from <http://www.conversationswithtodd.org>. Hear Todd’s compelling story at www.truthdriventhinking.com/TDT3_2006-04-05_todd.mp3.

¹¹Guthrie, Shirley C. *Christian Doctrine: Teachings of the Christian Church*. Atlanta: Marshall C. Dendy, 1968.

¹²Peterson, Dr. Myron J., Ph.D., Pastor. http://www.free-gifts.com/wedding_vows/ wedding vows for public domain.

¹³Albom, Mitch. *Tuesdays with Morrie: An Old Man, a Young Man, and Life’s Greatest Lesson*. New York: Doubleday, 1997.

¹⁴ Matthew 1:18, "Now the birth of Jesus Christ was on this wise: When as his mother Mary was espoused to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Ghost." KJV.

¹⁵ Numbers 22:28–30, the story of God speaking through Balaam's donkey. "And the LORD opened the mouth of the ass, and she said unto Balaam, What have I done unto thee, that thou hast smitten me these three times? And Balaam said unto the ass, Because thou hast mocked me: I would there were a sword in mine hand, for now would I kill thee. And the ass said unto Balaam, Am not I thine ass, upon which thou hast ridden ever since I was thine unto this day? Was I ever wont to do so unto thee? And he said, Nay." KJV.

¹⁶ John 11:44, "And he that was dead came forth, bound hand and foot with graveclothes: and his face was bound about with a napkin. Jesus saith unto them, Loose him, and let him go." KJV.

¹⁷ Matthew 28:8–10, "And as they went to tell his disciples, behold, Jesus met them, saying, All hail. And they came and held him by the feet, and worshipped him." KJV.

¹⁸ Matthew 27:52–53, "And the graves were opened; and many bodies of the saints which slept arose, And came out of the graves after his resurrection, and went into the holy city, and appeared unto many." KJV.

¹⁹ Randi, James. *The Faith Healers*. New York: Prometheus, 1989.

²⁰ Dialogue based upon the words of James Randi. Gibson, Stephen L. *Truth-Driven Thinking: An Examination of Human Emotion and its Impact on Everyday Life*. Bloomington: Authorhouse, 2005.

²¹ In his book *The Pagan Christ*, Tom Harpur discusses the work of Gerald Massey in identifying many similarities between the sun gods of Horus, Osiris and Ra, and the Jesus Christ story. See page 83 and his notes/bibliography. Harpur, Tom. *The Pagan Christ: Recovering the Lost Light*. Toronto: Thomas Allen Publishers, 2004.

²² Address of Pope John Paul II to the Pontifical Academy of Sciences, October 22, 1996. See the Catholic Encyclopedia online at http://www.newadvent.org/library/docs_jp02tc.htm.

²³ See a copy of the *Treaty of Peace and Friendship* as ratified by the Senate during the administration of John Adams, at the Library of Congress web site, <http://memory.loc.gov/cgi-bin/ampage?collId=llac2&fileName=009/llac009.db&recNum=341>, or at the Yale's Law School's site <http://www.yale.edu/lawweb/avalon/diplomacy/barbary/bar1796t.htm#art11>.

²⁴ Funk, Robert W. and Hoover, Roy W. *The Five Gospels: The Search for the Authentic Words of Jesus*. San Francisco: Polbridge Press, 1993.

²⁵ *Lay Down Sally* was the song by Eric Clapton, Marcy Levy and George Terry.

²⁶ LaHaye, Tim F., and Jenkins, Jerry B. *Left Behind: A Novel of the Earth's Last Days*. Tyndale House Publishers, April 1996.

²⁷ Lindsay, Hal. *Late Great Planet Earth*. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 1970.

²⁸ The Diaspora were transplanted or nomadic groups of Jews that scattered the Roman Empire during the time of Christ.

