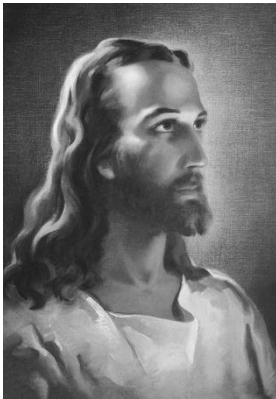




HISTORY AND REALITY DEMOLISH THE ATHEIST CASE AGAINST JESUS

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This New Year of 2017 begins in the midst of the most atheistic era of American history. Sadly, the generations of the 21st century have been trapped in soul bondage by a loud, angry parade of nonsense and irrationality. How nonsensical and irrational is it? History's Greatest Figure has been demoted to History's Greatest Imaginary Friend.

The atheist prosecution case against Jesus has been brazenly presented in the Court of Public Opinion through the giant loudspeaker of the Media-Education Complex for most of the last 90 years. Conspicuous in its absence is the other side of the case. So, here at the start of 2017 is the defense case in the Court of Public Opinion for Jesus being who the Bible presents him as - the supernatural God in flesh.

So - let's call to the witness stand History and Reality.

1 - JESUS IS THE MOST WORLD CHANGING MAN IN HISTORY

In his *Killing Jesus* book, TV talk show host Bill O'Reilly claims that this fact is so well known that it has become "banal." Did you know that Jesus is History's Great Figure? Renowned atheist historian, H.G. Wells, ranked history's greatest figures in a famous 1935 *Readers Digest* article. Announcing his disbelief in Jesus as God, Wells rated Jesus history's major figure with no close second. Jesus is the most world-changing man in 6000 years of recorded history.

One of the most nonsensical, history-illiterate phenomena of the 21st century is the Media-Education Complex' ranking of history's greatest figures that either ignores History's Great Man or ridiculously downgrades Jesus to standing between Charles Darwin and the Beatles.

2 - JESUS IS THE CLOCK OF THE MODERN WORLD

The world counts time according to Jesus' vow at the end of the *Bible* ("Surely, I come quickly" - Rev 22:20) to return, end the shelf life of this fallen world and inaugurate eternity. The Roman Empire first set the clock by Jesus' promise in the fourth century. The Roman Church, on the Bible-analysis of the great Roman theologian Augustine of Hippo, placed the hands of Roman Empire time in the 1000 year reign of Jesus, forecast in *Revelation 20*, "calling it, the Millennium" (Latin - "1000").

Rome's analysis of Bible prophecy proved inaccurate when the year 1000 came and went, and 1000 years later, Christ still hasn't come back. Yet, the world continues to count time according to Jesus' end-of-the-Bible pledge to come again and end time. Because Rome located real time in the Christ-millennium of Bible prophecy (*Revelation*

20), that explains why there was so much commotion and hysteria around the year 1000 - and just as much, if not more in the decade leading up to 2000. Both signaled the return of the man on whose vow to come back that the modern world counts years by.

Each year is a click on the Jesus clock. New Year's Eve always carries with it the ghost question - will this be the year the Savior returns? There are many Americans who suspect Jesus may return in 2017.

3 - THE WORLD COUNTS TIME ON A MAN PREDICTED BY GOD BEFORE TIME BEGAN



This Jesus-Clock-of-The-Modern-World becomes even more astonishing in light of the second prophecy in the most authoritative book in America. Did you know that the very first prophecy of Jesus is at the very beginning of the Bible? The Creator, at the very beginning of The Bible, forecasts the appearance of His Son - before time began! This could be the most amazing fact of history. In the most advanced time in history, almost the entire world, which is mostly anti-Christian, counts time on the promise of the man announced by the Creator in the *Bible's* second prophecy. God predicted this supernatural hero to Adam, Eve and the "Serpent" during their judgment hearing before Him in the Garden of Eden. Genesis 3:15 states, "And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel."

Evangelical scholars call this prophecy the "protoevangelium," a fancy word meaning "the first good news." Genesis 3:15 is compressed symbolism that could never have been understood until it was fulfilled by Jesus' life. When the ancient prophetic poetry in Genesis 3:15 is

decoded, we can see (1) a man, (2) a virgin-born savior (3) who will be gravely wounded (4) but then rises to crush the head of the serpent (Satan) that instigated the fall of humanity. By implication, the destruction of this fallen angel, clothed as a serpent (the devil), signals the return of an Edenic paradise and eternal life.

