

IS
ATHEISM
DEAD?

ERIC METAXAS



ROGER PENROSE
2020 NOBEL PRIZE (PHYSICS)

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THE "PENROSE NUMBER"

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ATHEIST

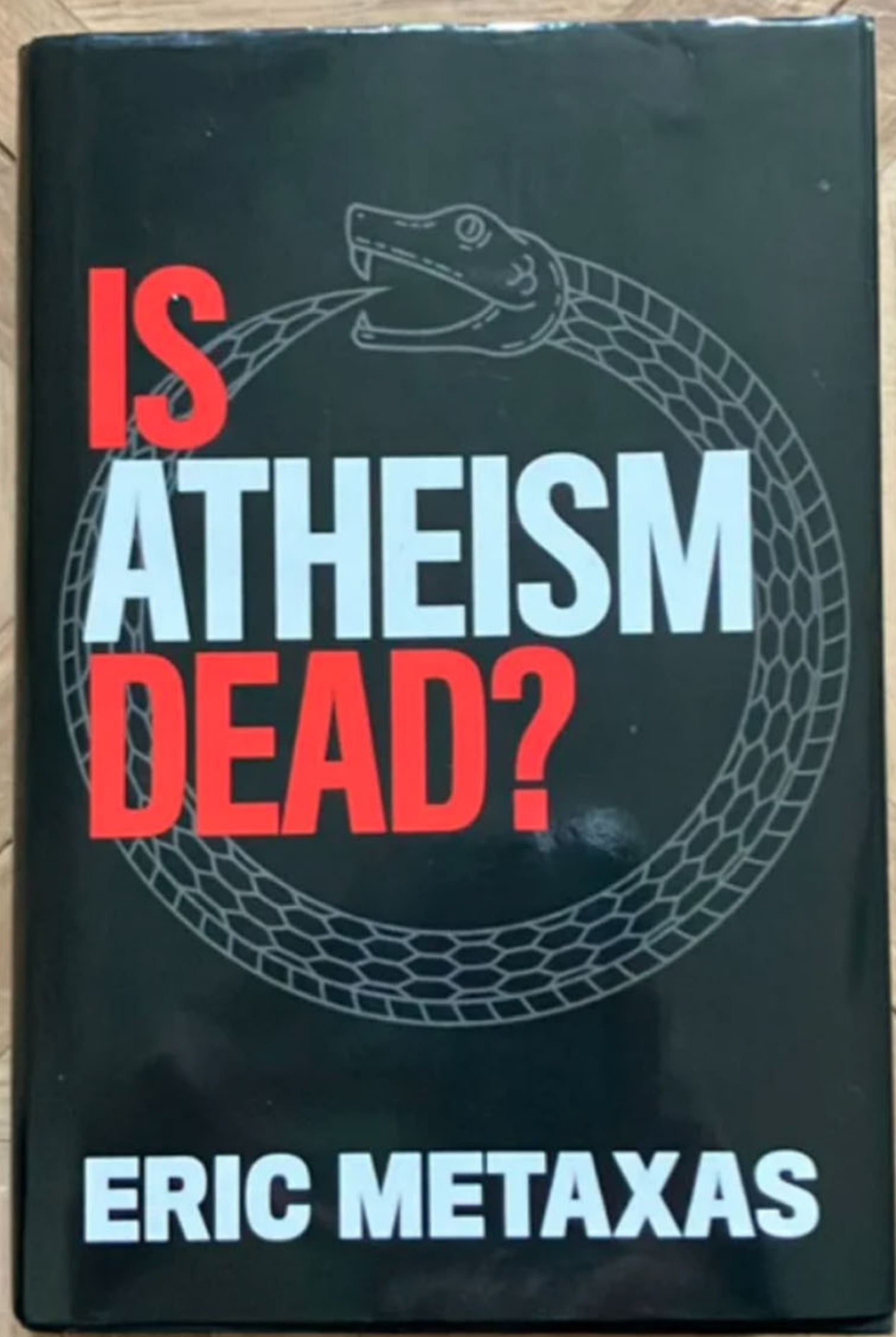
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WHY THERE IS SOMETHING RATHER THAN NOTHING

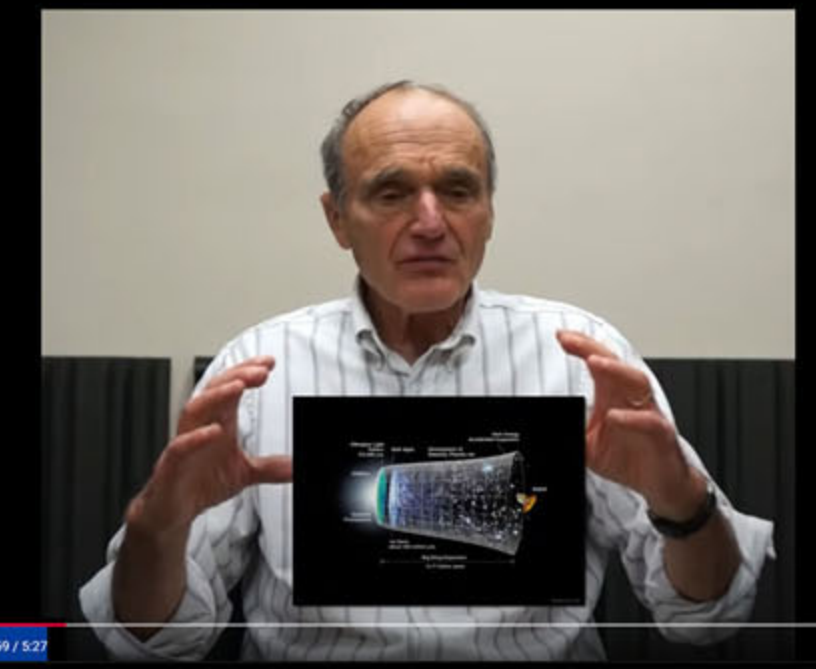
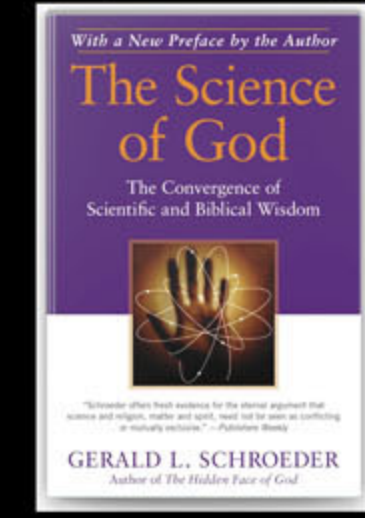
A UNIVERSE FROM NOTHING

"Essential, engrossing, and brilliant."
—IAN McEWAN

Lawrence M. Krauss
Afterword by RICHARD DAWKINS



Dr. Gerald L. Schroeder PhD
Massachusetts Institute of Technology
Nuclear Physics & Earth/ Planetary Physics



Allan Sandage-PhD Astronomy & Cosmology
DETERMINED EXPANSION RATE OF UNIVERSE

"Here is evidence for what can only be described as a supernatural event."

ABANDONED ATHEISM
BECAME CHRISTIAN



SIR FRED HOYLE - Astronomer
DISCOVERED STELLAR NUCLEOSYNTHESIS FROM HYDROGEN

"A common sense interpretation of the facts suggests that a superintellect has monkeyed with physics, as well as with chemistry, and biology....."

HE THEN ABANDONED ATHEISM



PHD PHYSICS
ATHEIST

"LOGICAL NECESSITY"

powerful entity for which there is simply no other evidence.

In this regard, there is another important point to stress here. The apparent logical necessity of First Cause is a real issue for any universe that has a beginning. Therefore, on the basis of logic alone one cannot rule out such a deistic view of nature. But even in this case it is vital to realize that this deity bears no logical connection to the personal deities of the world's great religions, in spite of the fact that it is often used to justify them. A deist who is compelled to search for some overarching intelligence to establish order in nature will not, in general, be driven to the personal God of the scriptures by the same logic.

These issues have been debated and discussed for millennia, by brilliant and not-so-brilliant minds, many of the latter making their current living by debating them. We

**NOT
SAME LOGIC**

THE SCIENTIFIC JOURNEY OF

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'healthy'

SKEPTIC

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SCIENCE vs HISTORY



Can

"PROVE" Things

(TALK 1)



Cannot

"PROVE" Things

(TODAYS TALK)

LEVELS
of **PROOF**
(credibility testing)





how do historians separate fact from myth?



◆ AI Overview

Historians separate fact from myth by using the **historical method**, a rigorous process of source evaluation. They cross-reference **primary sources** (like diaries and official records), analyze **material evidence** (like artifacts), and look for physical or narrative **corroboration** across multiple independent accounts to verify what actually happened.

The main tools historians use to separate fact from legend include:

- **Source Criticism:** Historians evaluate accounts for bias, exaggeration, or political motives.
- **Archaeological Corroboration:** Through [Historical Method](#) experts frequently discuss how the **discovery of physical ruins helps validate or contextualize ancient myths.**



THE HISTORICAL JOURNEY

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CREDIBILITY TESTING

HISTORY

via

COURTROOM APPROACH

WHO
IS
GOD

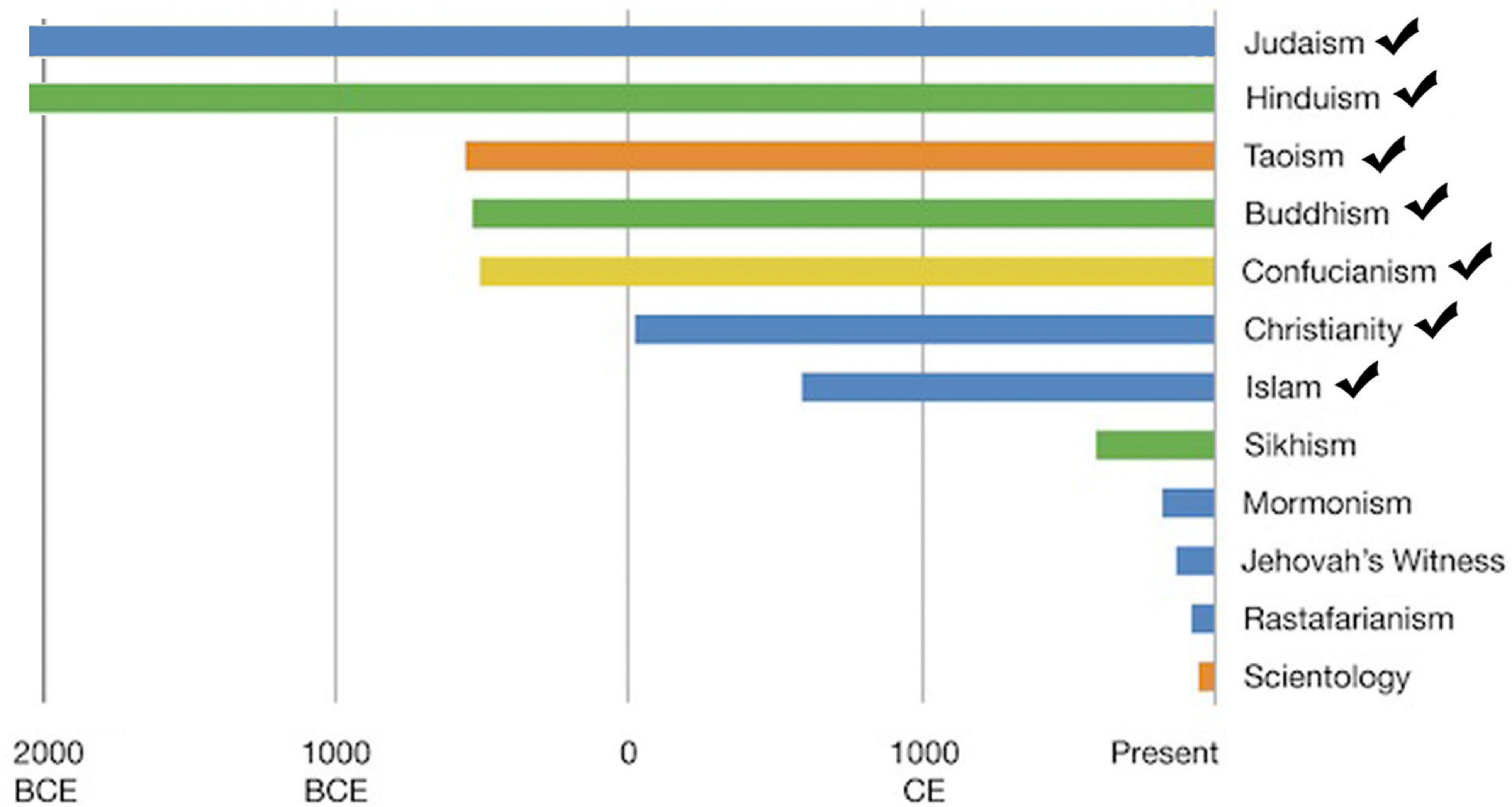


THESIS

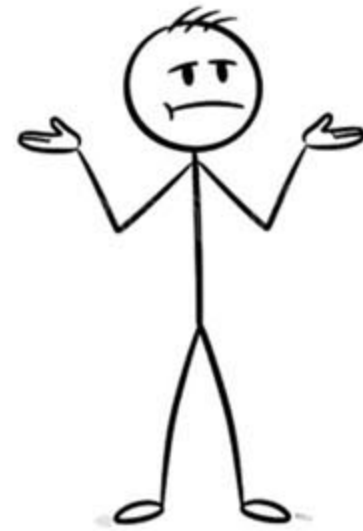
There is no religion as
HISTORICALLY Supported
as Christianity.

