

I am one who loves to "re-search." I like to look at things from different angles and search what has already been searched (re-search). In this article, I have used as many different translations of the Scriptures as possible in order to gain a broad, unprejudiced view of this topic. Coffee Scribe mail@coffeescribe.ca

I enjoy research and like to share various insights with others from what I have learned from my own misconceptions of what I thought the Bible said.

commonly misunderstood facts about the Bible

- Satan has never been to Hell and it was not created for people to go to originally. (Satan *will* be going there.)
- Jesus Christ was not a "Christian," He was and/is Jewish! (There is a very important reason for this fact.)
- God loves gays and the Bible does not say that He is against *them*.

Many people say that "**all religions are the same**" and they have no idea why true/ Biblical Christianity is different from every other religion on earth... here's why:

- 1. It is the only religion in the world that DOES NOT REQUIRE people to perform, act or to do something for them to receive 100% acceptance from God.
- It places the highest value on women and promotes women as being 100% equal with men throughout all of its teachings. Most true Christians believe this.
- 3. It has the only accurate and truthful version of the real Jesus Christ.

"I'M PISSed!"

...at least you said you were - as well as

betrayed by the so-called teachings and story of Jesus Christ as not being authentic, as they've been COPIED from the mythological stories of the different gods of antiquity,

SUCH as Krishna of India, Horus the Egyptian god, and Attis of Greece, some of which pre-dated and existed thousands of years before the so-called Jesus Christ (paraphrased).

my response to you

There are several compelling reasons to reject the notion that Christianity was simply "Ifted" from pagan sources such as:

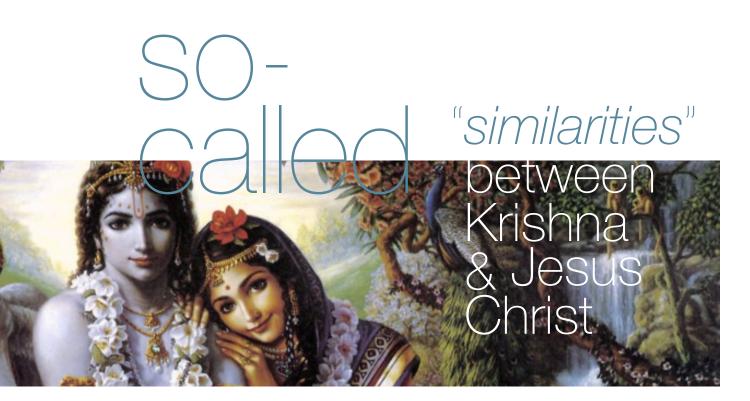
- 1. The narratives in the Bible include names, places and dates and are regarded as authentic, historical documents differing from the style of ancient myths which do not include historical detail such as actual names, places and dates of real history.
- 2. Misleading language from several so-called experts or liberal scholars which have used familiar linguistic terms familiar with Christians in illustrating similarities of the Bible to describe their pagan myths.

an example: "The dead body of Osiris floated in the Nile and he returned to life, this being accomplished by a baptism in the waters of the Nile."

however: The language used to describe the example above, turned out to be fabrications of the modern scholar and was not part of the original myth!

See Edwin Yamauchi, "Easter – Myth, Hallucination, or History?" Christianity Today, 29 March 1974, 660-63. As cited by Ronald Nash (one such resource out of several online as this one happens to come from a Christian source). There are many false claims of other "previous Christs" that people quote, such as Horus, the Egyptian god of 3000 BC; Attis of Greece, 1200 BC; Mithra of Persia, 1200 BC; and so forth. People are being outright lied to by misinformation through so-called documentaries such as "*Zeitgeist: The Greatest Story Ever Told – 2007*" by Peter Joseph, with exaggerations of previous "resurrections" and "virgin births," and the list goes on. The fabricated facts given in such movies are absurd and the so-called "research" is so out of context that it is as far from being fact as it can be, but most people are not aware of this. I have taken just

 \bigcirc of these gods and have attempted to give a brief comparison of his claims to that of Jesus, the true Christ (Messiah) of the Bible.



virgin births

- Krishna was born of the virgin Devaki ("Divine One")
- It is true that Krishna was "born of hairs from the head of Vishnu which that god placed in her womb," however, this is in no way similar to the virgin birth of Jesus Christ in anyway, shape or form at all. People who say they are similar have no idea how vastly different the two are at all for these reasons:

thousand years prior (Isaiah 7:14). There are more, but this is one to think

about.