The Bible's first prophecy is death for treason, rebellion against the Creator. Genesis 2:17 states, "But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it; for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die." The second prophecy is the antidote to DEATH. This Redeemer-Savior nullifies death and grants entrance into the good part of eternal life to those who elect Him their King.

4 - THE GREATEST ANCIENT EMPIRE CHOSE JESUS AS IT'S GOD.

In one of the mammoth ironies of history, the Roman Empire executed Jesus on the legal charge of treason. He was put to death as a revolutionary enemy of the Empire. And then bizarrely, centuries later - Rome confirmed the truth of its charge that Jesus was trying to take over the empire by making him the Roman Empire's God. The question is - how did this dead man conquer the empire nearly four centuries after it executed him for trying to take over the empire?

5 - JESUS IS HISTORY'S SUPERNATURAL FIGURE, HISTORY'S SUPERHERO

Jesus' resurrection from death defines him as History's Superman. Death defeated all the great men of history, like Alexander the Great and Mohammed. Only Jesus was able to defeat death by his resurrection. This fact establishes him not just as history's Super Hero, but as Supernatural Man. A majority of the world, led by Atheists, Communists, Muslims and Humanist liberals publicly deny the truth of this historical event on which history's biggest religion stands and time is measured. *

* Skeptics, believing they have the trump card on the myth of heaven and hell, like to tell pastors after a funeral, "Well reverend, there may be life beyond death, but nobody has ever come back to tell us that." Didn't history's most influential man, the clock of the modern world, do just that?

However, there is another big fact that displays Jesus' supernatural power that the anti-Christian crusade has a harder time denying. Nothing defines Jesus' supernatural power more obviously and publicly than the fact that he became History's Greatest Figure AFTER he "died."

Let's pause to remember that "the historical Jesus" was a prominent failure in his mission to save Israel from, among other things, the first Jewish holocaust (1 million victims), the horrific destruction of Jerusalem and the nearly two millennium exile Rome inflicted on God's chosen people in 70 AD. As Jesus' corpse was taken down from the cross - an event that America pauses to remember every spring - he appeared to be just another imposter pretending to be the fulfillment of the Jewish Messiah predicted in hundreds of Old Testament prophecies.

It's what happened after his death and resurrection, in the agency of his believers whom the Bible calls "the Body of Christ," that defines historically the awesome, supernatural power of History's Great Figure, the one on whose promise the world counts time.

6 - THE MODERN WORLD IS A PRODUCT OF GOD'S WORD AND HIS SON



It was that small part of the globe, once called "Christendom," where the modern world, modern science, mass literacy and the most eutopian era of history began. Although atheists hysterically deny this, the modern science that transformed the world from medieval to modern began in Christendom, based on the Bible's presentation of God as both Creator - and Governor - of the physical world.

The Bible shows God rules the world through laws. The modern scientific method of experimentation arose in England, in the second century of the Reformation, when the Bible was the most-read-book. England's sharpest minds, in particular in the great universities, were reading God's Word, regarding it as ultimate truth, not ancient superstition. During their reading, they found that the Creator rules the physical world with invisible "laws." Francis Bacon, known as "the father of Western Science," believing that God's laws can be understood by experimentation, set the foundation for the modern experimental process that helped create the modern world.

There are three terms that preserve the origin of modern science as the discovery of God's divine laws - (1) "Science," (2) "Nature's God," (3) "logos." The English word "knowledge" comes from the Greek word "Gnosticism." Because Gnosticism was an ancient Mid-East philosophy that was an enemy of early Christianity and a synonym for ancient wizardry, it was unacceptable for Christian England.

Bacon chose "science" for the new process of experimentation because, though it meant "knowledge," it carried the additional meaning of "divine knowledge." This becomes apparent in the word, "conscience," which is two Greek words, "with" (con) "knowledge" (science). Evolutionists tell us apes have 98 percent of the genetic makeup of humans - but they don't have consciences. Conscience is the divinely implanted knowledge of morality, of right and wrong. It is thus "divine knowledge." And that is the now hidden meaning of the word, "science" - the knowledge of God's divine laws.