Dr. Mouhab Z. Rizkallah, **Skeptic**

APPEARANCE OF RELIGIONS



MILLIONS OF GODS
OR NO GOD CLAIM



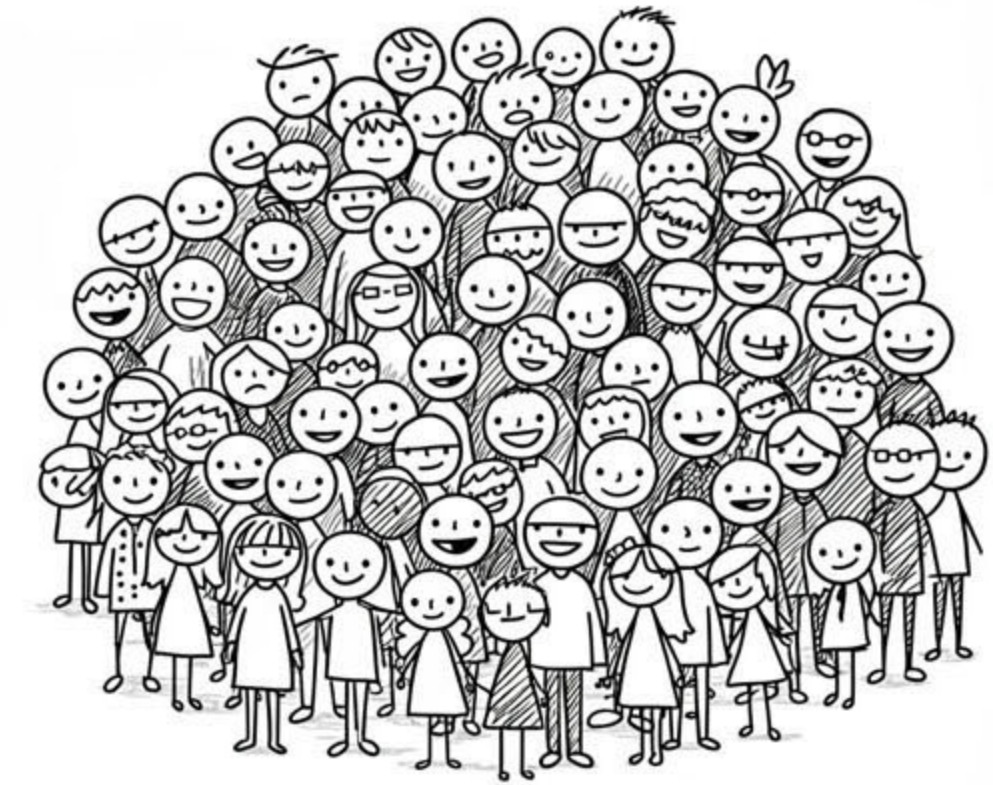
PICK GOD YOU WANT
OR DON'T

PRIVATE ENCOUNTER/MIRACLE
NO PUBLIC MIRACLES



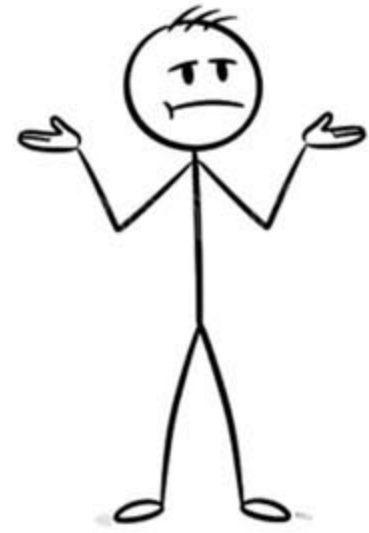
1 PERSON TOLD OTHERS
WHO GOD IS

PUBLIC MIRACLES



MULTIPLE PEOPLE TOLD OTHERS
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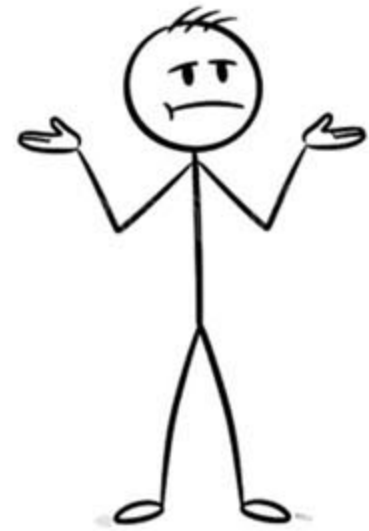
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HINDUISM/ BUDDHISM CONFUCIANISM/ TAOISM

ISLAM

JUDAISM/ CHRISTIANITY

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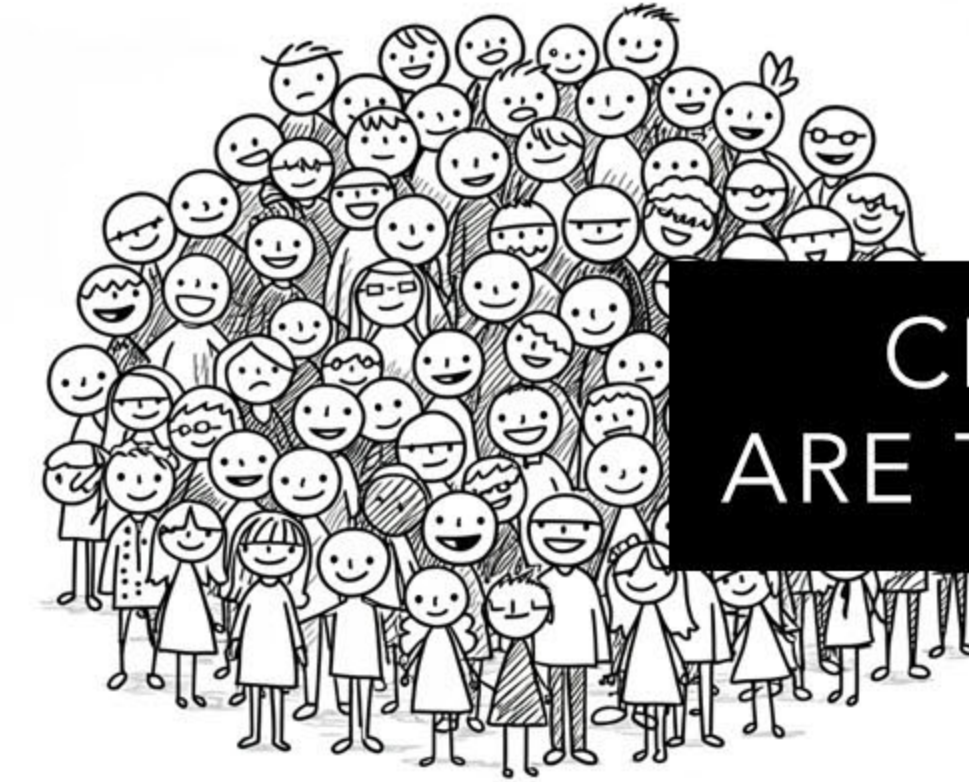
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how many gods are in hinduism



All

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Short videos

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◆ AI Overview

Hinduism is characterized by a vast pantheon of deities, often estimated at **330 million or more**, although this number is symbolic rather than literal and represents the diverse manifestations of the divine.



does buddhism have a god



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AI Overview

No, Buddhism is considered a non-theistic religion, meaning it does not believe in a creator god or a personal deity. While some Buddhists may believe in or revere certain deities within a wider pantheon, Buddhism's core teachings focus on the path to enlightenment and liberation from suffering, rather than worship of a supreme being.



MUHAMMAD (ISLAM)

IN 609 AD, CLAIMS TO HAVE (ALONE)
RECEIVED MESSAGES (QURAN) FROM GOD.

BUT QURAN SAYS HE DID NO MIRACLES

Without
MIRACLES
Why
BELIEVE
his WORDS?



Does the Quran say muhammad will do NO miracles



◆ AI Overview

Yes, the Quran **strongly** emphasizes that Muhammad did not perform physical or supernatural miracles to prove his prophethood. When skeptics demanded miraculous signs, the Quran states his only role was to deliver the divine revelation and act as a warner.

Key verses outline this stance:

- Surah Al-An'am (17:59):

"And they say, 'Why are not signs sent down to him from his Lord?' Say, 'The signs are only with Allah, and I am only a clear warner.'"

- Surah Al-Isra (17:90-93)
- Surah Al-Ankabut (29:50)
- Surah Al-Ankabut (29:51)

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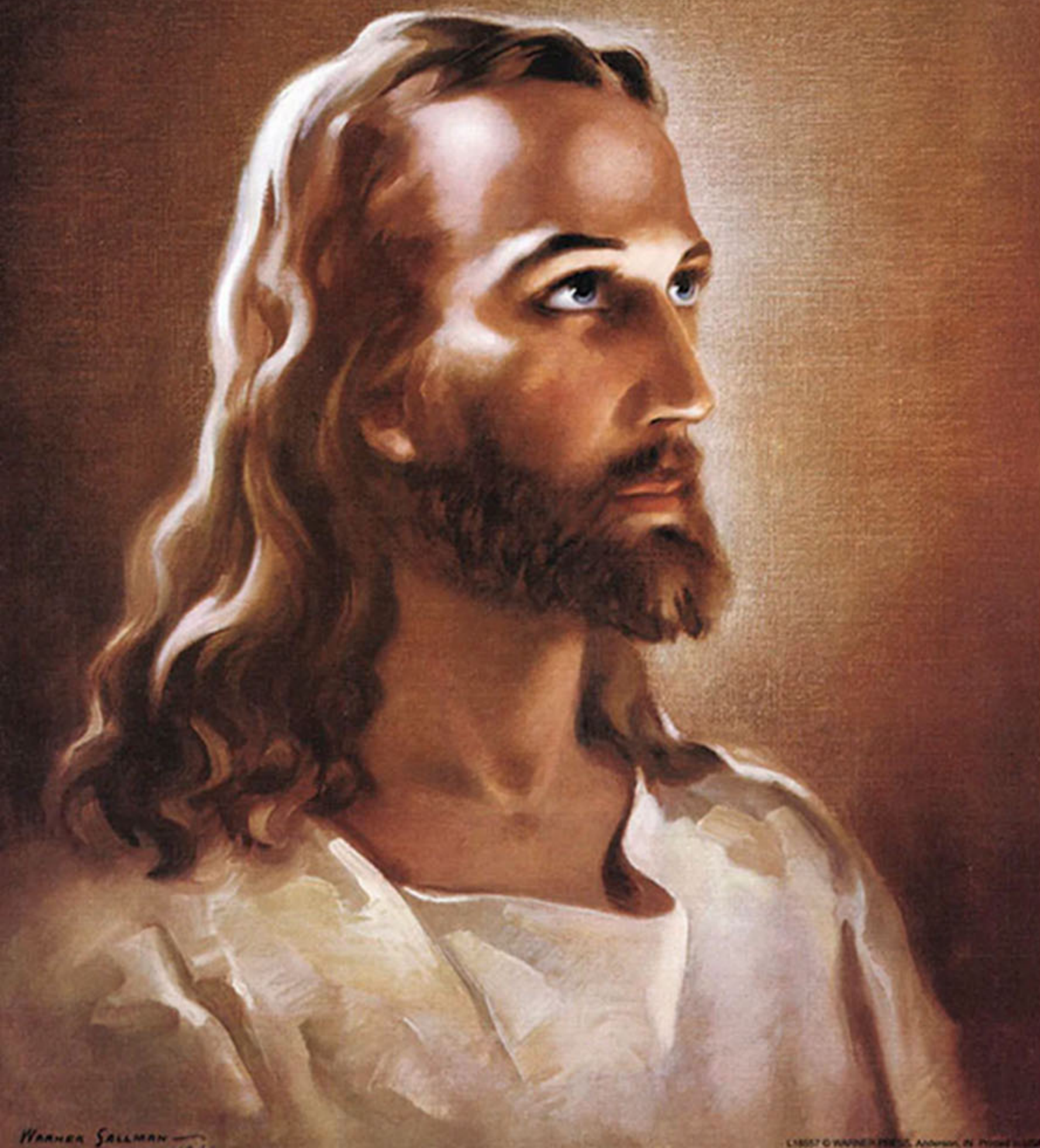
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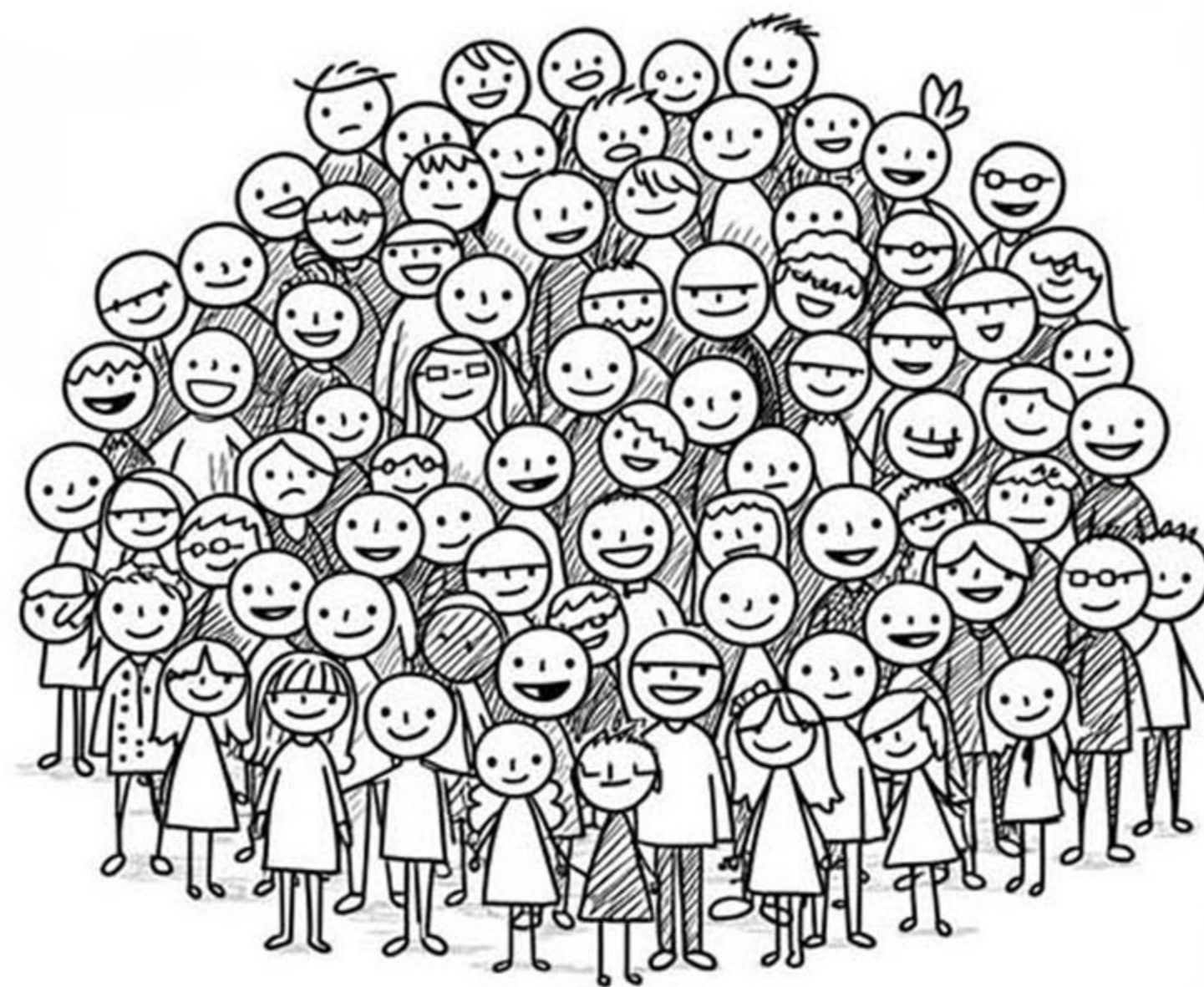
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JESUS CHRIST



