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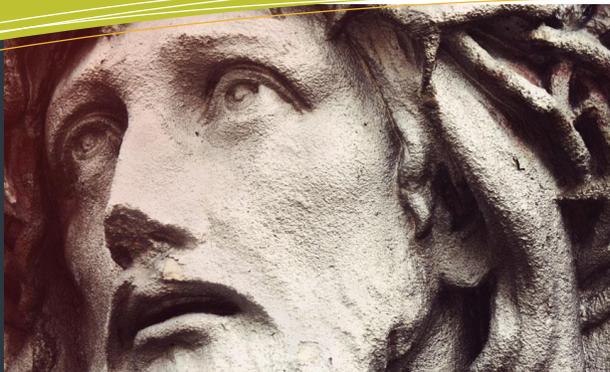
Welcome to the first edition of the What about RELIGION? monthly newsletter. This is the best way for you to keep up-to-date with our ongoing research about religion facts. Enjoy the reading!

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Christ never existed

From the last page of the Conclusion of the 701 well documented monumental book, "THE CHRIST SCANDAL" (Stanford House, 2008) by Tony Bushby, who says "Regardless of how many people may be disturbed, there is no religion superior to Truth".

"For people who accept the church's "profitable superstition" (Pope Leo X, d. 1521) without questioning, nothing more can be said; but any enquiring person undertaking the task of simply comparing oldest Bibles with newest Bibles will see how believing Christians were deliberately deceived for sixteen hundred years by men who present themselves as paragons of morality. Over that time, the church effectively created a written devise to instill (sic) and maintain a false belief and used it to preach as true and accurate what it knows is false and fraudulent. Christianity's central doctrines were rendered more dramatic for hoax and profit and reveal nothing proven historically. From beginning to end, the Gospel of Jesus Christ is a work of imaginative fiction

that, despite its age, possesses no factual merit and is used by the church as the very essence of its projections. The New Testament is not a unique divine revelation, and if its acknowledged forgeries were deleted, the blood and substance of the Christian religion would go with them.

The church admits that it cannot prove the existence of Jesus Christ and that makes Christianity a farce. In 1514 Pope Leo X called Christ "a fable" and later Pope Paul III expressed similar sentiments, saying that there "was no valid document to demonstrate the existence of Christ" [3]. He confessed that "Jesus never existed", adding that he "was no other than the sun, adored in its Mithraic sect" (Ibid). From that and similar papal pronouncements it is concluded that Jesus Christ was theologically created from premeditated frauds, a plethora of fake and forged documents and books, fictitious Gospels, suppression of early church records, mass murder of opponents, (-Think Inquisition-Author) and issustained today by false claims and a deceptive presentation of the facts.

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Moses never existed

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There is no evidence for the existence of Moses. Although he is portrayed as an influential member of the Egyptian royal household, he is not mentioned in any Egyptian record. Nor is there any evidence to support the idea that the Jews were ever held captive in Egypt or that they made an exodus from the country under Moses' command. The Egyptians chronicled their history in great detail but make no mention of any captive Jews. Amongst the hundreds of thousands of Egyptian monumental inscriptions, tomb inscriptions and papyri, there is complete silence about the '600,000 men on foot, besides women and children' who The Book of Exodus tells us escaped from Pharaoh's armies.

The story of Moses, with its many miracles, has all the hallmarks of a myth. The account of Moses' birth is a retelling of the myth of the birth of Sargon the Great, the king of

Akkad, which is known in a number of variations from the early sixth century BCE. Like Moses, the child Sargon is 'set in a basket of rushes' and 'cast into the river', from which he is later rescued by an influential woman. Similar Greek stories tell of the child Dionysus confined in a chest and thrown into the river Nile. These probably all go back to Egyptian stories which tell of Osiris confined in a chest and thrown in the Nile.

ABRAHAM

Abraham is considered to be the great patriarch of the Jewish nation. He is also an important figure for Christians and Muslims. Evidence for his existence is crucial to the idea that these three religions might all be 'Sons of Abraham', as is often claimed. According to Biblical chronology Abraham moved to Canaan about 2100 BCE. But this is impossible as Abraham is said to have come from the Chaldean city of Ur that did not exist until after 1000 BCE. Prior to this date there were no Chaldeans. Genesis tells us that Abraham's son Isaac sought help from Abimelech, the king of the

Philistines were not a presence in the area until after 1200 BCE. And although the camel is mentioned frequently in the stories of Abraham and the other patriarchs, the domestication of the camel did not happen until around 1000 BCE. The camel caravan described frequently in the Tanakh (Old Testament-author), with its cargo of 'gum, balm, and myrrh', did not become widespread until the eighth century BCE.

