

## ***Christianity Before Christ John G Jackson***

Written by an L. A. County homicide detective and former atheist, Cold-Case Christianity examines the claims of the New Testament using the skills and strategies of a hard-to-convince criminal investigator. Christianity could be defined as a "cold case": it makes a claim about an event from the distant past for which there is little forensic evidence. In Cold-Case Christianity, J. Warner Wallace uses his nationally recognized skills as a homicide detective to look at the evidence and eyewitnesses behind Christian beliefs. Including gripping stories from his career and the visual techniques he developed in the courtroom, Wallace uses illustration to examine the powerful evidence that validates the claims of Christianity. A unique apologetic that speaks to readers' intense interest in detective stories, Cold-Case Christianity inspires readers to have confidence in Christ as it prepares them to articulate the case for Christianity.

An encyclopedia designed especially to meet the needs of elementary, junior high, and senior high school students.

The earliest of the four Gospels, the book

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portrays Jesus as an enigmatic figure, struggling with enemies, his inner and external demons, and with his devoted but disconcerted disciples. Unlike other gospels, his parables are obscure, to be explained secretly to his followers. With an introduction by Nick Cave

This modern classic is organized as follows:

Introductory Survey Survey of Pre-Historic Man Ethiopia at the Crossroads The Hoare-Laval Plan Arab-Moorish Civilization and Culture South Africa West Africa Recent Tendencies Brief Statement of Courses in Schools Today Groundwork for Teachers That Word "Negro" — (negro) Early Traces in the Ancient East Summary of Native States Liberia and Sierra Leone International Relations Africans in Latin America Africans in Oceania African Art Africans in the United States Summary and Conclusion General Bibliography

The Historical Origin of Christianity

Christianity before Christ

Reinventing Paul

Our Sun-god, Or, Christianity Before Christ

The World's Sixteen Crucified Saviors Paperback

Bill Bright and Campus Crusade for Christ

New York Times bestselling author and

Bible expert Bart Ehrman reveals how

Jesus's divinity became dogma in the first

few centuries of the early church. The

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claim at the heart of the Christian faith is that Jesus of Nazareth was, and is, God. But this is not what the original disciples believed during Jesus's lifetime—and it is not what Jesus claimed about himself. How Jesus Became God tells the story of an idea that shaped Christianity, and of the evolution of a belief that looked very different in the fourth century than it did in the first. A master explainer of Christian history, texts, and traditions, Ehrman reveals how an apocalyptic prophet from the backwaters of rural Galilee crucified for crimes against the state came to be thought of as equal with the one God Almighty, Creator of all things. But how did he move from being a Jewish prophet to being God? In a book that took eight years to research and write, Ehrman sketches Jesus's transformation from a human prophet to the Son of God exalted to divine status at his resurrection. Only when some of Jesus's followers had visions of him after his death—alive again—did anyone come to think that he, the prophet from Galilee, had become God. And what they meant by that was not at all what people mean today. Written for secular historians of religion and believers alike, How Jesus Became God will engage anyone interested in the

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historical developments that led to the affirmation at the heart of Christianity: Jesus was, and is, God.

For two centuries, Jesus has connected the Latter-day Saints to broader currents of Christianity, even while particular Mormon beliefs have been points of differentiation. From the author of the definitive life of Brigham Young comes a biography of the Mormon Jesus that enriches our understanding of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

It is not uncommon to hear Christians argue that America was founded as a Christian nation. But how true is this claim? In this compact book, David L. Holmes offers a clear, concise and illuminating look at the spiritual beliefs of our founding fathers. He begins with an informative account of the religious culture of the late colonial era, surveying the religious groups in each colony. In particular, he sheds light on the various forms of Deism that flourished in America, highlighting the profound influence this intellectual movement had on the founding generation. Holmes then examines the individual beliefs of a variety of men and women who loom large in our national history. He finds that some, like Martha Washington, Samuel Adams, John