37

PUBLIC MIRACLES?



&

RISES AFTER
CRUCIFIXION?



JESUS CHRIST



JOHN 14:11

"BELIEVE me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; or at least **BELIEVE in the EVIDENCE** of the works themselves."

Do you BELIEVE him



THE BELIEF EQUATION

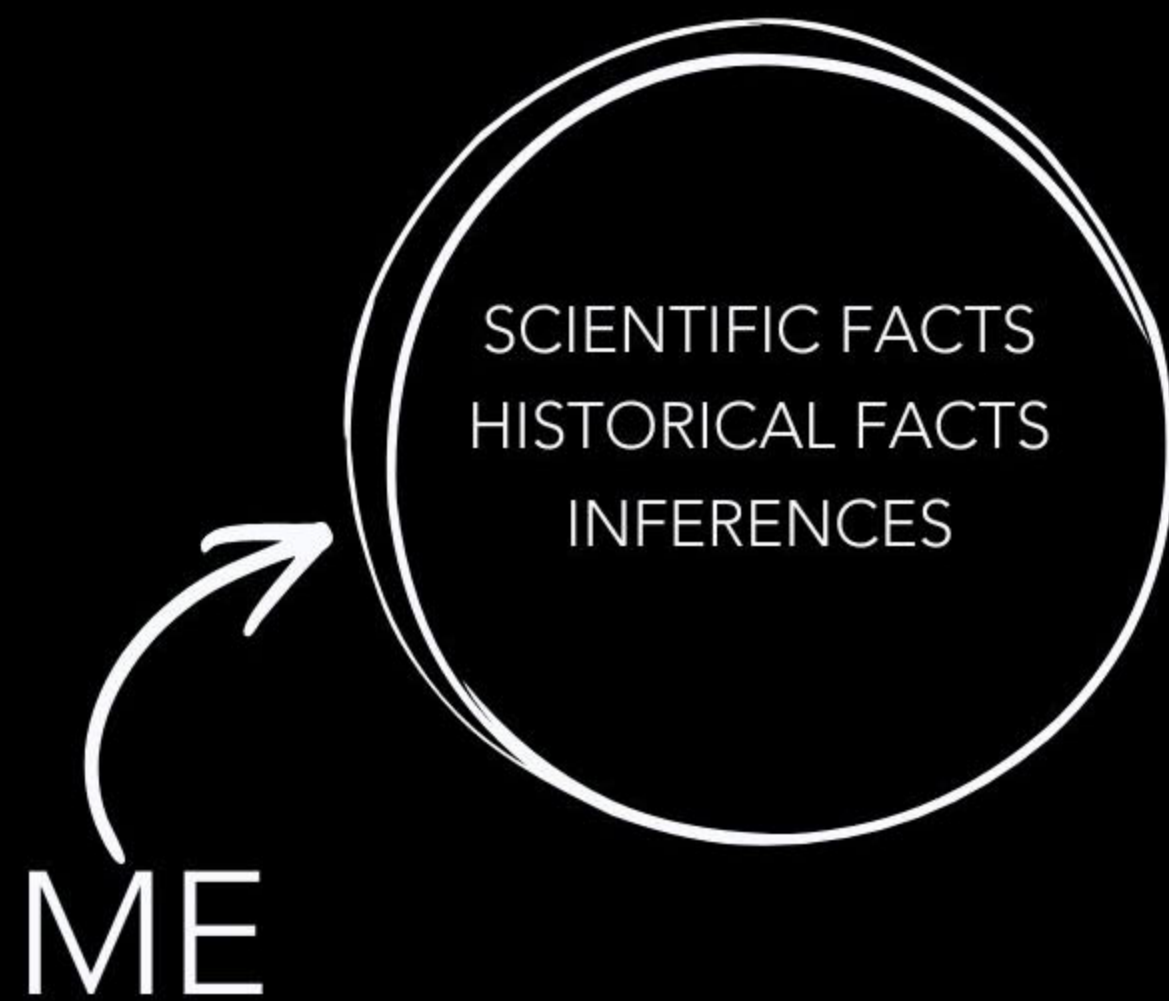
(THINGS SEEN)

(THINGS NOT SEEN)

BELIEF = KNOWLEDGE + FAITH

(THINGS SEEN) (THINGS NOT SEEN)

BELIEF = KNOWLEDGE + FAITH



I used to say: ISN'T HE JUST A MYTH?



DO YOU "BELIEVE" IN CHRIST?



Now I say: HIS HISTORY IS COMPELLING

WHY THE CHANGE?

GAINED

KNOWLEDGE

- HISTORICAL METHOD FACT-FINDING
- HISTORICAL SCIENCE INFERENCES
- CREDIBILITY TESTING (COURTROOM)

TEST HISTORY OF CHRIST



USING
COURTROOM
APPROACH

TEST HISTORY OF CHRIST



YOU

CREDIBILITY
DECISION

TEST HISTORY OF CHRIST



TESTIMONY



DISINTERESTED
DIRECT
HOSTILE

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST?

CREDIBILITY
DECISION

WHAT
ALLEGEDLY OCCURRED?



37 ALLEGED MIRACLES OF JESUS

(Chronological Order)

#	Miracle
1	Jesus Turns Water into Wine at the Wedding in Cana
2	Jesus Heals an Official's Son at Capernaum in Galilee
3	Jesus Drives Out an Evil Spirit From a Man in Capernaum
4	Jesus Heals Peter's Mother-in-Law Sick With Fever
5	Jesus Heals Many Sick and Oppressed at Evening
6	First Miraculous Catch of Fish on the Lake of Gennesaret
7	Jesus Cleanses a Man With Leprosy
8	Jesus Heals a Centurion's Paralyzed Servant in Capernaum
9	Jesus Heals a Paralytic Who Was Let Down From the Roof
10	Jesus Heals a Man's Withered Hand on the Sabbath
11	Jesus Raises a Widow's Son From the Dead in Nain
12	Jesus Calms a Storm on the Sea
13	Jesus Casts Demons into a Herd of Pigs
14	Jesus Heals a Woman in the Crowd With an Issue of Blood
15	Jesus Raises Jairus' Daughter Back to Life
16	Jesus Heals Two Blind Men
17	Jesus Heals a Man Who Was Unable to Speak
18	Jesus Heals an Invalid at Bethesda

#	Miracle
19	Jesus Feeds 5,000 Plus Women and Children
20	Jesus Walks on Water
21	Jesus Heals Many Sick in Gennesaret as They Touch His Garment
22	Jesus Heals a Gentile Woman's Demon-Possessed Daughter
23	Jesus Heals a Deaf and Dumb Man
24	Jesus Feeds 4,000 Plus Women and Children
25	Jesus Heals a Blind Man at Bethsaida
26	Jesus Heals a Man Born Blind by Spitting in His Eyes
27	Jesus Heals a Boy With an Unclean Spirit
28	Miraculous Temple Tax in a Fish's Mouth
29	Jesus Heals a Blind, Mute Demoniac
30	Jesus Heals a Woman Who Had Been Crippled for 18 Years
31	Jesus Heals a Man With Dropsy on the Sabbath
32	Jesus Cleanses Ten Lepers on the Way to Jerusalem
33	Jesus Raises Lazarus from the Dead in Bethany
34	Jesus Restores Sight to Bartimaeus in Jericho
35	Jesus Withers the Fig Tree on the Road From Bethany
36	Jesus Heals a Servant's Severed Ear While He Is Being Arrested
37	The Second Miraculous Catch of Fish at the Sea of Tiberias





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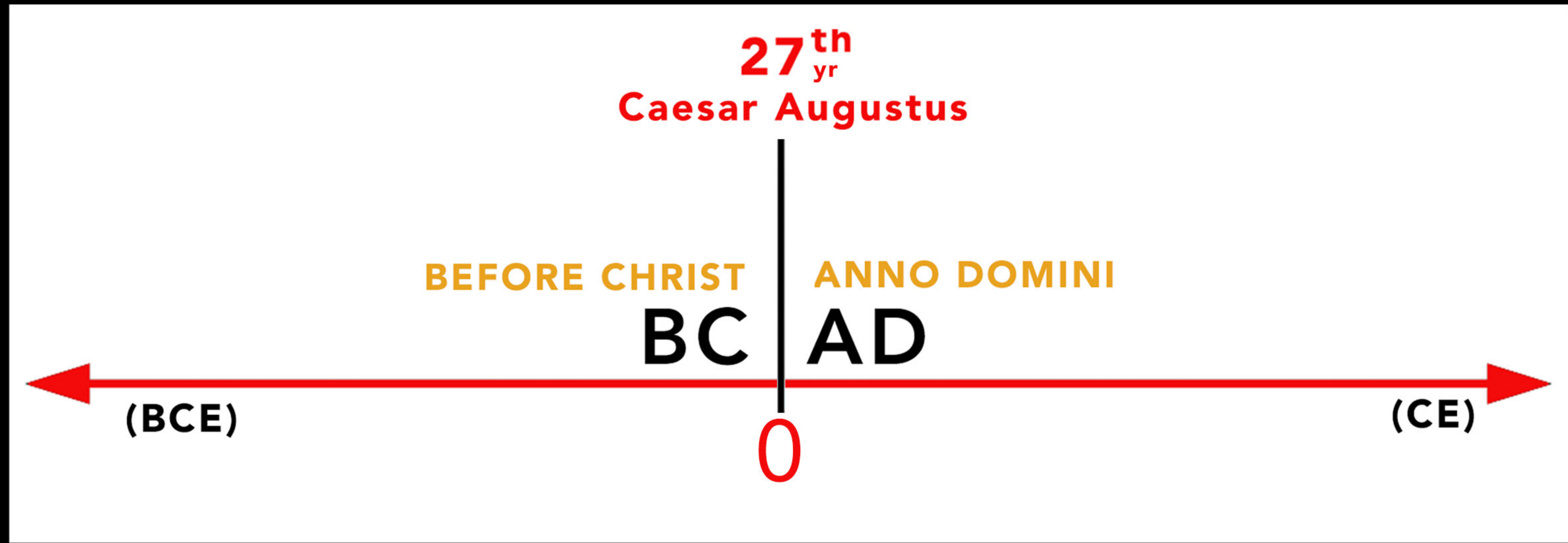
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WHEN &