(2) "Nature's God," used at the beginning of the Declaration of Independence is a term coined during the previous century that referred to the new science. It meant simply, that the laws of nature are God's laws.

(3) "Logos." And finally, there are the suffixes of the modern sciences - biology, psychology etc. - from the Greek, "Logos." This term is used in the original Greek text of the Gospel of John, translated into English as "Word." John's gospel begins presenting "logos," ("the Word") as the divine laws of creation and announcing Jesus is the manifestation of the laws that created the universe in the flesh.

This connects modern science - i.e., the discovery of the divine laws that rule the universe - to Jesus, the divine agent of the creation of the world.

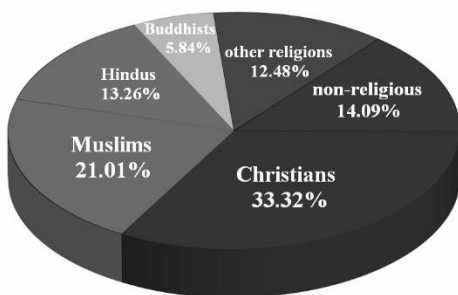
7 - THE LONGEST WAR IN HISTORY HAS BEEN WAGED AGAINST JESUS

Another of the great ironies of history is the fact that the longest collective war in history has been waged against Jesus, and his followers, a.k.a., the “Body of Christ.” For 2000 years, from the time Jesus walked the earth to today, History’s Great Man has been under siege. This war against God-in-flesh began with the Jewish leaders who Jesus said were controlled by the devil (Jn 8:44). Then it was the greatest of the ancient empires (Rome), ruled by one evil emperor after another. Jesus’ third major enemy is what is now the second largest religion in history - Islam. Bringing up the caboose of this 2000-year anti-Christ train is modern socialism-communism-liberalism.

On the heels of the American Revolution victory, the atheist French Revolution started the socialist-communist wars against Christianity that made the 20th century the greatest era of mass murder, with Christians being the chief victims. The greatest year of Christian martyrdom was 2015, when over 90,000 Christians were martyred for their faith. The vast majority of murdered Christians was not in the first century, but in the last century. Islam and communism become “blood brothers” since together they are history’s greatest mass-murderers of Christians.

8 - FAITH IN JESUS IS HISTORY’S LARGEST RELIGION

World Religions by percentage



From an international, historical perspective, nothing makes atheism look like a nonsense cult more than the fact that in the progressive refinement of history, Christianity became History’s Great Religion. Somewhere around one of every three people on earth identify themselves as Christian. The greatest civilization in history (Western Civilization a.k.a., “Christendom”) sits on the foundation of Christianity. And History’s Great Nation, America, is the modern world’s most Christian nation. Most Americans claim to be Christian.

Jesus is the Spiritual King and greatest “celebrity” of History’s Great Nation - and - the clock of the modern world. This, atheists insist, is all meaningless while claiming to hold the intellectual high ground on Jesus, Christianity and the Bible.

The evidence for Jesus’ divinity is clear and authoritative. However, Christ-followers are supposed to be “witnesses” of who Jesus is. And yet most American Christians are so wrapped up in “the world” that they look like the world. Worse yet, when the issue of Christian hypocrisy comes up, far too many pastors make a joke about it, like saying to skeptics, “Well c’mon in, we can use one more hypocrite.” The difference between pastors’ view of hypocrisy and God’s view is night and day. The Bible says God hates hypocrisy. And it gives a foul odor to the church.

Every Christian is a Christ witness. Some are witnesses for Christ and some are witnesses against the truth of Christ. In the final analysis, the atheist state of America today is in large part a product of Christian hypocrisy, of Christians who put on the Christian coat on Sundays but wear the coat of the world the rest of the week.

I’m hardly the perfect witness of Jesus Christ. I’m guilty of too much worldly thinking, which produces worldly speech and action. But I am going to feed myself more of God’s Word and meet more with Christ daily so that, with a healthier diet of Christ, I have more of the mind of Christ, and can thus be a more productive witness, and have something of value to say during my accountability meeting with Christ.

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