SO Because this was yet another prophecy waiting to be fulfilled, why would there be a need to duplicate/borrow from the mythological birth of Krishna (or any of the other ancient gods/myths for that matter)?

- The use again of New Testament terms/themes "born of a virgin" would serve to put a casual reader in the mind of a full blown nativity scene. A careful reading of the Krishna myth shows this is not the case.
 - Krishna was the EIGHTH incarnation of the god Vishnu.
 - This stands in sharp contrast to the Christian narrative, where the birth of Jesus Christ represents the only incarnation of God. This incarnation was not a routine/commonplace event either. To claim equality with God was a serious offense, as the Jews demonstrated (see John 8).

fathers were both carpenters

- Krishna's father was named Vasudeva. His occupation was not mentioned in four separate sources commonly referred to.
- There are several different versions of ancient myths, but only one Bible narrative. As believers we maintain that the originals were inspired and without error. As they exist today, they are 99.5% textually correct with only minor copyists errors. None of these errors affect the central/main doctrines or claims of Jesus Christ as God.

at birth, both were attended by angels, wise men and shepherds and each were presented with gold, frankincense and myrrh

None of the sources for Krishna have detailed such explicit gifts offered

 only that there was great celebration at Krishna's birth.

 The Bible does not say that there were "three" wise men or kings that came to see Jesus at His birth at all. It only indicates that three kinds of gifts were offered as mentioned above as there could have been up towards 20 "Magi" traveling to see the new King. Also, these Magi did not visit Jesus Christ at His birth – but came when He would have been around two years old. Most people who have not studied the Scriptures have no idea of the actual facts that the Bible presents concerning the birth of Jesus Christ. Most get their "facts" concerning this from Christmas cards.

persecuted by a tyrant who ordered the slaughter of thousands of infants

- Kamsa or Kansa, Devaki's brother, decided to destroy all the children (not infants) in the region who were rather unusual (not because Krishna was thought to be the promised Messiah as Herod did). Additionally, this slaughter was done out of fear for Kamsa's own life as an oracle prophesied to Kansa before that one of Devaki's nephews wanted to kill him.
- Furthermore, the slaughter of the innocents by Herod was a historical fact of history which has been proven by many historians and archaeologists world-wide.

baptized in a river

 Here is a "borrowing" again of Christian terminology to describe this event for Krishna. Krishna was NOT baptized in the River Ganges. Funny thing is in ALL of the versions of the narratives of the Mahabharata, this term was NEVER used in relation to Krishna (again, check for yourself from "credible" sources).

worked miracles and wonders

 The relationship between mythological characters and supernatural powers, miracles and wonders is a common one. Not only in Indian myths, but Greek and Egyptian myths as well. The difference is that Jesus Christ did not perform miracles as tricks to show off His power. His miracles were signs to indicate that His authority was from God and were often a fulfillment of Old Testament prophecy about His Messiahship – unlike myths that use them to tell great stories.

died on a tree (cross) or was crucified between two thieves

• Kersey Graves in *Sixteen Crucified Saviors* or Godfrey Higgin's *Anacalypisis* (which Graves drew from) in asserting that Krishna was a crucified deity is untrue. It is neither authentic to Hinduism nor is Hinduism the source of that portion of the Christian narrative. The same may be said for most of the perpetuated nativity stories.

