

*Some say that whoever wrote the Bible stole stories from the Egyptians.*

All Scripture is given by inspiration of God (2 Ti 3:16).

Daniel Anderson wrote:

For years, the popular media has mocked the biblical accounts of Joseph, Moses, the Passover, and the Exodus as being completely incompatible with standard Egyptian chronology. Year after year, we have been told by numerous scholars that events recorded in the books of Genesis and Exodus are nice legends devoid of any historical or archaeological merit.

However, a new wind is blowing. An emerging pool of scholars, representing diverse backgrounds, has been openly calling for a drastic reduction in Egyptian chronology. Such a reduction would serve to line up the historical and archaeological records of Egypt and the Old Testament...And by doing so, the reliability of Genesis, Exodus, and the entire Old Testament will have to be reconsidered as a viable source of historical truth...

... [W]hen placed at the proper time, there is an abundance of historical and archaeological evidence to confirm the books of Genesis and Exodus.

...Presupposing biblical accuracy and applying professional research standards, a number of scholars are off to a promising start. Dr. Clifford Wilson, former Director of the Australian Institute of Archaeology, said it best: "I know of no finding in archaeology that's properly confirmed which is in opposition to the scriptures. The Bible is the most accurate history textbook the world has ever seen."<sup>1</sup>

The Bible is proven true time and time again. Satan's revisionist history will not stand (Ge 3:1).

Creation Ministries International wrote:

...[T]he so-called copycats were nothing of the kind. E.g.:

- These allegedly crucified saviours were neither crucified nor resurrected in the original legends.
- Those like Osiris were not at all a parallel to a Resurrection on this earth—he was not resurrected at all, but became Lord of the Underworld, whereas Jesus appeared on Earth to 500 people at once and ate fish. Also, death-rebirth-death cycles in paganism have nothing to do with the once and for all resurrection of Jesus
- The alleged "virgin birth" parallels were really stories of gods impregnating women, who were thus not virgins by definition. Mary on the other hand was overshadowed by the Holy Spirit, so had no sexual intercourse until after Jesus was born...
- There was also the major difference that Jesus's crucifixion and resurrection were reported well within the lifetime of eye-witnesses, while the reports that Graves cites were centuries after the alleged events.

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<sup>1</sup> Anderson, Daniel. Egyptian history and the biblical record: a perfect match? Creation Ministries International. 10 Jan 09. Web 8 Jul 21: <https://creation.com/egyptian-history-and-the-biblical-record-a-perfect-match>

- Alleged December 25 parallels are irrelevant, since Christianity doesn't depend on this in the slightest...

...What few parallels may still remain may reflect a Christian influence on the pagan systems. As Bruce Metzger has argued, 'It must not be uncritically assumed that the Mysteries always influenced Christianity, for it is not only possible but probable that in certain cases, the influence moved in the opposite direction.'<sup>2</sup>

Imitation is the highest form of flattery. History is—*His story*.

The Bible is: dated with human events (Hag 1:1, 15; Lk 3:1), inspired (2 Ti 3:16) and free of fables (2 Pe 1:16). It is valuable for: an outline of ancient history (Ac 7:1–53), spiritual lessons (1 Co 10:1–11), prophecy and fulfillment (Ac 4:24–28).<sup>3</sup>

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<sup>2</sup> Staff writer. Was Christianity plagiarized from pagan myths? Creation Ministries International. 10 Jan 09. Web 8 Jul 21: <https://creation.com/was-christianity-plagiarized-from-pagan-myths>

<sup>3</sup> Thomas Nelson Publishers. (1996). Nelson's quick reference topical Bible index (p. 290). Nashville, TN: Thomas Nelson Publishers.