WHERE

DID THIS ALLEGEDLY OCCUR?

this guy reset the **TIMELINE OF HISTORY** to his birthday



THE ROMAN EMPIRE

CAESAR TIBERIUS

(33 AD)
CRUCIFIED
CHRIST



THE ROMAN EMPIRE

c. CAESAR CONSTANTINE

(313 AD)
DECRIMINALIZES
CHRISTIANITY
(EDICT OF MILAN)
&
HE BECOMES
CHRISTIAN



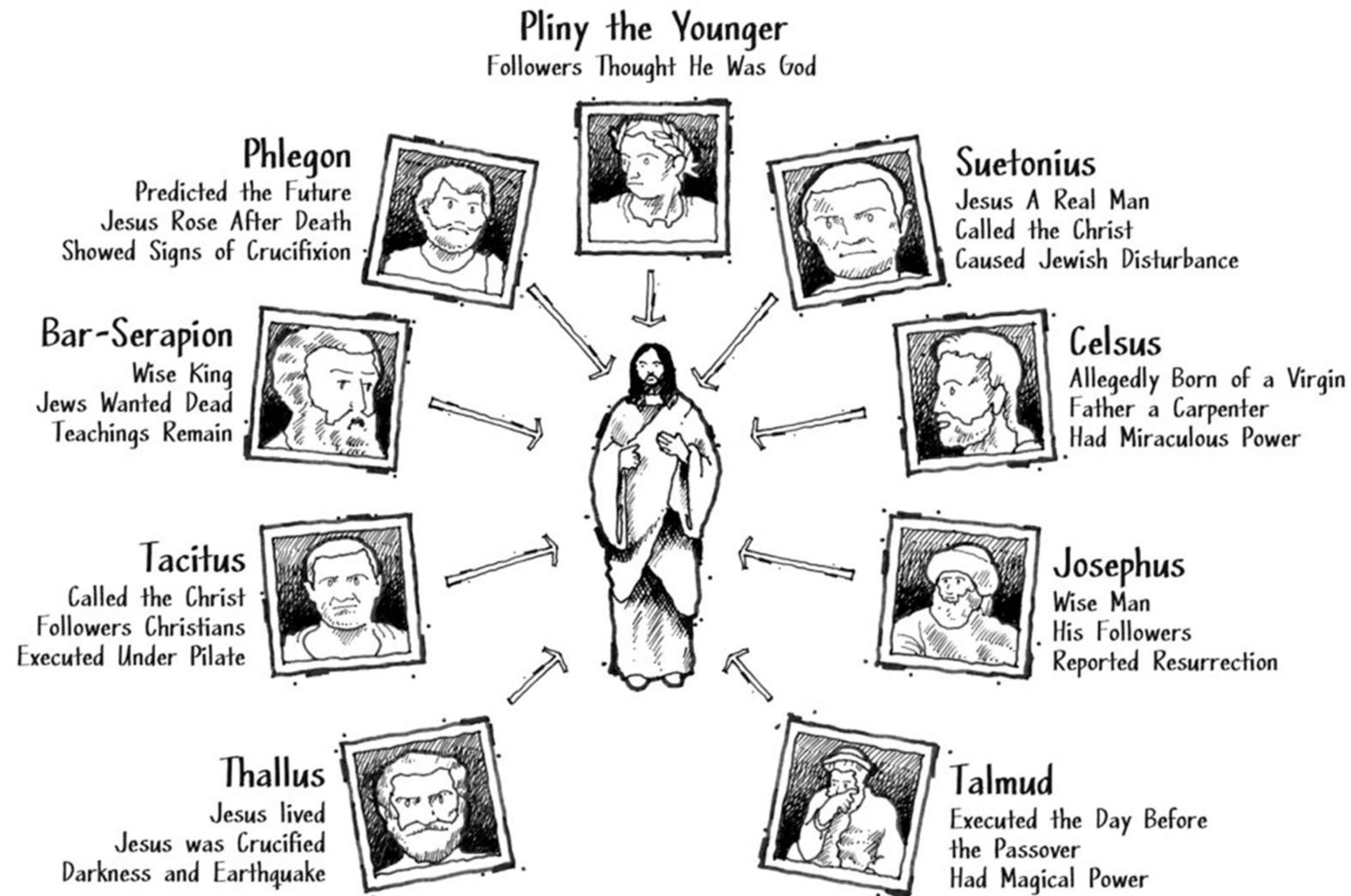
**WHO ARE THE
WITNESSES?**

TEST HISTORY OF CHRIST



are there
**DISINTERESTED
WITNESSES?**

DISINTERESTED WITNESSES
**SECULAR
HISTORIANS**



DISINTERESTED WITNESSES

SECULAR HISTORIANS

Thallus (Written 52 AD) FIRST CENTURY HISTORIAN



“On the whole world there pressed a most fearful darkness; and the rocks were rent by an earthquake, and many places in Judea and other districts were thrown down.”

“This darkness appears to me without reason, an eclipse of the sun.”

Chronography, 18:1

Julius Africanus, quoting Thallus' 3rd Book of History

◆ AI Overview

Geologists, including those cited by [NBC News](#), discovered sediment layers near the Dead Sea showing seismic activity between 26-36 A.D., aligning with the biblical period of Jesus' crucifixion (Matthew 27:51), with a strong candidate date being Friday, April 3, 33 A.D., offering geological support for a historical earthquake coinciding with the biblical event, though not proving supernatural aspects. [🔗](#)

**Key Findings & Details:**

- **Geological Evidence:** Researchers (Jefferson Williams, Markus Schwab, Achim Brauer) analyzed sediment cores from the Ein Gedi Spa area, finding disturbed layers (seismites) indicating a significant earthquake.
- **Dating:** This seismic event was dated to the early first century, fitting the timeframe of the crucifixion (roughly 26-36 A.D.).
- **Specific Date:** Combining geological data with historical/astronomical calculations, researchers pinpointed Friday, April 3, 33 A.D., as a strong possibility for the crucifixion.

SCIENCE NEWS

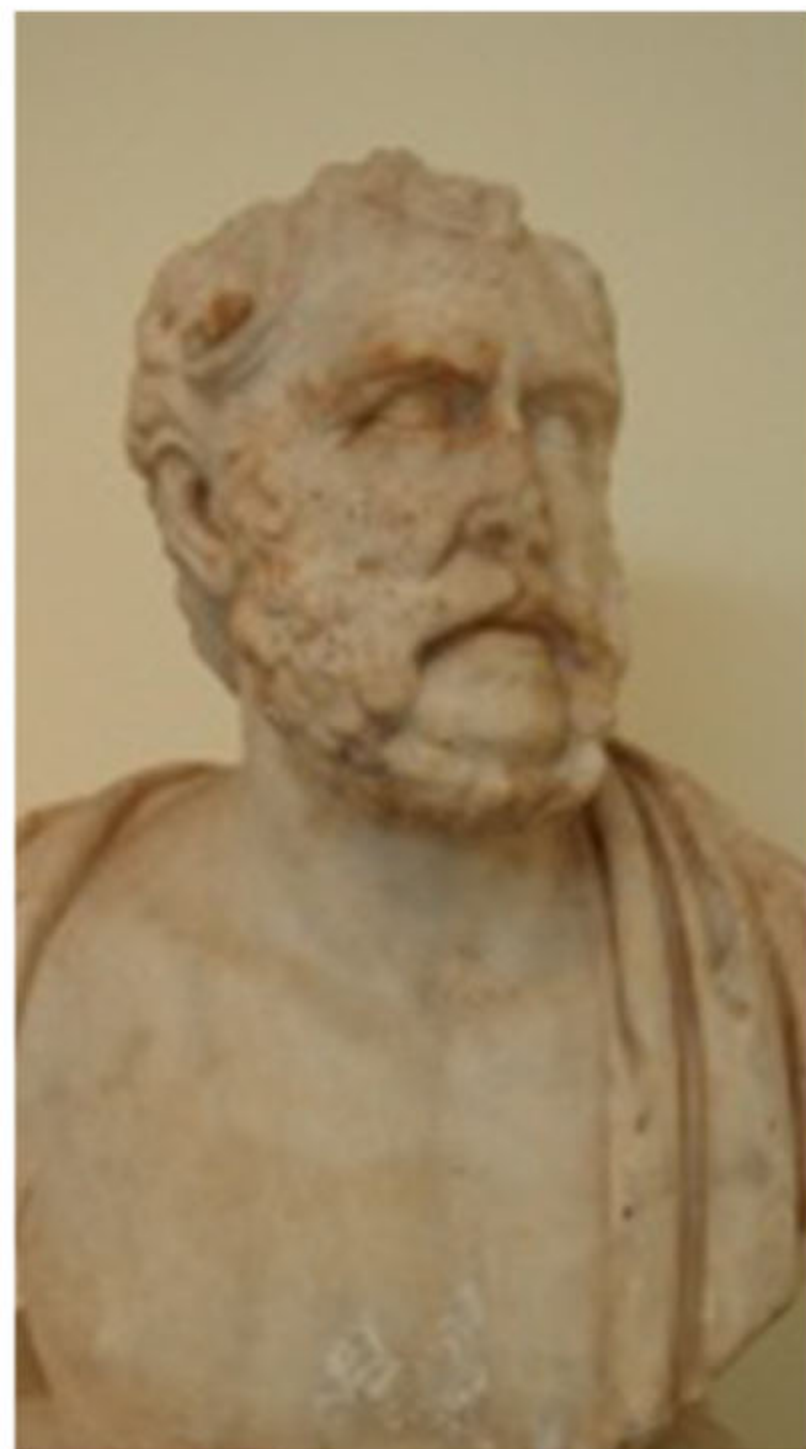
Quake reveals day of Jesus' crucifixion, researchers believe

Jesus, as described in the New Testament, was most likely crucified on Friday, April 3 in the year 33, geologists say. They base their conclusion on a review of seismic activity.



Williams, J. B., Schwab, M. J., & Brauer, A. (2012). "An early first-century earthquake in the Dead Sea." *International Geology Review*, 54(10), 1219-1228. [View the Study](#)

Phlegon
FIRST CENTURY HISTORIAN



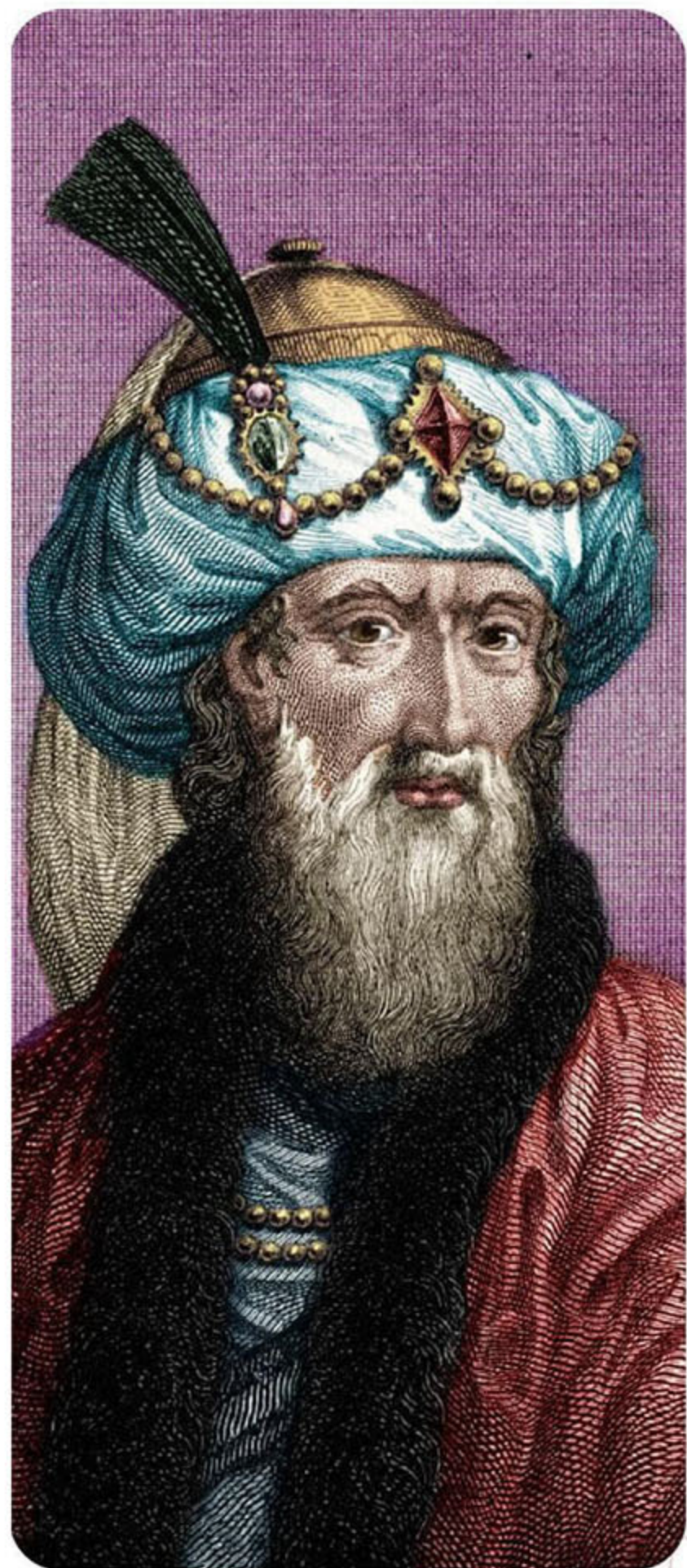
“And with regard to the eclipse in the time of Tiberius Caesar, in whose reign Jesus appears to have been crucified, and the great earthquakes which then took place ...”

