

INTRODUCTION

Most people growing up in the West have a pretty definite idea of who Jesus Christ was and what he taught. Jesus of Nazareth was born of a virgin, grew up in Palestine and spent the later years of his rather short life teaching of the coming of the Kingdom of God. He began a new religion which was to become one of the driving forces in Western civilization. For those who worship him, he is the son of God, part of the Godhead, or God Himself. To millions of people, this is the truth. But is it?

Well, partially. Many of the major tenets of Christianity developed centuries after the death of Christ. Some of them are contrary to his actual teachings. We will examine some of these using the Bible itself as our main reference.

Then we will look at some revolutionary new developments in scriptural study. This new information is so comprehensive and conclusive that it offers us a new yardstick for evaluating and comparing traditional Christian understanding.

This is a big claim, and will necessarily be received with healthy skepticism, as any such claim should be. As detailed in Chapters 9 and 10, this evidence is an extremely intricate, computer decoded numerical structure which was discovered pervading ancient documents. The vastness and intricacy of this numerical structure is clearly super-human.

The first known report of this comprehensive mathematical coding was presented more than 900 years ago by a Hasidic Jewish rabbi, Judah the Pious. He put forth the theory “that the words and letters of the scripture are not accidental, but their order, and especially their numbers, reflect a mystical harmony.”

Recent developments expand and demonstrate his theory to the extent that many researchers consider them to be proof not only of Judah the Pious’ theory, but of the existence of God as well.

The references in this book cover a wide range of documents, including the Torah, the Old Testament, the New Testament, the Nag Hammadi Library, the Dead Sea Scrolls, numerous pieces of Apocryphal Christian literature, and the Quran, as well as the views of numerous Christian scholars.

Unless otherwise specified, the biblical quotes are from *THE NEW AMERICAN BIBLE, Translated from the Original Languages with Critical Use of All the Ancient Sources*, Catholic Biblical Association of America, Catholic Press, 1970. Sometimes known as the Catholic Bible, this version was chosen only because it is readily available and, unlike the King James version, it is translated from the oldest available sources rather than from previous biblical translations.

Most of the Quranic quotations are taken from *QURAN: THE FINAL TESTAMENT, Authorized English Version, Translated from the Original Arabic*, translated by Rashad

Khalifa, Islamic Productions, 1989. Several quotations were translated by him specifically for this book before his manuscript had been published.

The truths which Jesus taught are an integral and critical part of human spiritual development, and of the development of Western civilization in general. Those who truly wish to follow the religion of this man, and wish to worship God as he taught, will find many questions raised, and, I hope, many more answered in this volume.

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