- ²⁹ Spong, John Shelby. *Why Christianity Must Change or Die: A Bishop Speaks to Believers in Exile*. New York: HarperCollins, 1998.
- ³⁰ Spong, John Shelby. *Living in Sin: A Bishop Rethinks Human Sexuality*. New York: HarperCollins, 1988.
- ³¹ A humorous term for congregants used by the great Dr. Robert Price—though not in the pejorative sense used here.
- ³² Lewis, C.S. *Mere Christianity*. San Francisco: HarperSanFrancisco, 2001.
- ³³ Smith, George H. *Atheism: The Case Against God*. Prometheus, 1980.
- ³⁴ Fairfax, John. *Sydney Sun Herald: World Shivers if Kuwait Burns*, January 20, 1991.
- ³⁵ Glassner, Barry. *The Culture of Fear: Why Americans are Afraid of the Wrong Things*. New York: Basic Books, 1999.
- ³⁶ Schlessinger, Laura. *The Proper Care and Feeding of Husbands*. New York: HarperCollins, 2003.
- ³⁷ Klinghoffer, David. *Why the Jews Rejected Jesus: The Turning Point in Western History*. Doubleday, 2005.
- ³⁸ Second Samuel 7:12–13. American Standard Version (ASV).
- ³⁹ This is a simplified chronology of messianic events according to Ezekiel. See page 36 of Klinghoffer's book for the details of his lucid outline. Klinghoffer, David. *Why the Jews Rejected Jesus: The Turning Point in Western History*. Doubleday, 2005.
- ⁴⁰ Hosea 6:1–2, "Come, and let us return unto the LORD: for he hath torn, and he will heal us; he hath smitten, and he will bind us up. After two days will he revive us: in the third day he will raise us up, and we shall live in his sight. KJV.
- ⁴¹ Zemeckis, Robert. *Contact*. Motion picture—Writers: Carl Sagan [novel] Carl Sagan [story] Ann Druyan [story] James V. Hart [screenplay] Michael Goldenberg [screenplay] 1997: South Side Amusement Company Warner Bros.
- ⁴² Pope John Paul II. *Interpreting the Concept of Concupiscence*. General Audience of October 8th, 1980. <http://www.ewtn.com/library/PAPALDOC/JP2TB42.HTM>.
- ⁴³ Numbers 31:18, "But all the women children that have not known man by lying with him, keep alive for yourselves"; Hosea 1:2, "And the Lord said to Hosea, Go, take unto thee a wife of whoredoms . . ."; Hosea 3:1, "Then said the Lord unto me, God yet, love a woman beloved of her friend, yet an adulteress." KJV.
- ⁴⁴ Some scholars are convinced 1 Corinthians is yet another of many letters inappropriately attributed to Paul. Bart D. Ehrman offers the textual reasons on p.184 of: *Misquoting Jesus: The Story Behind Who Changed the Bible and Why*. New York: HarperCollins, 2005.
- ⁴⁵ I Corinthians 6:9–11, an expansion list of in I Corinthians 5:10 that adds 'sexual perverts' for the first time. See John Shelby Spong's *Living in Sin*, note 12, p. 150 for one explanation and discussion. Also see http://www.christiangay.com/he_loves/corinth.htm for the offered explanation. Revised

Standard Version translation is different than King James. RSV says, "Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived; neither the immoral, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor sexual perverts." King James says, "Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind." The differences are due to tough translations of three key words from the original Greek: pornos or pornea; arsenokoites; and malakos. Many argue that this is a good example of the need to understand the Greek texts, and to find the implied meanings of both the words and the authors of the time.

⁴⁶ A commonly held assessment and translation holds that it was the idolatry exemplified by sex with the paid, Pagan temple prostitutes about which Paul was talking. A site with many articles and articulations on this topic is *www.libchrist.com*; Liberated Christians, P.O. Box 32835, Phoenix AZ, 85064-2835.

⁴⁷ Deuteronomy 5:21 says, "Neither shalt thou desire thy neighbour's wife, neither shalt thou covet thy neighbour's house, his field, or his manservant, or his maidservant, his ox, or his ass, or any thing that is thy neighbour's." KJV.