(Origen Against Celsus, Book 2, Chapter 33)

“Jesus, while alive, was of no assistance to himself, but that he arose after death, and exhibited the marks of his punishment, and showed how his hands had been pierced by nails.”

(Origen Against Celsus, Book 2, Chapter 59)

Flavius Josephus



FIRST CENTURY HISTORIAN

Wrote "Antiquities of the Jews"

"About this time there lived Jesus, a wise man, **if indeed one ought to call him a man.** For he was one who performed surprising deeds...."

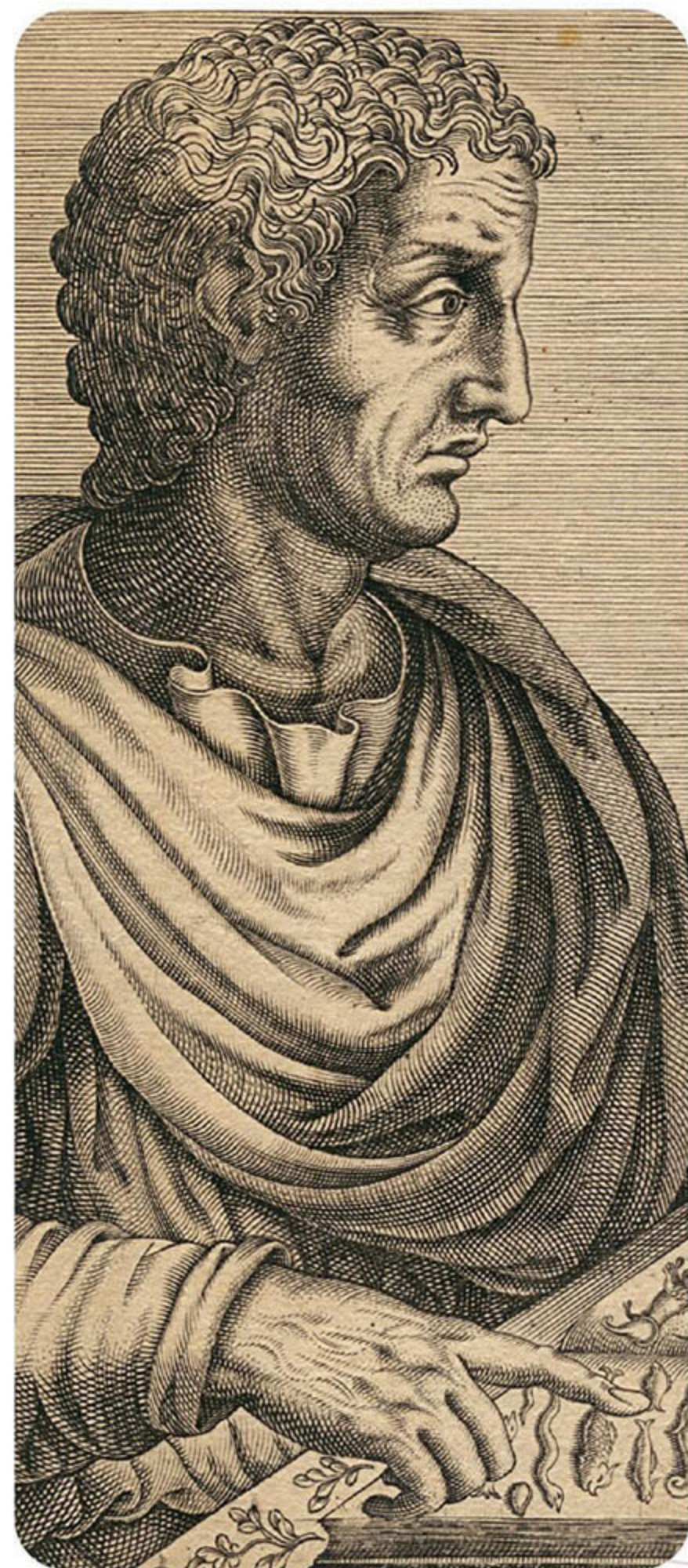
"He won over many Jews and many of the Greeks.
He was the Christ."

"Pilate had condemned him to a cross, those who had first come to love him did not cease. **He appeared to them spending a third day restored to life....**"

DISINTERESTED WITNESSES

SECULAR HISTORIANS

Pliny the Younger



FIRST CENTURY
ROMAN GOVERNOR, SENATOR, LAWYER

"They asserted, however, that the sum and substance of their fault or error had been that they were accustomed to meet on a fixed day before dawn and sing responsively a hymn to **Christ as to a god.**"

DISINTERESTED WITNESSES

SECULAR HISTORIANS

Suetonius



FIRST CENTURY ROMAN HISTORIAN

Wrote "Life of Claudius" &
"Lives of the 12 Caesars"

"Life of Claudius" 25:4

"Because the **Jews** at Rome caused constant disturbances at the instigation of **Chrestus**, he (**Claudius 41-54 AD**) **expelled them from the City (Rome).**"

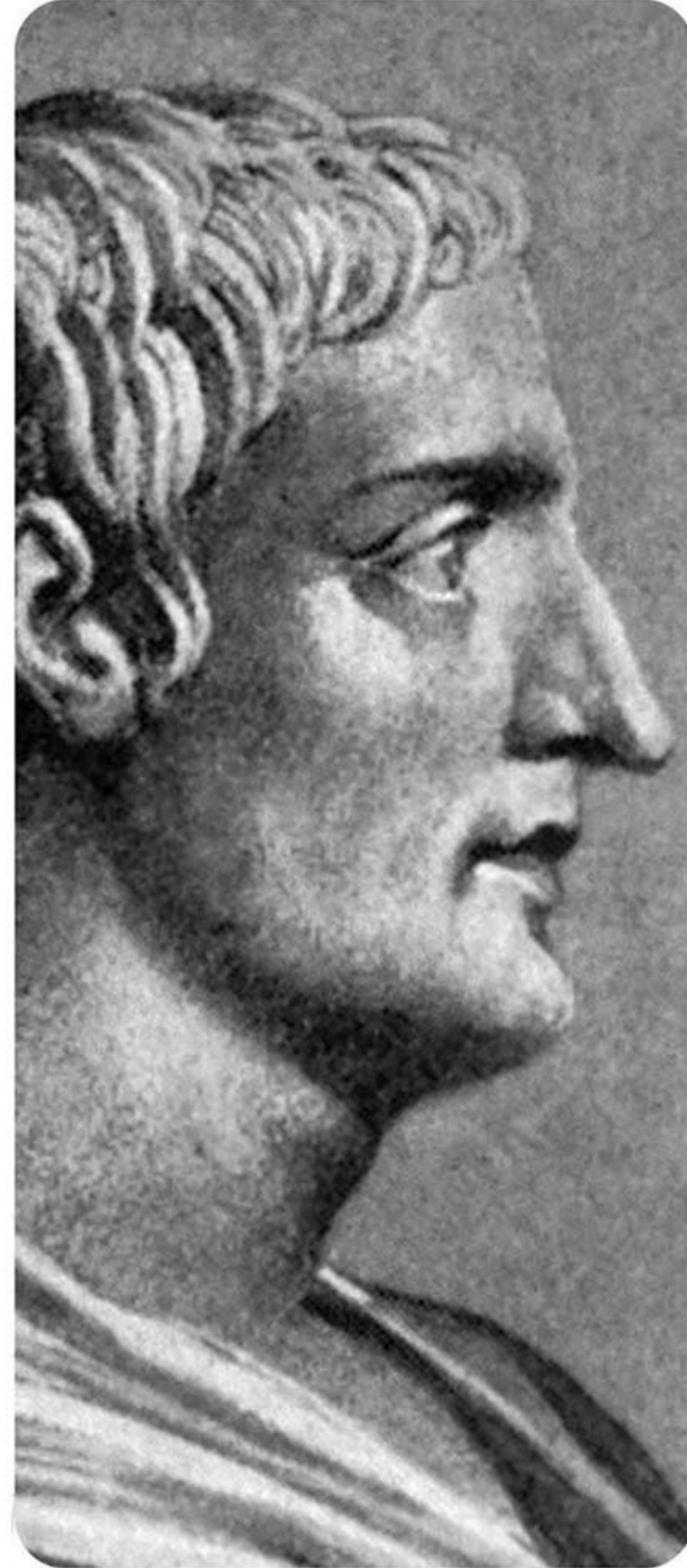
Confirms ACTS: 18:2

"There he (Paul) met a **Jew Aquila**, a native of Pontus, who had recently come from Italy with his wife Priscilla, because **Claudius had ordered all Jews to leave Rome.**"

DISINTERESTED WITNESSES

SECULAR HISTORIANS

Tacitus



FIRST CENTURY ROMAN SENATOR & HISTORIAN
Wrote "Annals"

"Nero fastened the guilt and inflicted the most exquisite tortures on a class hated for their abominations, called Christians by the populace. **Christus, from whom the name had its origin, suffered the extreme penalty during the reign of Tiberius at the hands of one of our procurators, Pontius Pilate "**

IS IT NORMAL TO HAVE

9 FIRST CENTURY HISTORIANS

WRITE ABOUT AN EVENT?



What documentation is there of Boudica that was created during her life?



◆ AI Overview

There are **no surviving written documents, letters, or inscriptions created by Boudica or the Iceni people during her lifetime.**

Boudica (died c. 61 AD)

- **The Gap:** The iconic Celtic queen led a massive, terrifying uprising that nearly drove the Roman Empire completely out of Britain. Despite causing massive military panic in Rome, there are no British or contemporary records of her life.
- **How We Know Her:** Her story survives strictly through the writings of Roman historians **Tacitus** (born 56 AD) and **Cassius Dio** (born c. 155 AD), both writing long after her rebellion collapsed.





how were roman records created and protected in the first century?



◆ AI Overview

The Romans did not use paper. Day-to-day administrative paperwork, tax receipts, and military logs were written on papyrus, thin wooden leaves, or wax tablets.


- **The Climate Problem:** Papyrus only survives long-term in hyper-arid environments like the Egyptian desert. In the more humid, Mediterranean climate of Israel, Syria, or Europe, papyrus and wood completely rotted away within a few generations.
- **No Digital Backups:** Because copying was done entirely by hand on expensive material, records were routinely destroyed or overwritten once they were no longer legally relevant.



Did Historians like Tacitus base their historical accounts on documents that predated them? X



◆ AI Overview

Yes, Roman historians like Tacitus heavily relied on pre-existing documents, official state archives, and earlier histories to write their accounts.  Britannica

While ancient historians rarely used footnoting like modern academics, a close analysis of their texts and careers reveals that they routinely consulted a massive web of 1st-century documentation that predated their own lifetimes. As a high-ranking Roman senator and governor, Tacitus had unique, privileged access to elite imperial records.

TEST HISTORY OF CHRIST



are there

**DIRECT
WITNESSES?**

ALL
ABANDONED
THEIR LIVES BY
CLAIMING JESUS
RESURRECTION

ALL LIVED UNDER THREAT
MANY WERE *MARTYRED



ST. JAMES THE GREATER
Stabbed with a sword *



ST. JAMES THE LESSER
Stoned to death *



ST. JUDE THADDEUS
Filled with arrows



ST. PHILIP
Crucified by soldiers



ST. THOMAS *
Thrust with a spear



ST. PETER *
Crucified upside down



ST. PAUL *
Beheaded in Rome



ST. MATTHEW
Stabbed with a sword



ST. SIMON
Crucified



ST. BARTHOLOMEW
Flayed and beheaded



ST. ANDREW *
Crucified on X shaped cross



ST. MATTHIAS
Crucified in Judea



ST. JOHN
Died a natural death

*James
*Stephen

EVEN UNDER THREAT THESE FIRST HAND WITNESSES

TESTIFIED WITH THEIR LIVES

TO MIRACLES

TO RESURRECTION

DIRECT WITNESS #1
(FIRST HAND ACCOUNT OF CHRIST)



MATTHEW (Painted by Rembrandt)

WEALTHY
HIGHLY EDUCATED
TAX COLLECTOR/ ACCOUNTANT
QUIT TO FOLLOW JC
ABSENT DURING CRUCIFIXION
WROTE BOOK OF MATTHEW
SWORDSLAIN FOR PREACHING

You decide....

CONFLICT of INTEREST?
CREDIBLE?

