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# Origin of the Moses Myth

<https://www.umsl.edu/~thomaskp/prevoff.htm#:~:text=%22Mises%22%20is%20found%20in%20Syria,his%20army%20across%20the%20sea.>

The legend of Moses, rather than being that of a historical Hebrew character, is found from the Mediterranean to India, with the character having different names and races, depending on the locale: "Manou" is the Indian legislator. "Nemo the lawgiver," who brought down the tablets from the Mountain of God, hails from Babylon. "Mises" is found in Syria, where he was pulled out of a basket floating in a river. Mises also had tablets of stone upon which laws were written and a rod with which he did miracles, including parting waters and leading his army across the sea. In addition, "Manes the lawgiver" took the stage in Egypt, and "Minos" was the Cretan reformer.

Like Moses, Krishna was placed by his mother in a reed boat and set adrift in a river to be discovered by another woman. The Akkadian Sargon also was placed in a reed basket and set adrift to save his life. In fact, "The name Moses is Egyptian and comes from mo, the Egyptian word for water, and uses, meaning saved from water, in this case, primordial." Thus, this title Moses could be applied to any of these various heroes saved from the water.

Moses's flowering rod, river of blood, and tablets of the law were all symbols of the ancient Goddess. His miracle of drawing water from a rock was first performed by Mother Rhea after she gave birth to Zeus, and by Atalanta with the help of Artemis. His miracle of drying up the waters to travel dry-shod was earlier performed by Isis, or Hathor, on her way to Byblos.

. . . Bishop Colenso's . . . mathematical arguments that an army of 600,000 men could not very well have been mobilized in a single night, that three millions of people with their flocks and herds could not very well have drawn water from a single well, and hundreds of other equally ludicrous inaccuracies of a similar nature, were popular points which even the most unlearned could appreciate, and therefore especially roused the ire of apologists and conservatives.

# God Created Evil

Isaiah 45:7

I form the light and create darkness: I make peace and create evil; I the Lord do these things.

# God does not have a plan

This verse is used by Christians to justify the belief that God has a plan Jeremiah 29:11

However the verse is not a self contained idea, it is a part of the larger chapter. It is very clear in the text that God is talking only to Jeremiah

**29** This is the text of the letter that the prophet Jeremiah sent from Jerusalem to the surviving elders among the exiles and to the priests, the prophets and all the other people Nebuchadnezzar had carried into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon. **2** (This was after King Jehoiachin<sup>[a]</sup> and the queen mother, the court officials and the leaders of Judah and Jerusalem, the skilled workers and the artisans had gone into exile from Jerusalem.) **3** He entrusted the letter to Elasah son of Shaphan and to Gemariah son of Hilkiah, whom Zedekiah king of Judah sent to King Nebuchadnezzar in Babylon. It said:

**4** This is what the Lord Almighty, the God of Israel, says to all those I carried into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon: **5** “Build houses and settle down; plant gardens and eat what they produce. **6** Marry and have sons and daughters; find wives for your sons and give your daughters in marriage, so that they too may have sons and daughters. Increase in number there; do not decrease. **7** Also, seek the peace and prosperity of the city to which I have carried you into exile. Pray to the Lord for it, because if it prospers, you too will prosper.” **8** Yes, this is what the Lord Almighty, the God of Israel, says: “Do not let the prophets and diviners among you deceive you. Do not listen to the dreams you encourage them to have. **9** They are prophesying lies to you in my name. I have not sent them,” declares the Lord.

**10** This is what the Lord says: “When seventy years are completed for Babylon, I will come to you and fulfill my good promise to bring you back to this place. **11** For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. **12** Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. **13** You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart. **14** I will be found by you,” declares the Lord, “and will bring you back from captivity.<sup>[b]</sup> I will gather you from all the nations and places where I have banished you,” declares the Lord, “and will bring you back to the place from which I carried you into exile.”

# Noah's Ark

The ark was approx. 510 feet long, 72 feet tall, and 43 ft wide, at the most generous definition of a cubit.

The global flood lasted for a year

Answers in Genesis states that there were 7000 animals on the Ark, or 3500 species

Looking at just horses; assuming a standard size square bale of hay, at 14 inches high by 18 inches wide and 35 inches long, the food for those two horses for an entire year would be a stack of haybales 64 feet long, 33 feet wide, and 25 feet high.

Noah's Ark has approx. 1,578,960 cubic feet of space total. The food supply for the horses would take 52,800 cubic feet of space. This leaves 1,293,612 cubic feet remaining. This is a 0.05 loss of space, leaving 95.95 percent of the space remaining. We then have to do this with the other 6998 animals that were on the Ark, including many that are much larger and eat much more than the horses.