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Jay, Patrick Henry, and Thomas Jefferson's daughters, held orthodox Christian views. But many of the most influential figures, including Benjamin Franklin, George Washington, John and Abigail Adams, Jefferson, James and Dolley Madison, and James Monroe, were believers of a different stripe. Respectful of Christianity, they admired the ethics of Jesus, and believed that religion could play a beneficial role in society. But they tended to deny the divinity of Christ, and a few seem to have been agnostic about the very existence of God. Although the founding fathers were religious men, Holmes shows that it was a faith quite unlike the Christianity of today's evangelicals. Holmes concludes by examining the role of religion in the lives of the presidents since World War II and by reflecting on the evangelical resurgence that helped fuel the reelection of George W. Bush. An intriguing look at a neglected aspect of our history, the book will appeal to American history buffs as well as to anyone concerned about the role of religion in American culture.

Khrisna of India. Thammuz of Syria. Esus of the Celtic Druids. Mithra of Persia. Quexalcoati of Mexico. All were crucified gods, and all met their fates hundreds of

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years before Jesus appeared on the scene. In this foundational work of modern atheism, American spiritualist KERSEY GRAVES (1813-1883) breaks the Christ myth down into its component parts and ably demonstrates how the story of Jesus has its roots in the depths of antiquity. Here you'll read about the surprising prevalence throughout global folklore of:

- . the miraculous and immaculate conception of the gods
- . stars that point out the time and place of a savior's birth
- . angels, shepherds, and magi visiting an infant savior
- . the 25th of December as the universal birth date of gods
- . saviors who descend into Hell
- . and much more.

This is essential reading for students of comparative mythology and modern freethinkers. Also available from Cosimo: Graves's *The Biography of Satan* and *The Bible of Bible*.

John G. Lake

The Acts of the Apostles

Authorized King James Version

Jesus Before Christianity

Pioneer Prophet

Ages of Gold and Silver and Other Short

Sketches of Human History

**In Christianity Before Christ, comparative religion scholar John G Jackson explores ancient traditions from many societies, asserting**

**that Christianity is the recasting of beliefs which are older and pervasive through many cultures. Founded as a local college ministry in 1951, Campus Crusade for Christ has become one of the world's largest evangelical organizations, today boasting an annual budget of more than \$500 million. Nondenominational organizations like Campus Crusade account for much of modern evangelicalism's dynamism and adaptation to mainstream American culture. Despite the importance of these "parachurch" organizations, says John Turner, historians have largely ignored them. Turner offers an accessible and colorful history of Campus Crusade and its founder, Bill Bright, whose marketing and fund-raising acumen transformed the organization into an international evangelical empire. Drawing on archival materials and more than one hundred interviews, Turner challenges the dominant narrative of the secularization of higher education, showing how Campus Crusade helped reestablish evangelical Christianity as a visible subculture on American campuses. Beyond the campus, Bright expanded evangelicalism's influence in the worlds of business and politics. As Turner demonstrates, the story of Campus Crusade reflects the halting movement of evangelicalism into mainstream American society: its awkward marriage with**

conservative politics, its hesitancy over gender roles and sexuality, and its growing affluence.

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Jefferson regarded Jesus as a moral guide rather than a divinity. In his unique interpretation of the Bible, he highlights Christ's ethical teachings, discarding the scriptures' supernatural elements, to reflect the deist view of religion.

Drawing on New Testament studies and recent scholarship on the expansion of the Christian church, Gary B. Ferngren presents a comprehensive historical account of medicine and medical philanthropy in the first five centuries of the Christian era. Ferngren first describes how early Christians understood disease. He examines the relationship of early Christian medicine to the natural and supernatural modes of healing found in the Bible. Despite biblical accounts of demonic possession and miraculous healing, Ferngren argues that early Christians generally accepted naturalistic assumptions about disease and cared for the sick with medical knowledge gleaned from the Greeks and Romans. Ferngren also explores the origins of medical philanthropy in the early Christian church. Rather than viewing illness as punishment for sins, early Christians believed that the sick deserved both