MATTHEW 28

¹After the Sabbath, at dawn on the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to look at the tomb.

²There was a violent earthquake, for an angel of the Lord came down from heaven and, going to the tomb, rolled back the stone and sat on it.

¹⁶Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go.

¹⁷When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted.

¹⁸Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.

¹⁹Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit

DIRECT WITNESS #2
(FIRST HAND ACCOUNT OF CHRIST)



PETER (Painted by Rembrandt)

FISHERMAN
QUIT TO FOLLOW JC
DENIED CHRIST 3 TIMES
ABSENT DURING CRUCIFIXION
WROTE 2 NT BOOKS
CRUCIFIED UPSIDE DOWN (BY CHOICE)

You decide....

CONFLICT of INTEREST?
CREDIBLE?

1st PETER 1

¹Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ,

To God's elect, exiles scattered throughout the provinces of Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia and Bithynia,

² who have been chosen according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through the sanctifying work of the Spirit, to be obedient to Jesus Christ and sprinkled with his blood:

Grace and peace be yours in abundance.

³ Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead

DIRECT WITNESS #3
(FIRST HAND ACCOUNT OF CHRIST)



JOHN (Painted by Durer)

FISHERMAN
QUIT TO FOLLOW JC
ONLY DISCIPLE AT CRUCIFICTION
WROTE 5 BOOKS OF NT
EXILED (PATMOS)

You decide....

CONFLICT of INTEREST?
CREDIBLE?

JOHN 20

¹Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the entrance.

² So she came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved, and said, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we don't know where they have put him!"

³ So Peter and the other disciple started for the tomb.

¹⁹ On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!"

²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord.

DIRECT WITNESS #4
(FIRST HAND ACCOUNT OF CHRIST)



THOMAS (Painted by Caravaggio)

"DOUBTING THOMAS"
FISHERMAN/BUILDER
QUIT TO FOLLOW JC
ABSENT DURING CRUCIFIXION
EVANGELIZED INDIA
BEHEADED

You decide....

CONFLICT of INTEREST?
CREDIBLE?

DIRECT WITNESS #4

(FIRST HAND ACCOUNT OF CHRIST)

(Testimony of John)

JOHN 20

Jesus Appears to Thomas

24 Now Thomas (also known as Didymus^[a]), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. **25** So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord!"

But he said to them, "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe."

26 A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" **27** Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe."

28 Thomas said to him, "My Lord and my God!"

29 Then Jesus told him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

EVEN UNDER THREAT THESE FIRST HAND WITNESSES

TESTIFIED WITH THEIR LIVES

TO MIRACLES

TO RESURRECTION

BUT THERE'S MORE

TEST HISTORY OF CHRIST



there is a
**HOSTILE
WITNESSES**

DIRECT WITNESS #13
(FIRST HAND ACCOUNT OF CHRIST)



PAUL (Painted by Rembrandt)

ROMAN CITIZEN
HIGHLY EDUCATED (GAMALEUS)
ARRESTED EARLY CHRISTIANS
MET RESURRECTED CHRIST
SPENT REST OF LIFE PREACHING
BEHEADED

You decide....

CONFLICT of INTEREST?
CREDIBLE?

1 Corinthians 15

The Resurrection of Christ (Saul of Tarsus)

15 Now, brothers and sisters, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, which you received and on which you have taken your stand.² By this gospel you are saved, if you hold firmly to the word I preached to you. Otherwise, you have believed in vain.

³ For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance^[a]: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures,⁴ that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures,⁵ and that he appeared to Cephas, and then to the Twelve.⁶ After that, he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers and sisters at the same time, most of whom are still living, though some have fallen asleep.⁷ Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles,⁸ and last of all he appeared to me also, as to one abnormally born.

⁹ For I am the least of the apostles and do not even deserve to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God.¹⁰ But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace to me was not without effect. No, I worked harder than all of them—yet not I, but the grace of God that was with me.¹¹ Whether, then, it is I or they, this is what we preach, and this is what you believed.

DIRECT WITNESS #13

(FIRST HAND ACCOUNT OF CHRIST)



PAUL'S FIRST MISSIONARY JOURNEY

DIRECT WITNESS #13

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IMPRISONED
(Acts 16:11 & 23)

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(Acts 16:1-3)

PAUL'S SECOND MISSIONARY JOURNEY



DIRECT WITNESS #13

(FIRST HAND ACCOUNT OF CHRIST)



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IMPRISONED
(Acts 16:11 & 23)

MET TIMOTHY
(Acts 16:1-3)

PAUL'S SECOND MISSIONARY

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DIRECT WITNESS #13

(FIRST HAND ACCOUNT OF CHRIST)



PAUL'S THIRD MISSIONARY JOURNEY

DIRECT WITNESS #13

(FIRST HAND ACCOUNT OF CHRIST)

PAUL BEHEADED
IN ROME



PAUL'S JOURNEY TO ROME

DIRECT WITNESS #13

(FIRST HAND ACCOUNT OF CHRIST)

(Paul's Dying Testimony)

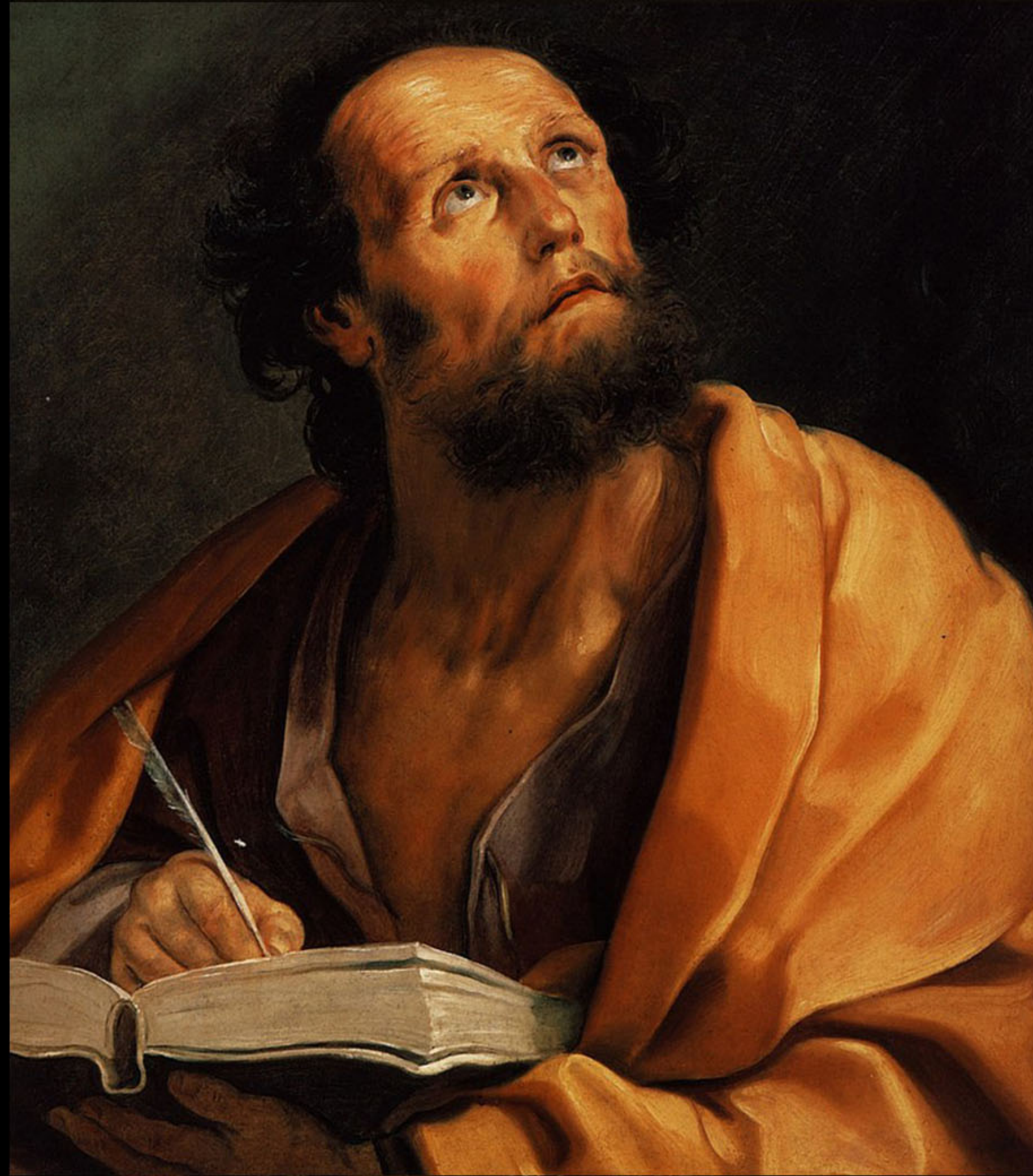
2nd TIMOTHY 4

4 In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who will judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I give you this charge: **2** Preach the word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage—with great patience and careful instruction. **3** For the time will come when people will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear. **4** They will turn their ears away from the truth and turn aside to myths. **5** But you, keep your head in all situations, endure hardship, do the work of an evangelist, discharge all the duties of your ministry.

6 For I am already being poured out like a drink offering, and the time for my departure is near. **7** I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. **8** Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day—and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

9 Do your best to come to me quickly..... **11** Only Luke is with me.

DIRECT WITNESS #14
(FIRST HAND HISTORIAN POST-CHRIST)



LUKE (Painted by Reni)

PHYSICIAN
MOST EDUCATED NT WRITER
QUIT TO FOLLOW JC (WITH PAUL)
BIOGRAPHER OF PAUL
WROTE 2NT BOOKS (LUKE & ACTS)
HANGED

You decide....

CONFLICT of INTEREST?
CREDIBLE?

(Luke's Testimony)

ACTS 3

¹In the fifteenth year of the reign of **Tiberius Caesar** - when
Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea,
Herod tetrarch of Galilee, his brother
Philip tetrarch of Iturea and Traconitis, and
Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene....

DIRECT WITNESS #14

(FIRST HAND ACCOUNT OF CHRIST)

A screenshot of a Google search page. The browser tab shows the search query 'who were the tetrarchs under p...'. The search bar contains the text 'who were the tetrarchs under pontius pilate'. Below the search bar, the navigation tabs are 'All', 'Images', 'Videos', 'Shopping', 'Web', 'Forums', 'News', and 'More'. The 'All' tab is selected. Below the tabs, there is a section for 'AI Overview' with a blue star icon. The main text of the AI overview reads: 'During Pontius Pilate's governorship of Judea, the main tetrarchs were Herod Antipas (Galilee and Perea), Philip (Iturea, Trachonitis, and Batanaea), and Lysanias (Abilene).' The words 'Pontius Pilate's governorship', 'Herod Antipas', 'Philip', and 'Lysanias' are highlighted in green. There is a small blue icon with a circle and a dot next to the end of the text.

who were the tetrarchs under p... x +

Google

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◆ AI Overview

During Pontius Pilate's governorship of Judea, the main tetrarchs were Herod Antipas (Galilee and Perea), Philip (Iturea, Trachonitis, and Batanaea), and Lysanias (Abilene). 📎

TEST HISTORY OF CHRIST



is there

**PHYSICAL
EVIDENCE?**

JURY



how do historians separate fact from myth?



◆ AI Overview

Historians separate fact from myth by using the **historical method**, a rigorous process of source evaluation. They cross-reference **primary sources** (like diaries and official records), analyze **material evidence** (like artifacts), and look for physical or narrative **corroboration** across multiple independent accounts to verify what actually happened.