7000 animals on the Ark divided by the 8 people on the Ark, is 875 animals per person. There are 86,400 seconds per day. Divide this by 875 animals, and each person would only have 98 seconds to spend per animal per day for feeding, cleaning of the stalls, etc. This assumes the 8 people never stop to eat, or sleep for an entire year. Presumably through the power of God.

Noah's Ark landed at Mount Ararat. Kangaroos must have been on the Ark. There are about 10,000km between Mt. Ararat and Australia, in a straight line. These warm weather animals crossed huge amount of geography, including the cold Himalaya mountains, then swam the through an ocean to get to Australia. Presumably God made them.

Sloths are even worse. It is about 11,000km from Mt. Ararat to South America. Sloths have a top speed of 1.9km per hour, so it would take 5789 hours to make that journey. That is 241 days straight journey. They would also need to swim through an ocean. Sloths are strong swimmers, but the Atlantic Ocean is very big. They would need to swim for a very long time without stopping on dry land to eat or sleep. Sloths also do not like to move.

What happened to the plants? Apparently all the plants survived under the world wide flood for a year. Where did the olive leaf from the olive tree come from? How did the trees like Palm trees that are killed by salt water survive. Again, through the power of God presumably. At this point, seems like there was an easier way for an all power diety to kill everyone on earth except for 8 people. We aren't done yet.

What about all the cultures that survived the global flood? Egypt's 6th dynasty went right on without any interruption. Several Chinese neolithic cultures went on without issue. A number of civilizations that should have been wiped out survived. They also never even noticed the water. How dare they.

There are an estimated 7.7 million species of animal on the planet. With about 25% are marine animals. So that leaves 5,775,000 of land animal. Subtract the 3500 that Noah started with, and we have 5,771,500 species that need to evolve in 4000 years. We need to see 4 new species a day in order for us to reach the levels of biodiversity we see today. This also needs to include the Dinosaurs that were supposedly on the Ark, spread out over the entire earth, and then went extinct.

# Circumcision makes Christ useless to you

5 It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery.

2 Mark my words! I, Paul, tell you that if you let yourselves be circumcised, Christ will be of no value to you at all. 3 Again I declare to every man who lets himself be circumcised that he is obligated to obey the whole law. 4 You who are trying to be justified by the law have been alienated from Christ; you have fallen away from grace. 5 For through the Spirit we eagerly await by faith the righteousness for which we hope. 6 For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision has any value. The only thing that counts is faith expressing itself through love.

Galatians

# The Bible is Scientifically Accurate

Isaiah 40:22

“It is he who sits above the circle of the earth.”

The Bible Mentions Unicorns in Numbers 22

# The Holy Trinity

The only verse in the entire Bible that supports the Trinity is this:

1 John 5:7

**For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost:** and these three are one.

There are no Greek manuscripts that mention this. These being the oldest manuscripts. One was produced in the 1500's, but this was very dubious in origin. It was a translated version, from Latin to Greek, that includes this verse. Many scholars will simply omit this verse entirely, as it is impossible to verify its veracity.

The original text could have included this verse, then been lost when copied and all subsequent versions being based on the copy. It is also possible a theologically motivated scribe simply elaborated the passage to allude to the Trinity. Scribes would do this on a regular basis. In Hebrews 1:3 "Jesus reflects the glory of God, and upholds the universe by his word of power." A scribe was caught changing the word "upholding" to "revealing." This was caught and a rebuke was placed in the margin telling the scribe to stop the behavior.

There are several examples of this happening in the translations. Scribes would change text based upon their personal beliefs, correcting an error, or making the text mesh with other texts of the day and other theological thought. Scribes were also just making mistakes in translation. The oldest manuscripts often show the most evidence of alteration.

The King James Version was based upon the first Greek only New Testament manuscript published. This was cobbled together from Greek and Latin translations.

# Purity Culture

Linda Kay Klein - Paraphrase "Evangelical Christian purity culture creates a kind of PTSD among survivors."

Elizabeth Smart - Kidnapped and rapped, yet is she still the chewed up peice of gum?

Religious Trauma Syndrome - Michelle Panchuk of the Center for Philosophy of Religion

Paraphrase "The couching of religion makes it difficult to determine that one is in fact being traumatized."

# Caring for Others

Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves. Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others.

Phillipians 2:3

9 “When you reap the harvest of your land, do not reap to the very edges of your field or gather the gleanings of your harvest. 10 Do not go over your vineyard a second time or pick up the grapes that have fallen. Leave them for the poor and the foreigner. I am the Lord your God.

Leviticus 19:9

16 This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters. 17 If anyone has material possessions and sees a brother or sister in need but has no pity on them, how can the love of God be in that person? 18 Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth.

1 John 3

# Foreigners

31 “When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit on his glorious throne. 32 All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate the people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. 33 He will put the sheep on his right and the goats on his left.