Van Eck, Steven The Skeptical Review "Hare Jesus" 1994. This article was quoted by J.P. Holding of Tektonics Apologetics Ministries.

rose from the dead and ascended to heaven

 It appears that this "similarity" arose after the existence of Christian proselytism. If Krishna wasn't crucified and the story is not authentic to Hinduism, then it could follow that any (New Testament terminology again) "resurrection" and "ascension" would be as well.

called the "Shepherd God" and "Lord of lords," and was considered "the Redeemer, Firstborn, Sin Bearer, Liberator, Universal Word"

- Doubt should be cast upon the citation of Graves in the work *Origins of Christianity*, written by Arachaya S., due to the fact that Graves is not a Christian, nor does he believe that Jesus Christ even existed. In Graves citations, he claimed the following:
 - "He [Krishna] is the second person of the Trinity, and proclaimed himself the 'Resurrection' and the 'way' to the Father."
 - "Krishna was considered the 'Beginning, the Middle and the End,' ["Alpha and Omega"] as well as being omniscient, omnipresent and omnipotent."
- Once again, please notice the misleading language used and familiar linguistic terms familiar with Christians in illustrating his similarities from his citation.

Krishna's disciples bestowed upon him the title "Jezeus," meaning "pure essence"

Again, the term "disciples" was borrowed from New Testament terms for effect

 however, in contrast, Jesus' disciples did not bestow Jesus' title to Him,
 as His name was given to Him from God through the Archangel Gabriel.

 To further highlight the significance for the real Biblical Jesus name, the English name Jesus actually means "Yahweh (God) is salvation" from the original language that His name was given. Not only does His name mean "Salvation," but He is called God, and referred to as God throughout the Bible. It is for this very reason that He was hung up to die by those who did not believe Him.

find out what is really being said...

As one who appreciates research myself, I do not necessarily rely on the internet alone for my facts even though there are many credible resources to be found. Some of the information that I have used regarding the gods of antiquity have come from a book called *"The Oxford Illustrated Companion to World Mythology"* by David Leeming. With that said, regarding the internet, please note the web search idea at the top of the next page. It is not necessarily for research purposes but more as an overview of exposing how deceptive information can be presented as being correct. Rather than believing lists of what others have claimed about the ancient mythological gods as being the origins of Jesus Christs' *"story,"* it would be wise to actually exercise these two serious points:

- 1. Find out what the Bible really says for yourself, rather than believing what others might tell you it says.
- 2. Actually examine the claims and terminology that people use to describe and explain their viewpoints as being fact or truth when they make statements surrounding terms (referring to other deities) such as: titles (Son of God, etc.), born of a virgin, tempted in the desert, cast out demons, walk on water, resurrected from the dead, twelve disciples, crucified, sent from heaven to earth, called Savior and second person of the Trinity, born on December 25th, and others like these. *Note: Jesus Christ was not born on December 25th and most Christians are aware of that*.

Zeitgeist: The Greatest Story Ever Told – 2007:

"Zeitgeist exposed" key this two-word phrase into any search engine and it will present hundreds of resources exposing many of the lies that are out there concerning your video blog post, what is actually fact, and what is not. See: *"Did Zeitgeist Destroy Your Faith in Jesus Christ (Jesus vs Horus)"* on Youtube, as it will address a lot of your insights that your own movie spoke of.

Just one AST NOTE...

In your video you mentioned that the Bible doesn't support scientific facts concerning the "earth as being flat" and also that it is full of contradictions which suggests it's not inspired. Rather than me listing why the contradictions are actually further proofs of its infallibility, I would encourage you to view some sites that I have found to be helpful in regard to:

Science in the Bible: https://answersingenesis.org/science/ Contradictions and others:

http://www.debate.org.uk/debate-topics/apologetic/contrads/ http://www.debate.org.uk/videos/

Also, some of the "negative things" you mentioned about the Bible such as Hell and even the negative ideas about gays, etc., Hell is one of the most documented topics that Jesus spoke about even more than heaven and salvation. As we learn more about quantum mechanics, Hell is considered to becoming a newly scientific reality by most scientists today. I would highly recommend "*They Love Jesus But Not The Church*," written by Dan Kimball. His site and quote below: http://dankimball.com/

"Most Christians can quote Acts 4:12 or John 14:6, but have we earned the trust of people outside the church that allows us to intelligently dialog about what they mean?"