medical assistance and compassion. Even as they were being persecuted, Christians cared for the sick within and outside of their community. Their long experience in medical charity led to the creation of the first hospitals, a singular Christian contribution to health care. "A succinct, thoughtful, well-written, and carefully argued assessment of Christian involvement with medical matters in the first five centuries of the common era... It is to Ferngren's credit that he has opened questions and explored them so astutely. This fine work looks forward as well as backward; it invites fuller reflection of the many senses in which medicine and religion intersect and merits wide readership."— Journal of the American Medical Association "In this superb work of historical and conceptual scholarship, Ferngren unfolds for the reader a cultural milieu of healing practices during the early centuries of Christianity."— Perspectives on Science and Christian Faith "Readable and widely researched... an important book for mission studies and American Catholic movements, the book posits the question of what can take its place in today's challenging religious culture."— Missiology: An International Review Gary B. Ferngren is a professor of history at Oregon State University and a professor of the history of medicine at First Moscow State Medical

**University. He is the author of Medicine and Religion: A Historical Introduction and the editor of Science and Religion: A Historical Introduction.**

**His Life, His Sermons, His Boldness of Faith Desiring God**

**The Supremacy Of God In Missions**

**An Autobiography**

**Revelation**

**Brigham Young**

**The Historical Origin Of Christianity by Walter Williams reveals what happened to ancient Egyptian ancestors and how the true origin of Christianity began.**

**Acts is the sequel to Luke's gospel and tells the story of Jesus's followers during the 30 years after his death. It describes how the 12 apostles, formerly Jesus's disciples, spread the message of Christianity throughout the Mediterranean against a background of persecution. With an introduction by P.D. James**

**John G. Lake was one of the most powerful healing evangelists of the twentieth century. His life's work included countless conversions, healings, and deliverances, as well as the establishment of hundreds of churches**

**and ministries. Now, the wisdom and experience of Lake's teachings on healing have been condensed into one book. Through these teachings, you, too, can: Receive physical and emotional healing Discover the spiritual roots of sickness Overcome fear and hopelessness Remove hindrances to healing Defeat the attacks of Satan Walk in divine health Minister healing to others Win souls for eternity Experience a new joy in your life The power of John G. Lake's healing ministry and its effect on the world is finally at your fingertips. Healing is available for you and your loved ones today!**

**Get to know the beliefs and practices inspired by Jesus Christ Discover what it means to be a Christian and follow the gospel Curious about Christianity? This friendly guide helps you understand the basic teachings of the Christian faith, exploring the common ground that all Christians share, the differences among the major branches, the key events in Christian history, the key theological issues, and the many ways Christians live out their faith in today's world. The Dummies Way Explanations in plain**

**English "Get in, get out" information  
Icons and other navigational aids Tear-  
out cheat sheet Top ten lists A dash of  
humor and fun Discover how to: Express  
the core essentials of Christianity  
Appreciate the life and teachings of Jesus  
Understand why the Bible is central to  
the faith Respect the unique roles of the  
Trinity Explore controversial issues  
among the branches  
From Jesus to Christ  
Revelations of Pagan Origins  
Holy Bible  
Ethiopia and the Origin of Civilization  
A Demonstration That, as the Fathers  
Admitted, Our Religion Existed Before  
Our Era, and Even in Pre-historic Times  
Cold-Case Christianity  
A reasonably priced, quality black  
hardcover pew and ministry Bible  
featuring a large 12-point font.  
Reveals how Christian mythology has  
more to do with long-standing pagan  
traditions than the Bible • Explains how  
the church fathers knowingly  
incorporated pagan elements into the  
Christian faith to ease the transition to  
the new religion • Identifies pagan  
deities that were incorporated into each**

