

[Follow-up Is Jesus a myth?] ...I believe we must be clearer in providing better citations of sources when we wish to show nonbelievers evidence of the fallacy of these theories.

I have only come across (thus far, at least) a few articles from fellow believers that cite information gleaned either from the source texts of the mythologies in question (like those from Horus, Mithra, etc.).

The history of Jesus is not an adaptation of ancient stories such as: Horus, Mithra, Osiris or other gods of paganism.

Apologist Steven Bancarz stated:

The parallels are either not there or completely made up....This theory relies on ambiguous or fabricated similarities. It ignores the wealth of historical evidence we have for Jesus and it lacks causal significance as an explanation. For these three reasons and many others experts are universally convinced that pagan mythology had absolutely no role in the story of Jesus or the origin of Christian beliefs.¹

We have eye-witness testimony and manuscript evidence² for the existence of Jesus': death, burial and resurrection.

Not one dig of the archaeologist's spade has unearthed evidence to refute the Bible.

Regarding the Christian worldview, Alex McFarland said its strengths include: interpretation, stabilization and proclamation:

interpretation: it gives us glasses through which we can see meaning to life. Just as an unfocused camera provides a blurry image, our view of the world remains blurry without some glasses that correct it. All of us see the world through some kind of glasses; our understanding of the world depends on the glasses we use. A biblical Christian worldview gives us a lens through which we can see and interpret life.

stabilization: it gives us an anchor to which we can hold, a mooring in life. A ship navigates in the vast ocean by plotting its position relative to the fixed position of the stars. Any sailor will tell you that it is hard to determine the position of the stars if the sea is rough. And, of course, the entire process would be worthless if the stars themselves were not fixed in the sky. In spiritual and intellectual matters, a worldview gives a person a stable deck from which he can plot his position in the universe.

¹ Bancarz, Stevben. Zeitgeist Debunked: Jesus Is Not A Copy Of Pagan Gods. Video. Published on 22 Apr 2017: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=30AunYxTYDg>

² Biblical and extra-Biblical.

"There is much evidence that the Bible we have today is remarkably true to the original writings. Of the thousands of copies made by hand before AD 1500, more than 5,300 Greek manuscripts from the New Testament alone still exist today. The test of the Bible is better preserved than the writings of Caesar, Plato, or Aristotle." Why Trust the Bible? Pamphlet. ISBN 10: 1596361395 ISBN 13: 9781596361393 Product Code: 603X.

"Archaeology and the Bible: Old Testament pamphlet lists 50 key archaeological finds that support the veracity of the Old Testament, shed light on the culture and customs, and help us understand the ancient people of the Bible." Archaeology & the Bible- Old Testament. Pamphlet. ISBN 10: 9901983657 ISBN 13: 9789901983650 Product Code: 422X.

proclamation: it gives us a platform from which we can speak a message of life. In a world of chaos and confusion, a coherent worldview also gives a person clarity and focus that attracts attention; it gives the Christian a platform from which to speak to the world.³

J. Vernon McGee said: "It's not proof you need. It's a change of the will and a change of the heart."

Men have: an internal testimony (Ro 2:15), an external testimony (Ps 19:1) and the scriptures (Jas 1:18). Therefore, they are without excuse before God (Ro 1:20).

The Holy Spirit moves (Ge 1:2, Jn 3:8) to inspire Christians (Ps 51:11) to: exhort and rebuke with all authority. (Tt 2:15). Believers are accountable to him not men (Ga 1:10). When a Christ-follower speaks from the word God, he speaks with the authority of any apostle or prophet of old (Mt 10:16, 1 Jn 2:27).

The apostle Paul was a learned man⁴; but, rather than rely on the works of others, he chose instead to know nothing except for Christ and him crucified (1 Co 2:2). Preachers and teachers of the gospel continue to work as the Spirit leads today (Ro 8:14).

³ Worldviews Comparison. Pamphlet. ISBN 10: 1596361492 ISBN 13: 9781596361492 Product Code: 614X

⁴ Though I also might have confidence in the flesh. If anyone else thinks he may have confidence in the flesh, I more so: circumcised the eighth day, of the stock of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of the Hebrews; concerning the law, a Pharisee; concerning zeal, persecuting the church; concerning the righteousness which is in the law, blameless.

But what things were gain to me, these I have counted loss for Christ. Yet indeed I also count all things loss for the excellence of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them as rubbish, that I may gain Christ and be found in Him (Php 3:4–9, NKJV).