34 “Then the King will say to those on his right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. 35 For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, 36 I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.’

37 “Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? 38 When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? 39 When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?’

40 “The King will reply, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.’

41 “Then he will say to those on his left, ‘Depart from me, you who are cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. 42 For I was hungry and you gave me nothing to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, 43 I was a stranger and you did not invite me in, I needed clothes and you did not clothe me, I was sick and in prison and you did not look after me.’

44 “They also will answer, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or needing clothes or sick or in prison, and did not help you?’

45 “He will reply, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did not do for one of the least of these, you did not do for me.’

46 “Then they will go away to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life.”

Matthew 25

# Lending Money

**34** And if you lend to those from whom you expect repayment, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, expecting to be repaid in full. **35** But love your enemies, do good to them, and lend to them without expecting to get anything back. Then your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High, because he is kind to the ungrateful and wicked. **36** Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

Luke 6:34

38 “You have heard that it was said, ‘Eye for eye, and tooth for tooth.’[h] 39 But I tell you, do not resist an evil person. If anyone slaps you on the right cheek, turn to them the other cheek also. 40 And if anyone wants to sue you and take your shirt, hand over your coat as well. 41 If anyone forces you to go one mile, go with them two miles. 42 Give to the one who asks you, and do not turn away from the one who wants to borrow from you.

Matthew 5:40

# Religious Idols

You shall not make for yourself an idolc or a likeness of anything\* in the heavens above or on the earth below or in the waters beneath the earth;

Genesis 20:4

Forbids the creation of religious statues and other idols

# Prayer

And when you pray do not be like the hypocrites, for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the street corners to be seen by others. Truly, I tell you, they have received their reward in full. But when you pray, go into your room, close the door and pray to your father, who is unseen. Then your father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you.

Matthew 6:5-6

# Sodom

Ezekiel tells us the sun of Sodom was being inhospitable and threatening violence against their guests.

In the New Testament it is explained they violated hospitable

Lot tries to let the mob rape his daughters instead of the angels.

# Contradictions in the Bible Surrounding Resurrection Story

- **Jesus last words**

- "My god my god why have you forsaken me?"
  - Matthew and Mark Psalm 22
- "Into your hands I commit my spirit"
  - Luke
- "It is Finished"
  - John
- "My power, My power, You have forsaken me"
  - Peter - Not actually in the bible. Could be using Power as a Euphemism for God

- **When was the stone rolled away**

- In Mark the women worry about who will move the stone for them, as they approach the tomb, the stone was already gone
- In Matthew, there is a sudden earthquake and flash of light, an angel descends to roll back the stone. The angel tells them "Do not be afraid"

- **How Did Judas Die**

- In Matthew he returns his 30 pieces of silver and then hangs himself
- In Acts, Judas buys a field where he falls head first and his intestines spill out

- **Where did Jesus meet the disciples?**

- In Mark, This is not described
- In Matthew, Jesus appears to his disciples on top of the mountain, and delivers the Great Commission
- In Luke, When the Women discover Jesus's tomb they tell the disciples, but no one believes them. Jesus meets two men on the road to Emmaus. They return to Jerusalem to tell the disciples. Jesus tells them not to leave Jerusalem until they receive the holy spirit, on Pentecost

- **The Day of Jesus Death**

- Matthew, Mark, and Luke
  - Jesus and the Disciples eat a meal together
  - In Luke it is made explicit they ate together as was customary on the day of preparation
  - Jesus prays with his disciples and is arrested.
  - At daybreak the next day, he is tried and crucified at noon
- John

- Jesus is killed on the day of preparation, before the passover meal.
- The reader is reminded 3 times that all of this happens on the day of preparation.
- **A threat to the Temple** - The notion that Jesus will destroy the Jewish temple and rebuild it in 3 days
  - appears twice in Mark
    - Mark indicates that Jesus never said any such thing
  - John
    - States explicitly that Jesus states that the temple would be destroyed and raised in 3 days, but that he was speaking about the body
- **The Doubt Traditions**
  - In each story where Jesus appears to the disciples, they doubt it. Which is odd because he is standing in front of them.
  - In Acts, Jesus spends 40 days with his disciples proving with many proofs that he had been raised from the dead.
- **Zombie Invasion**
  - Three gospels describe a series of events the same way upon Jesus death, a darkness and a splitting of the Temple curtain
  - In Mathew, the earth shook, the rocks split, and the zombies came. "Bodies of many holy ones who had died were raised to life. They came out of the tombs after Jesus' Resurrection and went into the holy city and appeared to many people."
  - The tombs break open on Good Friday when Jesus is crucified. How did the Zombies spend their weekend?
- **Blame on the Jewish People**
  - Mark
    - Jesus goes into Jerusalem he goes into the temple and he overturns tables and drives out the money takers. Over the course of the week he is turned into the Roman authority. Pontius and Jewish Leaders share responsibility.
  - In Matthew 27:25
    - Pilate does not believe that Jesus has not done anything wrong, Pilate washes his hands of Jesus blood, and the entire Jewish crowd cries out to Crucify Jesus
  - In Luke
    - Pilate declares Jesus innocent 3 times, King Herod declares him innocent, but the Jewish people insist he be crucified.
  - In John
    - Pilate declares Jesus innocent 3 times. The Jewish priests are the ones who actually crucify Jesus.
- **Is the Ascension in the Gospels**
  - Luke includes the show that Jesus was taken up to heaven
  - The rest of the Gospels do not
- **Was Jesus stabbed to death**
  - In Matthew describes Jesus stabbed with a Roman spear as he is about to die.
  - In John, Jesus side is stabbed in the side with the spear after his death.
- **Father Forgive Them**
  - In Luke "Father forgive them, for they know not what they do"