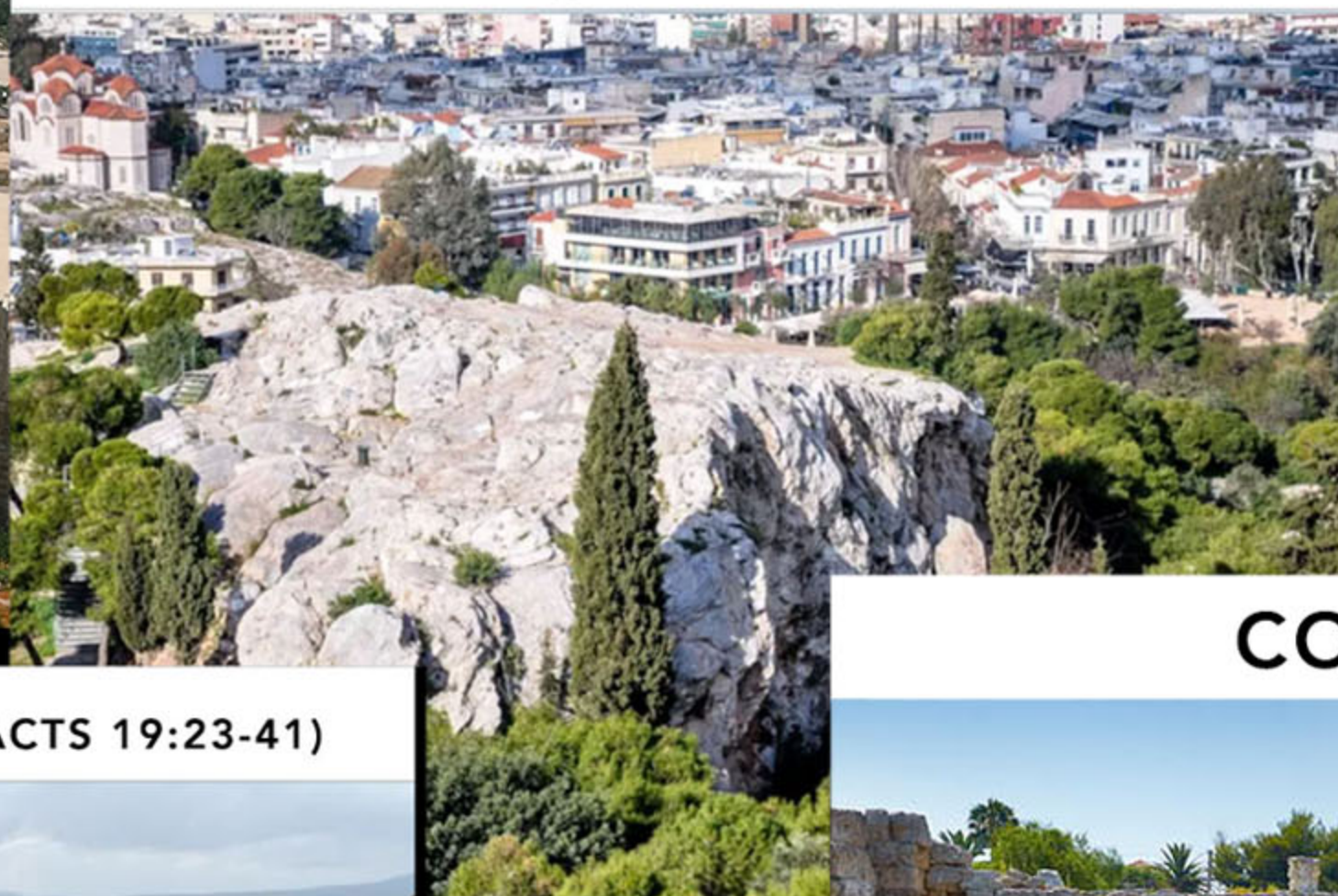
The main tools historians use to separate fact from legend include:

- **Source Criticism:** Historians evaluate accounts for bias, exaggeration, or political motives.
- **Archaeological Corroboration:** Through [Historical Method](#) experts frequently discuss how the discovery of physical ruins helps validate or contextualize ancient myths.

JERUSALEM TEMPLE (ACTS 21:26-30)



MARS HILL, GREECE (ACTS 17:16-34)



GALATIA (ACTS 16:6)



HERODS PALACE (ACTS 23:23-35)



EPHESUS THEATRE (ACTS 19:23-41)



CORINTH (ACTS 18:1-18)



PHILIPPI TODAY





Η φυλακή του Χριστού
The Prison of Christ
Темница Христа



Attention

Please do not sit on the stone.
Please do not put your foot in the hole.
Please do not light candles on the stone.
Please do not break or take any stones from the place.
This place is observed by police cameras.

Jerusalem

TEST HISTORY OF CHRIST



is there

**HISTORICAL
SCIENCE?**



How does historical science evaluate artifacts?



◆ AI Overview

Historical science (encompassing archaeology and material culture studies) evaluates artifacts through a multi-step process combining **contextual analysis, scientific dating, material examination, and comparative research**. This reconstructs past human behavior, traces technological evolution, and confirms the object's authenticity.

THE SHROUD OF TURIN

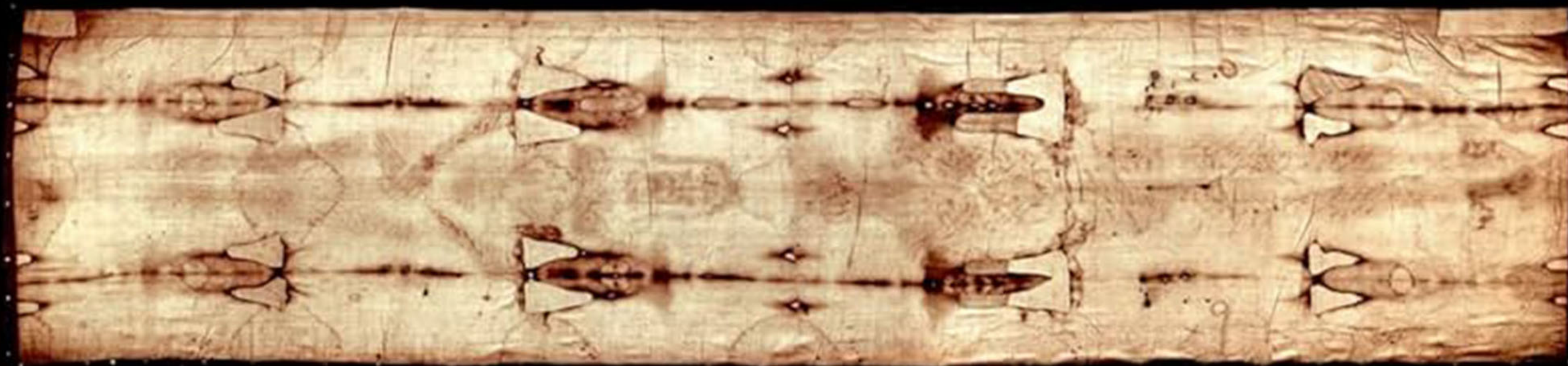
A Forensic Summary of the Evidence



Otangelo Grasso

(Geoffroi de Charny)

1355 - French Knight declares he has Jesus Shroud



THE SHROUD OF TURIN

A Forensic Summary of the Evidence

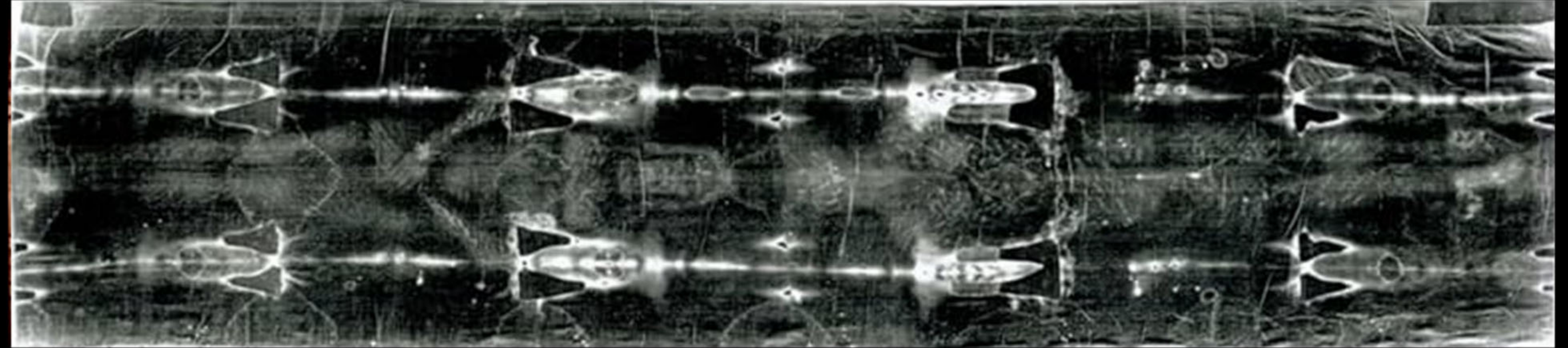


Otangelo Grasso

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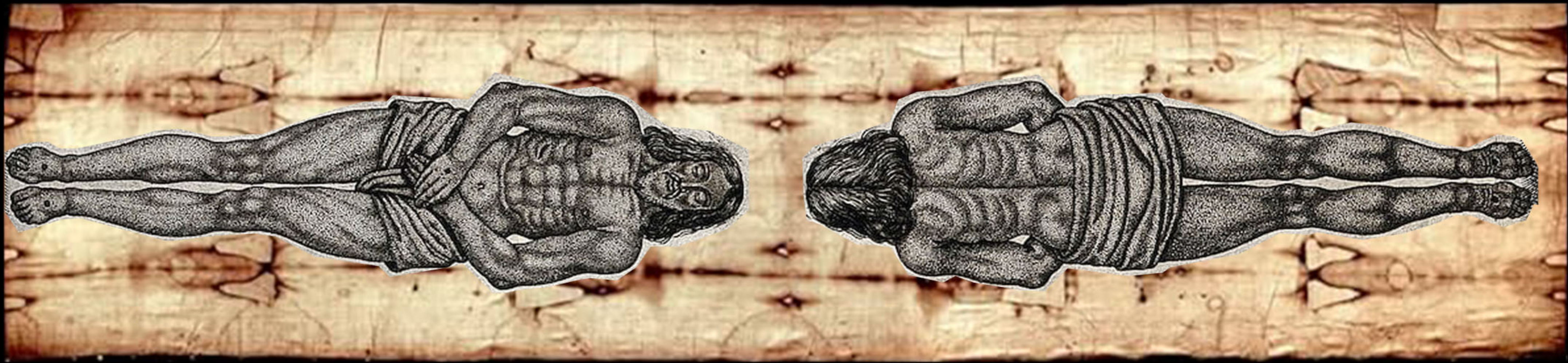
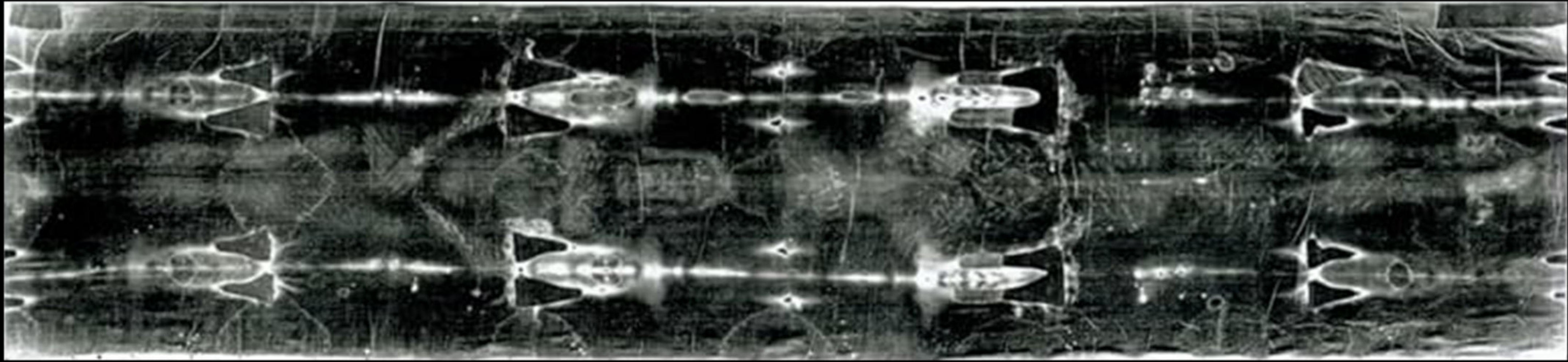
1898 - First Photo Taken

NEGATIVE FILM APPEARED POSITIVE



(SHOWS SHROUD ALREADY HAS A **NEGATIVE IMPRINT** ON IT)

NOTE: NEGATIVE EXPOSURE TECHNOLOGY DID NOT EXIST IN 1355 (1835)





is there any body shroud that has a negative image other than the shroud of turin?



◆ AI Overview

No other recognized body shroud bears a “negative image” like the [Shroud of Turin](#). While other ancient burial cloths exist, they generally show only blood and fluid stains rather than an anatomically detailed, full-body imprint.

DID THIS GUY TAKE THE WORLDS FIRST

SELFIE?



how many watts imprinted the shroud of turin and at what angle?



◆ AI Overview

Several studies (including early research by the STURP team) estimate the image would take roughly **34 trillion watts** of power. More recent 5-year experiments by ENEA calculated that a burst of **6 to 8 billion watts** of VUV light would be enough to color the linen without scorching or vaporizing it.

- **Duration:** For this radiation to leave an imprint without destroying the cloth, the burst of energy would have to last for an incredibly brief duration, calculated to be less than $\frac{1}{40 \text{ billionth}}$ of a second.
- Analysis using 3D image analyzers (such as the NASA-derived VP-8) indicates that the image was not formed by simple physical contact. Instead, it is theorized that the radiation projected perpendicular to the cloth—from the body's surface.



how does 6 to 8 billion watts of power compare to modern energy demands?



◆ AI Overview

Six to 8 billion watts (6 GW to 8 GW) of power is a massive amount of energy.

To put this into perspective,

- **New York City:** On a typical day, NYC consumes roughly 5.5 to 6 gigawatts of power.
- **Lightning Strikes:** 6 to 8 billion watts is like a continuous, sustained barrage of multiple lightning strikes.