**of the saints • Shows how all the major holidays in the Christian calendar are modeled on pagan rituals and myths, including Easter and Christmas In this extensive study of the Christian mythology that animated Europe in the Middle Ages, author Philippe Walter reveals how these stories and the holiday traditions connected with them are based on long-standing pagan rituals and myths and have very little connection to the Bible. The author explains how the church fathers knowingly incorporated pagan elements into the Christian faith to ease the transition to the new religion. Rather than tear down the pagan temples in Britain, Pope Gregory the Great advised Saint Augustine of Canterbury to add the pagan rituals into the mix of Christian practices and transform the pagan temples into churches. Instead of religious conversion, it was simply a matter of convincing the populace to include Jesus in their current religious practices. Providing extensive documentation, Walter shows which major calendar days of the Christian year are founded on pagan rituals and myths,**

**including the high holidays of Easter and Christmas. Examining hagiographic accounts of the saints, he reveals the origin of these symbolic figures in the deities worshipped in pagan Europe for centuries. He also explores how the identities of saints and pagan figures became so intermingled that some saints were transformed into pagan incarnations, such as Mary Magdalene's conversion into one of the Celtic Ladies of the Lake. In revealing the pagan roots of many Christian figures, stories, and rituals, Walter provides a new understanding of the evolution of religious belief.**

**John G. Paton's accounts of evangelism among the South Sea Cannibals are extraordinary, but what sets this book apart is that it contains one of the finest testimonies of multi-generational love and devotion between a father and son found outside the Scriptures. In this autobiographical account, Paton describes how his father's love and training prepared him to endure bitter hardship, to persevere against unspeakably difficult circumstances, and to resist sin. Because of his father's**

**faithful example, Paton was able to love and lead to Christ the very people who tried to eat his wife and child.**

**The subject of continuity and discontinuity between the Testaments is one of the "hot button" issues in theology today. How many of the laws in the Old Testament are Christians to obey today and how many are fulfilled and done away in Christ? Some theologians divide the Law of Moses into three lists of laws: "the ceremonial law, the civil law, and the moral law (the Ten Commandments)." The ceremonial and civil laws have been fulfilled, but the moral law is still in effect without change. Any suggestion that the Ten Commandments have been altered or dropped in any sense earns the label "antinomian." This book affirms the following: the Ten Commandments are a vital part of a Christian's rule of life, not as they were written on the tablets of stone for Israel (Exodus 34:27, 28), but as they were interpreted and applied by Christ and His apostles. Our Lord raised the moral standard in the Sermon on the Mount and in the epistles. He changed some laws, dropped some laws, and**

**added some laws. He never contradicted Moses, but He did contrast His new and higher law with Moses. The real issue is this: Does Jesus replace Moses as a new lawgiver in the same sense that He replaces Aaron as high priest? Is Jesus a new lawgiver, or is He merely the final interpreter of Moses? The answer comes as part of a larger question about continuity and discontinuity. When we discuss "covenants," there is total discontinuity-the Old Covenant, in its entirety, has been replaced by the New Covenant. If we discuss God's one unchanging purpose in sovereign grace, there is one hundred percent continuity.**

**The Origins of the New Testament  
Images of Jesus (Second Edition)  
The Gospel According to John  
John G. Lake on Healing  
Medicine and Health Care in Early  
Christianity  
Christian Mythology  
The Probability Of God**

Insightful and heart-warming, this classic book is written for those who seek to know God better. It unfolds life-impacting, biblical truths and has been called a "soul-stirring celebration of the pleasures of knowing God."

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NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER • From one of the world's most influential spiritual thinkers, a long-awaited book exploring what it means that Jesus was called "Christ," and how this forgotten truth can restore hope and meaning to our lives. "Anyone who strives to put their faith into action will find encouragement and inspiration in the pages of this book."—Melinda Gates In his decades as a globally recognized teacher, Richard Rohr has helped millions realize what is at stake in matters of faith and spirituality. Yet Rohr has never written on the most perennially talked about topic in Christianity: Jesus. Most know who Jesus was, but who was Christ? Is the word simply Jesus's last name? Too often, Rohr writes, our understandings have been limited by culture, religious debate, and the human tendency to put ourselves at the center. Drawing on scripture, history, and spiritual practice, Rohr articulates a transformative view of Jesus Christ as a portrait of God's constant, unfolding work in the world. "God loves things by becoming them," he writes, and Jesus's life was meant to declare that humanity has never been separate from God—except by its own negative choice. When we recover this fundamental truth, faith becomes less about proving Jesus was God, and more about learning to recognize the Creator's presence all around us, and in everyone we meet. Thought-provoking, practical, and full of deep hope and vision, *The Universal Christ* is a landmark book from