# Christians seem to think that they are persecuted

1 Peter 2

**18** Slaves, in reverent fear of God submit yourselves to your masters, not only to those who are good and considerate, but also to those who are harsh. **19** For it is commendable if someone bears up under the pain of unjust suffering because they are conscious of God. **20** But how is it to your credit if you receive a beating for doing wrong and endure it? But if you suffer for doing good and you endure it, this is commendable before God. **21** To this you were called, because Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in his steps.

# Biblical Marriage is Fucked

## Ephesians 5

Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ.

**22** Wives, submit yourselves to your own husbands as you do to the Lord. **23** For the husband is the head of the wife as Christ is the head of the church, his body, of which he is the Savior. **24** Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit to their husbands in everything.

**25** Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her **26** to make her holy, cleansing[b] her by the washing with water through the word, **27** and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless. **28** In this same way, husbands ought to love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. **29** After all, no one ever hated their own body, but they feed and care for their body, just as Christ does the church— **30** for we are members of his body. **31** “For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh.”[c] **32** This is a profound mystery—but I am talking about Christ and the church. **33** However, each one of you also must love his wife as he loves himself, and the wife must respect her husband.

## Ephesians 6:5

Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. **2** “Honor your father and mother”—which is the first commandment with a promise— **3** “so that it may go well with you and that you may enjoy long life on the earth.”[a]

**4** Fathers,[b] do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord.

**5** Slaves, obey your earthly masters with respect and fear, and with sincerity of heart, just as you would obey Christ. **6** Obey them not only to win their favor when their eye is on you, but as slaves of Christ, doing the will of God from your heart. **7** Serve wholeheartedly, as if you were serving the Lord, not people, **8** because you know that the Lord will reward each one for whatever good they do, whether they are slave or free.

**9** And masters, treat your slaves in the same way. Do not threaten them, since you know that he who is both their Master and yours is in heaven, and there is no favoritism with him.

**Physical abuse is not a case for divorce.**

Abuse is not a biblical cause for divorce, so if the woman gets a divorce it is not blessed by God. Only reasons are Adultery and Abandonment. For the part of the Woman. If women get unblessed divorce, they cannot get remarried.

Men can get divorced if the woman is not a virgin or unfaithful.

1 Peter 2

**13** Submit yourselves for the Lord's sake to every human authority: whether to the emperor, as the supreme authority, **14** or to governors, who are sent by him to punish those who do wrong and to commend those who do right. **15** For it is God's will that by doing good you should silence the ignorant talk of foolish people. **16** Live as free people, but do not use your freedom as a cover-up for evil; live as God's slaves. **17** Show proper respect to everyone, love the family of believers, fear God, honor the emperor.

**18** Slaves, in reverent fear of God submit yourselves to your masters, not only to those who are good and considerate, but also to those who are harsh. **19** For it is commendable if someone bears up under the pain of unjust suffering because they are conscious of God. **20** But how is it to your credit if you receive a beating for doing wrong and endure it? But if you suffer for doing good and you endure it, this is commendable before God. **21** To this you were called, because Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in his steps.

1 Peter 3

**3** Wives, in the same way submit yourselves to your own husbands so that, if any of them do not believe the word, they may be won over without words by the behavior of their wives, **2** when they see the purity and reverence of your lives. **3** Your beauty should not come from outward adornment, such as elaborate hairstyles and the wearing of gold jewelry or fine clothes. **4** Rather, it should be that of your inner self, the unfading beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is of great worth in God's sight. **5** For this is the way the holy women of the past who put their hope in God used to adorn themselves. They submitted themselves to their own husbands, **6** like Sarah, who obeyed Abraham and called him her lord. You are her daughters if you do what is right and do not give way to fear.

**7** Husbands, in the same way be considerate as you live with your wives, and treat them with respect as the weaker partner and as heirs with you of the gracious gift of life, so that nothing will hinder your prayers.