NASA
VP-8 IMAGE ANALYZER



SINDINOLOGY: STUDY OF THE **SHROUD OF TURIN**
(most studied artifact in human history)

THE SHROUD OF TURIN

A Forensic Summary of the Evidence



Otangelo Grasso

1978 - STURP TESTING SUMMARY (33 Researchers)

MegaWatt Energy (from inside body)

No known method to produce this image (not paint/ dye/ art)

Medically & Physiologically Accurate

Botanically Accurate to Jesus Crucifixion Place/ Month

100s of Roman Flagrum (dumbbell) marks

Puncture Blood Flows on Forehead & Scalp

Punctures on Wrist & Feet & Side match Jesus Crucifixion

Blood preceded Energy Exposure

2015 - OPTOCHEMICAL DATING = 15BC-150AD (95% Confidence)

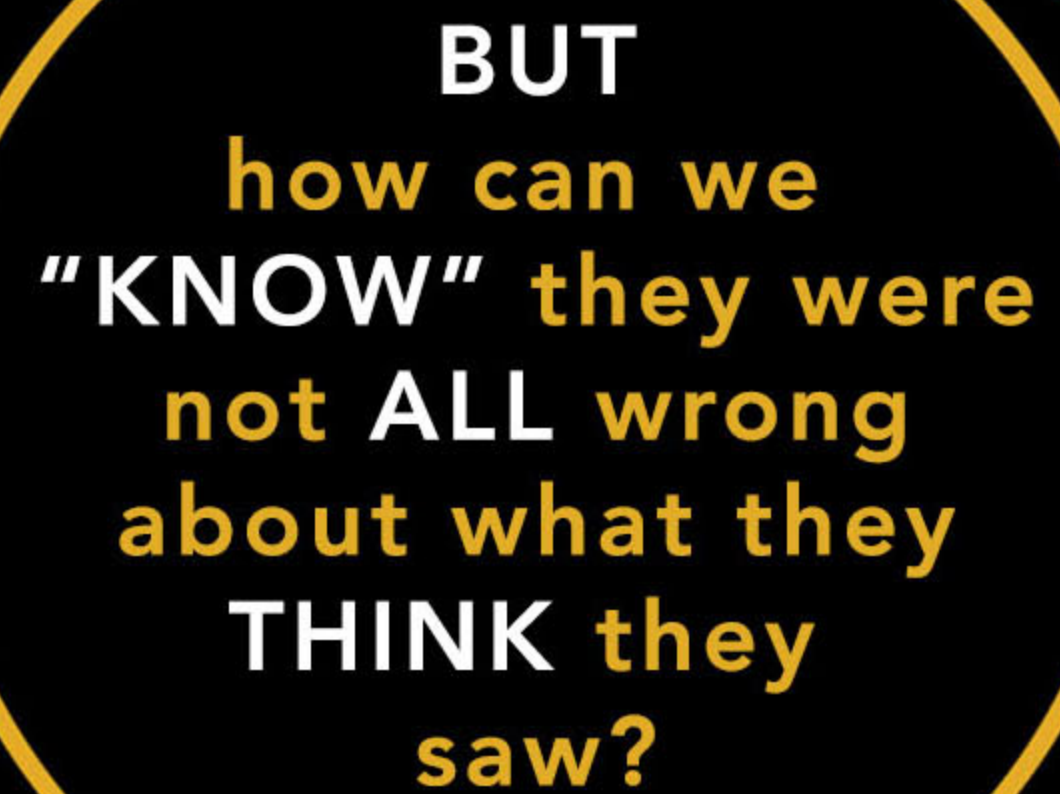
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TESTING
HISTORY
OF CHRIST

KNOWLEDGE


HISTORIANS **CORROBORATE WITNESS TIMELINES, THREATS, & BEHAVIORS**
MULTIPLE DIRECT WITNESSES
HOSTILE **WITNESS**
NO CONFLICTS OF INTEREST (JUST THE OPPOSITE)
PHYSICAL RUINS **INCREASINGLY MATCH STORY**
HISTORICAL SCIENCE **EVIDENCES A SUPERNATURAL PHENOMENON**
EARLY RECORDS **ELIMINATES LEGEND THEORY**

TESTING
HISTORY
OF CHRISTI BELIEVE THE WITNESSES ALL TOLD THE TRUTH.



BUT
how can we
"KNOW" they were
not ALL wrong
about what they
THINK they
saw?

TESTING
HISTORY
OF CHRISTI BELIEVE THE WITNESSES ALL TOLD THE TRUTH.



MY ONE
FAITH
STEP

.....I BELIEVE THEY WERE NOT
ALL CO-HALLUCINATING

(THINGS SEEN) (THINGS NOT SEEN)
BELIEF = KNOWLEDGE + FAITH

MODERN
COURTROOM
FACT-FINDING

NOT
CO-
HALLUCINATING

I used to say: ISN'T HE JUST A MYTH?



DO YOU "BELIEVE" IN CHRIST?



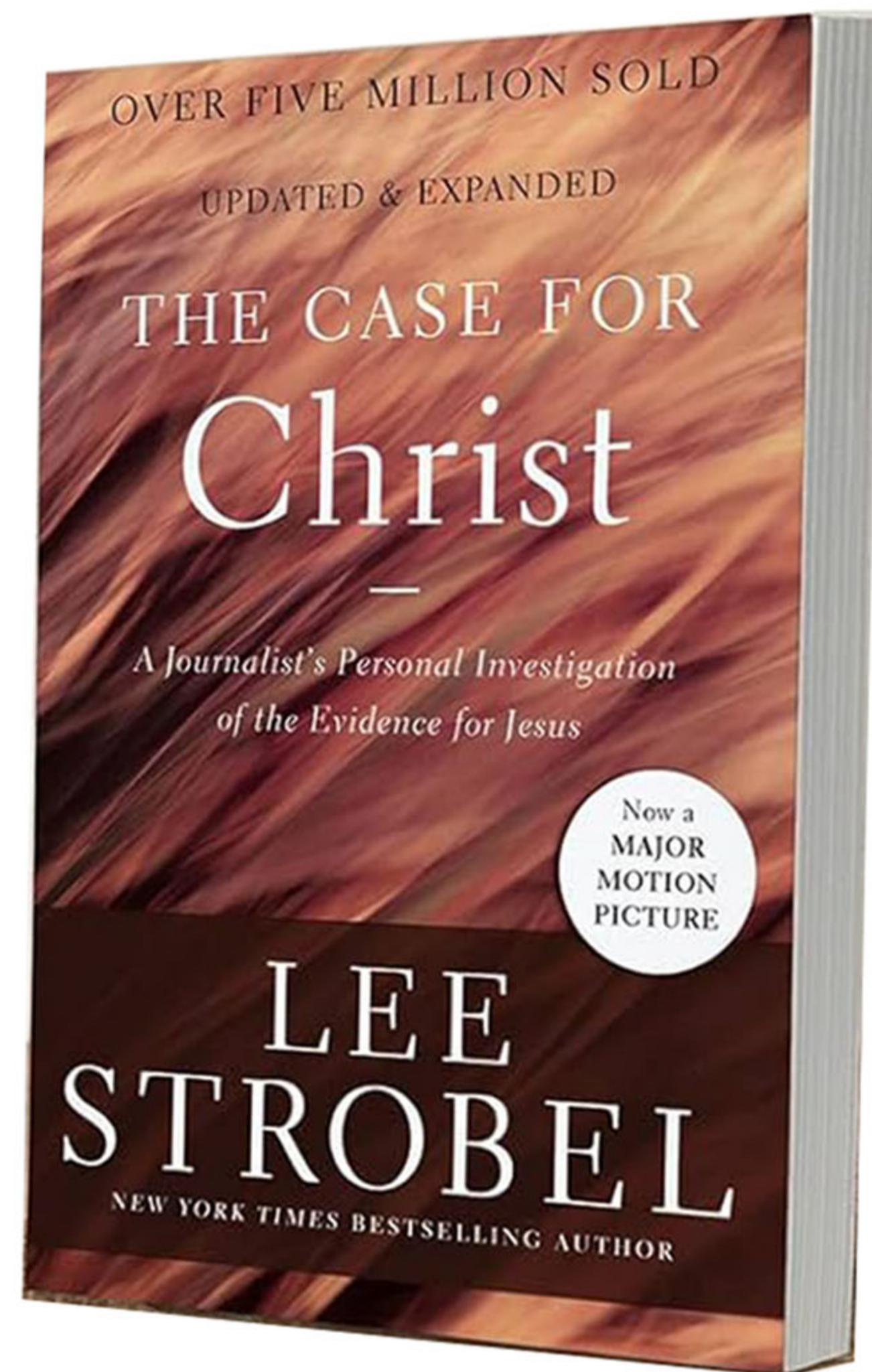
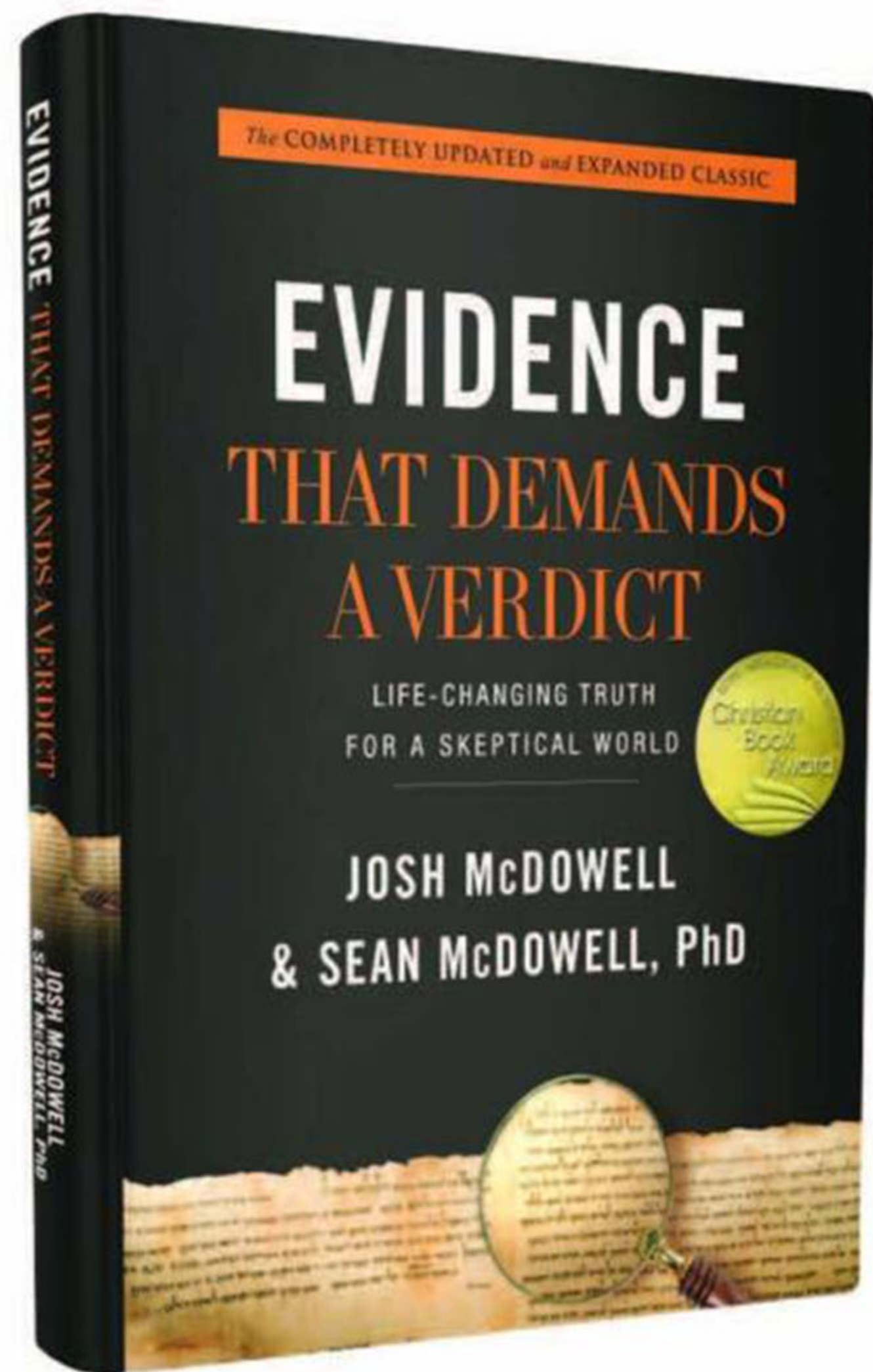
Now I say: HIS HISTORY IS COMPELLING

THESIS

There is no religion as
HISTORICALLY Supported
as Christianity.

Dr. Mouhab Z. Rizkallah, **Skeptic**

TESTING
HISTORY
OF CHRIST



TEST HISTORY OF CHRIST



WITNESS

what's your

**CREDIBILITY
VERDICT?**

JURY

A hand with fingers pointing towards a bright yellow star in space. The background is a dark, starry sky with a bright yellow star in the upper left. The hand is in the foreground, with fingers pointing towards the star.

**DOES
GOD EXIST?** ✓

**IF SO
WHO IS GOD?** ✓

A hand with fingers pointing towards a bright, glowing celestial body in space. The background is a dark, starry sky with a large, bright, yellowish-orange star or galaxy core in the upper left. The hand is in the foreground, with fingers pointing towards the star. The text is overlaid on the right side of the image.

**DOES
GOD EXIST?** ✓

**IF SO
WHO IS GOD?** ✓

**HOW DOES THIS
AFFECT MY LIFE?**