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one of our most beloved spiritual writers, and an invitation to contemplate how God liberates and loves all that is.

An unabridged, unedited printing of J. G. Jackson's pamphlet 'Christianity Before Christ' -

In his book *The Historical Origin Of Islam* Walter Williams explains how the religion known as Islam developed historically. The information presented in this book differs from the traditional Islamic theology and literature and must be read with an open mind.

*How a Forgotten Reality Can Change Everything We See, Hope For, and Believe*

*Continuity and Discontinuity*

*The Universal Christ*

*The Exaltation of a Jewish Preacher from Galilee*

*The Life and Morals of Jesus of Nazareth*  
*Missionary Patriarch*

Nolan's portrait introduces readers to Jesus as He was before He became enshrined in doctrine, dogma, and ritual, a man deeply involved with the real problems of His time, which are the real problems of our time as well.

In a new preface, Nolan reflects on recent work in Christology and how a book written in South Africa in 1976 still has a message for people today.

*A Critical Review of the Evidence of Archaeology, Anthropology, History and Comparative Religion: According to the Most Reliable Sources and Authorities*  
"Magisterial. . . . A learned, brilliant and enjoyable

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study."—Géza Vermès, *Times Literary Supplement* In this exciting book, Paula Fredriksen explains the variety of New Testament images of Jesus by exploring the ways that the new Christian communities interpreted his mission and message in light of the delay of the Kingdom he had preached. This edition includes an introduction reviews the most recent scholarship on Jesus and its implications for both history and theology. "Brilliant and lucidly written, full of original and fascinating insights."—Reginald H. Fuller, *Journal of the American Academy of Religion* "This is a first-rate work of a first-rate historian."—James D. Tabor, *Journal of Religion* "Fredriksen confronts her documents—principally the writings of the New Testament—as an archaeologist would an especially rich complex site. With great care she distinguishes the literary images from historical fact. As she does so, she explains the images of Jesus in terms of the strategies and purposes of the writers Paul, Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John."—Thomas D'Evelyn, *Christian Science Monitor*

Mission is not the ultimate goal of the church. Worship is. Missions exist because worship doesn't. Worship is ultimate.' John Piper's contemporary classic draws on key biblical texts to demonstrate that worship is the ultimate goal of the church and that proper worship fuels missionary outreach. Piper offers a biblical defence of God's supremacy in all things, providing a sound theological foundation for missions. He examines whether Jesus is the only way to salvation and issues a passionate

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plea for God-centredness in the missionary enterprise, seeking to define the scope of the task and the means for reaching 'all nations'. Let the Nations Be Glad! is a trusted resource for missionaries, pastors, church leaders, youth workers, seminary students, and all who want to connect their labours to God's global purposes. This third edition has been revised and expanded throughout and includes new material on the 'prosperity gospel'.