⁴⁸ In Genesis 19:30–36 Lot impregnates his two daughters after fleeing Sodom.

⁴⁹ Leviticus 20:10 says, "If there is a man who commits adultery with another man's wife, one who commits adultery with his friend's wife, the adulterer and the adulteress shall surely be put to death." KJV.

⁵⁰ Implicit reference to I Corinthians 13:4–8.

⁵¹ A compelling question asked on the Truth-Driven Thinking podcast program by Dr. Robert Price. <http://robertmprice.mindendonor.com>.

⁵² Strobel, Lee. *The Case for Christ: A Journalist's Personal Investigation of the Evidence for Jesus*. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 1998.

⁵³ Doherty, Earl. *Challenging the Verdict: A Cross-Examination of Lee Strobel's "The Case for Christ"*. Ottawa: Age of Reason Publications, 2001.

⁵⁴ Doherty, Earl. *The Jesus Puzzle: Did Christianity begin with a mythical Christ?* Ottawa: Age of Reason Publications, 1999 and 2005.

⁵⁵ Brown, Dan. *The Da Vinci Code*. New York: Doubleday, 2003.

⁵⁶ Doherty's first words in the introduction of his *Jesus Puzzle*. Doherty, Earl. *The Jesus Puzzle: Did Christianity begin with a mythical Christ?* Ottawa: Age of Reason Publications, 1999 and 2005.

⁵⁷ The larger point is that scholars see huge differences in Jesus' personality and beliefs that are irreconcilable throughout the gospel narratives. This schizophrenic nature has long been a problem to scholars and lay readers alike. Is Christ kind and loving and forgiving, or vengeful and mean and angry? See Luke 10:10–15 in which Jesus relegates Capernaum, Chorazin, and Bethsaida to hell and a fate worse than Sodom, for failure to receive Jesus and his disciples. The list of the apocalyptic genre statements is long, but a few more examples are hellfire warnings in Matthew 7:12; violence in 7:19 or Luke 3:9; and the assertion that Jews are sons of the devil in John 8:44. In the reconstructed source for Matthew and Luke, called "Q", these differences appear clearly and starkly from the earliest layer to the last layer. Layer 1 is

all the kind and gentle sayings that Earl Doherty attributes to the influence of Cynic philosophy on the counterculture movement in Galilee. See chapter 14 of *The Jesus Puzzle* in note 69.

⁵⁸ Matthew 27:52–53, “And the graves were opened; and many bodies of the saints which slept arose, And came out of the graves after his resurrection, and went into the holy city, and appeared unto many.” KJV.

⁵⁹ “Natural Science.” —Wikipedia, The Free Encyclopedia. 1 Sept 2006, 11:56 UTC. Wikimedia Foundation, Inc. 8 Sept 2006 http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Natural_science.

⁶⁰ Humphreys, D. Russell. “Evidence for a Young World.” *Impact*. Issue #384. Institute for Creation Research, June 2005. Online document located at <http://www.icr.org/article/1842/> on 9/7/2006.

⁶¹ As of this writing, it is unclear how Dr. Hovind’s conviction and incarceration on 58 federal charges will affect his intention and ability to pay or administer his supposed offer. (He was convicted in late 2006 on 58 federal charges surrounding a failure to pay taxes on proceeds from his work in this area. See the *Pensacola News Journal*, July 14, 2006 article by Michael Stewart, and his January 20th, 2007 article as well.) Dr. Hovind’s offer was posted on his web site at <http://drdino.com/articles.php?spec=67&kws=250,000>. While perhaps the convictions are a testament to Dr. Hovind’s lack of grasp on reality, it is fair to say that they are not necessarily relevant to the honest debate of the merit, or lack of merit, of Dr. Hovind’s creationist arguments. At the same time, it should be noted that Adam Kisby claims to have met Dr. Hovind’s challenge back in 2004, as published in the magazine *Skeptic*, Vol. 12, No. 1, p. 43. (His article can also be downloaded at http://ne-plus-ultra.net/pubs/kisby_hovindarticle_rev2.pdf.)