And this:

Originally published in 1999 in Ha'aretz magazine and then reprinted in the Biblical Archaeological Review, an article written by a Jewish professor at Tel Aviv University seeks to undermine biblical faith by denying the historicity of the patriarchs. The attack is cleverly disguised as pure science, but in truth it is only academic arrogance. Professor Herzog expresses in the article his frustration that his people (the Jews) refuse to accept his "scientific" conclusions. The rejection is not surprising, considering that the professor attempted to demolish 4,000 years of Jewish (and Christian)

history. Note the introductory summary of the article:

Following 70 years of intensive excavations in the Land of Israel, archaeologists have found out: The patriarchs' acts are legendary stories, we did not sojourn in Egypt or make an exodus, we did not conquer the land. Neither is there any mention of the empire of David and Solomon (Herzog, 1999).

The truth about Joseph Smith

"Imagine Joseph Smith wrapping his linen shirt around this 200 pound block of gold plates, tucking it casually under his arm and strolling off towards home, some three miles distance! Imagine him further, running at the top of his speed through the woods, jumping over logs, and knocking down not one or two, but three assailants in the process, all the while with the 200 pounds of gold plates safely under his arm! If anyone would care to experiment, lead is the nearest common metal to gold in weight, its specific gravity being 11.35. Try tucking a 200 pound block of lead under your arm, and running and leaping through the woods with it for three miles! Then ask yourself: Can I believe Joseph Smith's Story? "

Joseph Smith, the prophet and founder of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (Mormons) tells us that the Book of Mormon was translated from some golden plates shown to him by a heavenly messenger on September 21, 1823.

"While I was thus in the act of calling upon God I discovered a light appearing in the room which continued to increase until the room was lighter than at noonday, when immediately a personage appeared at

my bedside standing in the air for his feet did not touch the floor...When I first looked upon him I was afraid, but the fear soon left me. He called me by name, and said unto me that he was a messenger sent from the presence of God to me, and that his name was Nephi. [9] That God had a work for me to do, and that my name should be had for good and evil, among all nations, kindreds, and tongues; or that it should be both good and evil spoken of among all people. He said there was a book deposited written upon gold plates, giving an account of the former inhabitants of this continent, and the source from whence they sprang. He also said that the fullness of the everlasting gospel was contained in it, [10] as delivered by the Savior to the ancient inhabitants. Also that there were two stones in silver bows, and these stones fastened to a breastplate constituted what is called the Urim and Thummim, deposited with the plates, and the possession and use of these stones was what constituted seers in ancient or former times, and that God had prepared them for the purpose of translating the book." (Times and Seasons, vol. 3, p. 753; Comp.with Pearl of Great Price, p.52)

JOSEPH SAVES THE PLATES FROM THREE ASSAILANTS

After removing the plates from the stone box, Joseph hid them in a birch log until preparations could be made at home for the plates. then he went to retrieve them.

"The plates were secreted about three miles from home...Joseph, on coming to them, took them from their secret place, and wrapping them in his linen frock, placed them under his arm and started for home."

After proceeding a short distance, he thought it would be more safe to leave the road and go through the woods. Traveling some distance after he left the road, he came to a large windfall (sic Author), and as he was jumping over a log, a man sprang up from behind it, and gave him a heavy blow with a gun. Joseph turned around and knocked him down, then ran at the top of his speed. About half a mile further he was attacked again in the same manner as before; he knocked this man down in like manner as the former, and ran on again; and before he reached home he was assaulted the third time. In striking the last one he dislocated his thumb, which, however, he did not notice until he

came within sight of the house, when he threw himself down in the corner of the fence in order to recover his breath. As soon as he was able, he arose and came to the house." (Lucy Mack Smith, mother of Joseph Smith, in Biographical Sketches of Joseph Smith the Prophet, 1853, pp. 104-105; Comp. reprinted edition by Bookcraft Publishers in 1956 under the title History of Joseph Smith by His Mother, pp. 107- 108) Emphasis added.

THE WEIGHT OF THE PLATES

The weight of the plates makes the story incredible. The heavenly messenger told Joseph Smith that plates were of gold. Joseph described the plates as being 6 inches wide, 8 inches long, and something near 6 inches in thickness. Gold has certain interesting properties. It is a very heavy metal, its specific gravity being 19.3. It is very soft and malleable. Plates made of gold would therefore pack down very tightly when stacked. A little figuring will reveal to the reader that the plates weighed 200.81 pounds or thereabouts!

The base of the monument on the hill in New York where Joseph Smith allegedly found the golden plates depicts him kneeling and receiving the 200 pound plates from the heavenly messenger with outstretched arms. Quite a physical feat!

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Joseph Smith made the ludicrous mistake because he was dealing with imaginary gold. While real gold is very heavy, imaginary gold weighs nothing at all. And that is what Joseph Smith's golden plates were -- imaginary.

1 - In later versions of this account the heavenly messenger's name is changed to Moroni.

2 - There is a list of "everlasting" doctrines that are not contained in the Book of Mormon.