The World's Sixteen Crucified Saviors

The Faiths of the Founding Fathers

John G. Paton, Missionary to the New Hebrides

The Gospel According to Mark

Christianity For Dummies

The World Book Encyclopedia

The World's Sixteen Crucified Saviors  
Paperback

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER The "paradigm-influencing" book (Christianity Today) that is fundamentally transforming our understanding of white evangelicalism in America. Jesus and John Wayne is a sweeping, revisionist history of the last seventy-five years of white evangelicalism, revealing how evangelicals have worked to replace the Jesus of the Gospels with an idol of rugged masculinity and Christian nationalism—or in the words of one modern chaplain, with "a spiritual badass." As acclaimed scholar Kristin Du Mez explains, the key to understanding

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this transformation is to recognize the centrality of popular culture in contemporary American evangelicalism. Many of today's evangelicals might not be theologically astute, but they know their VeggieTales, they've read John Eldredge's Wild at Heart, and they learned about purity before they learned about sex—and they have a silver ring to prove it. Evangelical books, films, music, clothing, and merchandise shape the beliefs of millions. And evangelical culture is teeming with muscular heroes—mythical warriors and rugged soldiers, men like Oliver North, Ronald Reagan, Mel Gibson, and the Duck Dynasty clan, who assert white masculine power in defense of “Christian America.” Chief among these evangelical legends is John Wayne, an icon of a lost time when men were uncowed by political correctness, unafraid to tell it like it was, and did what needed to be done. Challenging the commonly held assumption that the “moral majority” backed Donald Trump in 2016 and 2020 for purely pragmatic reasons, Du Mez reveals that Trump in fact represented the fulfillment, rather than the betrayal, of white evangelicals' most deeply held values: patriarchy, authoritarian rule, aggressive foreign policy, fear of Islam,

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ambivalence toward #MeToo, and opposition to Black Lives Matter and the LGBTQ community. A much-needed reexamination of perhaps the most influential subculture in this country, Jesus and John Wayne shows that, far from adhering to biblical principles, modern white evangelicals have remade their faith, with enduring consequences for all Americans.

A thoughtful approach to justifying religion using scientific principles reveals how a two-hundred-year-old mathematical equation, developed by European philosopher Thomas Bayes, can be used to prove the probability of God's existence. Reprint. 10,000 first printing. This book, which tells Lakes's life story through an authorized biography and his sermons, shows--perhaps more than any other--how bold faith like John G. Lake's can come alive in any believer who will receive.

Let the Nations be Glad

The True Story of John G. Paton

Introduction to African Civilizations

The Mormon Jesus

A Homicide Detective Investigates the Claims of the Gospels

How Jesus Became God

Brigham Young was a rough-hewn New York craftsman whose impoverished life was electrified by the Mormon faith.

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Turner provides a fully realized portrait of this spiritual prophet, viewed by followers as a protector and by opponents as a heretic. His pioneering faith made a deep imprint on tens of thousands of lives in the American Mountain West.

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This early pamphlet is Jackson's first discussion of this important topic, one that he would go on to elaborate upon for the remainder of his life. In it he expounds upon his Afrocentric view that most great ideas had their origin in Africa, especially Egypt. Was there Christianity before Christ? Dr. Jackson explores African culture and reveals how the elements that went into the makings of Christianity did in fact exist thousands of years before the religion 'Christianity' was officially established.

The publication of the King James version of the Bible, translated between 1603 and 1611, coincided with an extraordinary flowering of English literature and is universally acknowledged as the greatest influence on English-language literature in history. Now, world-class literary writers introduce the book of the King James Bible in a series of beautifully designed, small-format volumes. The introducers' passionate, provocative, and personal engagements with the spirituality and the language of the text make the Bible come alive as a stunning work of literature and remind us of its overwhelming contemporary relevance.

The final book of the Bible, Revelation prophesies the ultimate judgement of mankind in a series of allegorical visions, grisly images and numerological predictions. According to these, empires will fall, the "Beast" will be destroyed and Christ will rule a new Jerusalem. With an introduction by Will Self.

The Jefferson Bible

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Meditations of a Christian Hedonist

The Historical Origin of Islam

Jesus and John Wayne: How White Evangelicals Corrupted a Faith and Fractured a Nation

*Through an exhaustive analysis of Paul's letters to the Galatians and the Roman, illuminating answers are given to the key questions about the teachings of Paul.*

*A Simple Calculation That Proves The Ultimate Truth*

*The Renwal of Evangelicalism in Postwar America*