⁶² Ehrman, Bart D. *Misquoting Jesus: The Story Behind Who Changed the Bible and Why*. New York: HarperCollins, 2005.

⁶³ “Ammonius Saccas.” —Wikipedia, The Free Encyclopedia. 17 July 2006, 18:40 UTC. Wikimedia Foundation, Inc. 13 Sept 2006. http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ammonius_Saccas. Also; Harpur, Tom. *The Pagan Christ: Recovering the Lost Light*. Toronto: Thomas Allen Publishers, 2004. P 29 is a discussion of Both Origen and Ammonius Saccas’s views of Christianity.

⁶⁴ Strauss, David Friedrich, George Eliot (Translator). *The Life of Jesus Critically Examined*. Thoemmes Continuum; New edition (March 30, 2006).

⁶⁵ Ehrman, Bart D. *Misquoting Jesus: The Story Behind Who Changed the Bible and Why*. New York: HarperCollins, 2005.

⁶⁶ Ehrman, Bart D. *Misquoting Jesus: The Story Behind Who Changed the Bible and Why*. New York: HarperCollins, 2005. Page 89 provides a discussion of the numerical range for variations within manuscripts.

⁶⁷ Saint Athanasius, Bishop of Alexandria, in a letter to his churches in Egypt.

⁶⁸ The New Testament Canon was accepted as we know it at the Third Council of Carthage. “New Testament.” —Wikipedia, The Free Encyclopedia. 11 Sept 2006, 14:58 UTC. Wikimedia Foundation, Inc. 8 Sept 2006 http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/New_Testament.

⁶⁹Doherty, Earl. *The Jesus Puzzle: Did Christianity begin with a mythical Christ?* Ottawa: Age of Reason Publications, 1999 and 2005. Doherty offers an excellent summary of the document record on pp. 259–260.

⁷⁰Galatians 1:11–12. “But I certify you, brethren, that the gospel which was preached of me is not after man. For I neither received it of man, neither was I taught [it], but by the revelation of Jesus Christ.” KJV. ASV says, “For neither did I receive it from man, nor was I taught it, but [it came to me] through revelation of Jesus Christ.” Even believers in a historic Jesus would concede that here Paul is referring to events occurring only in the spiritual realm.

⁷¹See page 5 of *The Pagan Christ* for a thorough discussion. Harpur, Tom. *The Pagan Christ: Recovering the Lost Light*. Toronto: Thomas Allen Publishers, 2004.

⁷²Harpur, Tom. *The Pagan Christ: Recovering the Lost Light*. Toronto: Thomas Allen Publishers, 2004.

⁷³Wachowski, Larry; Wachowski, Andy. *The Matrix*. Motion picture—Writers: Larry Wachowski and Andy Wachowski. Produced by Joel Silver, Village Roadshow Iom, Silver Pictures. Distributed by Warner Brothers, 1999.

⁷⁴Weir, Peter. *The Truman Show*. Motion picture—Writer: Andrew Niccol. Paramount Pictures, 1998.

⁷⁵“Marcionites.” New Advent Catholic Encyclopedia Online. 15 Sept 2006. <http://www.newadvent.org/cathen/09645c.htm>. Introductory paragraph.

⁷⁶“From efficacy to safety concerns: A STEP forward or a step back for clinical research and intercessory prayer?: The Study of Therapeutic Effects of Intercessory Prayer (STEP)” April, 2006 *American Heart Journal*, Vol 151, Number 4. Mitchell W. Krucoff, MD, FACC; Suzanne W. Crater, RN, ANP-C; and Kerry L. Lee, Ph.D., of the Duke University Medical Center, Duke Clinical Research Institute, Durham, NC.

⁷⁷See <http://www.whyydoesgodhateamputees.com>, created by Marshall Brain.

