



Part 1: *The New Testament As History*

Christianity began as a cult with almost wholly Pagan origins and motivations in the first century.

~ *Tom Harper, The Pagan Christ*

Thousands of souls in the Pagan world were on fire with the pure flame of divine passion of the Christly love centuries before Jesus ever lived.

~ *Alvin Boyd Kuhn, Scholar who influenced Harpur*

There was no such person in the history of the world as Jesus Christ. There was no historical, living, breathing human being by that name. Ever. The Bible is fictional, non-historical narrative. The myth is good for business.

~ *Jon Murray, founder of American Atheists*

There is not a particle of evidence that 'Jesus of Nazareth' ever existed.

~ *Joseph Leidner, Jewish Historian*

My point, once again, is not that those ancient people told literal stories and we are now smart enough to take them symbolically, but that they told them symbolically and we are now dumb enough to take them literally.

~ *John Dominic Crossan, Historian*

When the Bible is historically accurate, it is only accidentally so: reporting was not of the slightest interest to its writers. They had a story to tell which could only be told by myth and metaphor.

~ *Northrop Frye, Educator*

The sacred scriptures are written in language of myth and symbol and the Christian religion threw away and lost the very soul of their meaning when it mistranslated this language into alleged history instead of reading it as spiritual allegory.

~ *Alvin Boyd Kuhn, Scholar who influenced Harpur*

The Gospels do not contain the history of an actual man, but the myth of the God-Man, Jesus, *clothed in historical dress*.

~ *Gerald Massey, Scholar who influenced Harpur*

The evidence suggests that the New Testament is not a history of actual events, but a history of the evolution of Christian mythology.

~ *Timothy Freke & Peter Gandy, The Jesus Mysteries*

The truth is that the Gospels are indeed the old manuscripts of the dramatized rituals of the incarnation and resurrection of the sun god Osiris/Horis, rituals that were first Egyptian, later Gnostic and Hellenic, then Hebrew, and finally adopted ignorantly by the Christian movement and transferred to the arena of history.

~ *Tom Harpur, The Pagan Christ*

I can't prove that Jesus never existed, by the way, and I don't think anybody can, but it makes sense to me that he did not, as a historical person. But there are always surprises.

~ *Tom Harpur, CBC Radio Interview*

I love surprises.

~ *Bruxy Cavey*