⁷⁸Matthew 17:20 KJV.

⁷⁹John 14:12–14 KJV.

⁸⁰Harris, Sam. *The End of Faith: Religion, Terror, and the Future of Reason*. New York: W.W. Norton & Company, 2004.

⁸¹Harris, Sam. *Letter to a Christian Nation*. Knopf, 2006.

⁸²Leviticus 24:16 New International Version (NIV) © 1973, 1978, 1984 International Bible Society.

⁸³Deuteronomy 7:10 New Living Translation (NLT) © 1996 Tyndale Charitable Trust.

⁸⁴Deuteronomy 7:16 NIV.

⁸⁵Deuteronomy 13:9 NLT.

⁸⁶Matthew 3:10 NLT, © 1996 Tyndale Charitable Trust.

⁸⁷Deuteronomy 13:15 KJV; and Deuteronomy 18:20 KJV respectively.

⁸⁸Leviticus 20:10 KJV.

⁸⁹ Deuteronomy 17:5 KJV.

⁹⁰ Brown, Dan. *The Da Vinci Code*. New York: Doubleday, 2003.

⁹¹ Armstrong, Karen. *A History of God: The 4,000-Year Quest of Judaism, Christianity and Islam*. New York: Ballentine, 1993.

⁹² Source: National survey of 1,054 adults conducted Oct. 20 to Nov. 4, 2003, by Scripps Howard News Service and the E.W. Scripps School of Journalism at Ohio University. http://www.shns.com/shns/g_index2.cfm?action=detail&pk=JESUSSIDE2-12-18-03.

⁹³ Selected results from a survey of 1,007 adult residents of the United States conducted in 2006 at the Scripps Survey Research Center at Ohio University. http://www.shns.com/shns/g_index2.cfm?action=detail&pk=RESURRECTION1-04-05-06.

⁹⁴ CNN/Time poll. See <http://www.time.com/time/covers/1101020701/story2.html>.

⁹⁵ Warren, Rick. *The Purpose Driven Life: What on Earth Am I Here For?* Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2002.

⁹⁶ Price, Robert. *The Reason Driven Life: What Am I Here on Earth For?* Prometheus Books, 2006.

⁹⁷ Shermer, Michael. *Why Darwin Matters: The Case Against Intelligent Design*. New York: Times Books Henry Hold and Company, L.L.C., 2006.

⁹⁸ Written by Carl Sagan and Ann Druyan, the multi award-winning series ran 13 hours on PBS beginning in 1980. Carl Sagan Productions, KCET Los Angeles, 1980. Cosmos Studios DVD, 2002.

⁹⁹ Zemeckis, Robert. *Contact*. Motion picture—Writers: Carl Sagan [novel] Carl Sagan [story] Ann Druyan [story] James V. Hart [screenplay] Michael Goldenberg [screenplay] 1997: South Side Amusement Company Warner Bros.

¹⁰⁰ Harpur, Tom. *The Pagan Christ: Recovering the Lost Light*. Toronto: Thomas Allen Publishers, 2004.

¹⁰¹ While the list of unfulfilled predictions for the end of the world is virtually without end, many of these dates are discussed at http://www.armageddononline.org/failed_armageddon.php.

¹⁰² Harpur, Tom. *The Pagan Christ: Recovering the Lost Light*. Toronto: Thomas Allen Publishers, 2004.

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¹⁰⁴ Warren, Rick. *The Purpose Driven Life: What on Earth Am I Here For?* Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2002.

¹⁰⁵ Richard Dawkins shared a devastating story of a young girl being told by clergy that her young friend had gone to hell upon her death, both on the Point of Inquiry (the podcast of the Center for Inquiry) on October 16th, 2006, and in his book, *The God Delusion*, Houghton Mifflin, 2006.

¹⁰⁶ Albom, Mitch. *Tuesdays with Morrie: An Old Man, a Young Man, and Life's Greatest Lesson*. New York: Doubleday, 1997.