

Did Jesus suffer from depression/bipolar disorder?

Even those who deny that Jesus existed - and I am one of them – must agree that whether the gospels are true or not they don't give us any confidence in the mental stability of Jesus Christ.

It is possible that Jesus was a manic-depressive. He said he was the light of the world (John 9:5) and the only way to God (John 14:6) and the unique Son of God (John 17). That is the sign of severe mania. He was unnaturally full of himself. Even if it were true, we would expect him to let others say he was this great being instead of him trying to convince him. If he really had the power to influence people through using the Holy Spirit he did not need to make such declarations.

The Church says he was not being mad for it was the truth. But that presupposes that Jesus was telling the truth. The information we have got on him is selective so we cannot be sure of that. The declarations of Jesus about the whole generation of his time being evil and sinful and nobody being good is indicative of the depression that follows the euphoria in manic depression. Nobody can say Jesus was telling the truth then about all people being evil and sinful for that is nonsense. There is a lack of any real wisdom in what Jesus said. We must also remember that he had to get his teaching right some of the time because it was stolen from other people anyway. Plus he just gives the teaching and gives no convincing reasons why we should listen to him which does not count for wisdom. This makes any argument from his wisdom to be a waste of breath.

Jesus knew of the Old Testament law of God which said that a prophet who makes any error in what he says he was told by God proves that he is a fake even if everything else he says is miraculously right (Deuteronomy 18). Jesus knew the standard set by God. Yet he made claims for himself beyond anything any Old Testament prophet claimed and could make no fulfilled prophecy that was clearly fulfilled before the event. By his own standard, there was something wrong with him or he was evil.

Jesus' foundational attitude towards the people around him were that they were either for him or against him (Matthew 12:30). He said that whoever was not for him was against him as if there could be no undecided category. He said that often enough. Such an uncompromising hostile and divisive stance smacks of fanaticism and megalomania. It shows he could only have attracted people who were not right in the head or who preferred fantasy to fact. And especially when the gospels say the Jews sought to kill him for blasphemy and persecute him meaning the followers were in danger too!

Jesus' anger against the Pharisees and the scribes in Matthew 23 was definitely over the top. Nothing in the gospels indicates that he only meant the bad Pharisees. No differentiation exists in the gospels. And as for Joseph of Arimathea though he is said to have been a member of the Pharisees and a secret disciple of Jesus it is not said he was a good disciple. Back to you Jesus. Why get mad at people who are only going to get more stubborn the more you rant at them? Jesus said after his alleged resurrection that those who believed and were baptised would be saved while those who would not believe would be condemned. Some disliking the view that Jesus would send you to Hell just for your opinions maintain that he meant belief in the sense that if you really believe in love you will love. But you can believe in love and not love and there is no need or justification for that interpretation. Jesus can mean belief and had plenty of words in his vocabulary if he needed them but he said belief so he means belief. This is evidence of anger without justification too.

Jesus used to hide away a lot for long periods and it was allegedly to pray and he could have been severely depressed during these times. Perhaps it was to get away from the people a while for some peace and to prepare for his mission to them again? But he went into the desert for ages to starve himself and he even thought he saw the Devil there!

Jesus tried to avoid capture and then started to try and bring it on himself with the outcome of crucifixion. Jesus going forward to the cross when there were easier deaths shows that he was mad and suicidal and extremely masochistic. The Christians say he was not mad for he had to die for the sins of the world. Again this is assuming he was telling the truth and was right without evidence because if anybody else made the same claim as Jesus they would dismiss them as insane.

Jesus was suffering from neurotic compassion at times. We shall see this from the following example.

Jesus Christ condemned wealth as sinful full stop. A rich young man came to Jesus and he told Jesus he kept all the commandments. Jesus said that there was one thing he lacked. What he lacked was his not giving away all his wealth to the poor. The Church says that Jesus was only recommending that the rich man become perfect by giving up his wealth. He was not commanding him to do it. The young man went away sad and Jesus said that it was hard for a rich person to enter the kingdom of God and it was easier for a camel to enter the eye of a needle. He said then that only with God could salvation be possible for a rich man. Regarding this the Church says he only means it is hard for a rich man not impossible. But he said it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God. The

way he says it is so difficult and only God can save the rich man suggests that the rich man must part with his wealth to be able to enter the kingdom and only God can give him the strength to do that. Also, if he was only making a suggestion to the rich man why didn't he call him back and explain that? He let him go away indicating that he didn't want this man to serve God with him for he wouldn't give up the wealth.

The fact that Jesus set his feet on the way to the cross instead of hiding from the people who would put him there, is evidence of suicidal tendencies. The gospels make it plain that he refused to take any measures for his own safety at that time. Jesus predicted his death by violence and he didn't need to be a prophet to see it coming. The gospels say he knew that he was going to be arrested and put to death and said so hours before it happened. Today we take it for granted that religious beliefs are no excuse for committing suicide, for risking your own life or that of others and rightly so. Yet the crucifix is revered and so is Jesus though they represent the right to walk into death if you believe that God commands it. This is evil at worst and insanity at best. No decent God would make such demands, he has to understand that people are convinced of many things that are wrong for many different reasons. When Jesus didn't hide during his arrest he was saying, "I believe that God wants me to die on a cross." In other words, he was dying for his beliefs rather than for God. It was totally selfish and crazy.

Jesus was deliberately provocative during his trial. The high priest asked him what his teaching was and Jesus sarcastically replied that he should go and ask his hearers (John 18). The high priest was asking Jesus and it was a trial and Jesus knew he couldn't go and ask people. The rest of the time he refused to answer and defend himself. He acted like he actually wanted to be crucified. If Jesus had sex the Church would be outraged and in denial. But when Jesus refused to try and defend himself even if it was hopeless it's a virtue!

The concept of God itself betrays the psychopathic mentality of those who embrace it. This is most clear in the case of mega-embracers such as Jesus and Mother Teresa. It signifies a disguised hatred of humanity for God is given the right to take all from us including our lives meaning that God alone matters and if others are to be helped it is for the sake of obeying him and not for their good. God being God does not need our devotion and it is totally frenzied madness to approve of a being that kills and makes flesh-eating bugs for it is those who have needs that come first. When Jesus claimed to be the Son of God he confessed that he was a psychopath.

We read in Patricia Cornwell's *Portrait of a Killer* that the psychopath has an abnormal desire to be admired (page 273). Each psychopath is unique. He might strictly avoid certain antisocial actions such as stealing or fighting and be a rapist (page 27). There could be any combination of good and bad behaviour. Jesus could have been the epitome of morality with the psychopathic disorder emerging in the form of him claiming to be God or the Son of God or the Saviour. The moral image would have been necessary to evoke trust in him so that he could indulge his behavioural disorder. Like all psychopaths, he would have been incredibly cunning and would have faked love and compassion (page 29). The arrogance of those who say he is sinless is compounded by the fact that only Jesus could know if he really was or not. To believe in Jesus you have to oppose the correctness of modern insights into mental illness. I always believed that Christianity was anti-progress in its essence.

The same book argues that the Ripper was an artist. And not just any artist but Walter Sickert whose art is so violent that it is clear that he was a psychopath. Theology is a form of art. The Christian canvas has false charm all over it like the paintings. The violence is there and cries out for the destruction and eternal torment of sinners and loathes babies who are not baptised and has a violent Bible and a blood-drinking God. I could go on for ages. The Christian faith has the hallmarks of being created by psychopaths and if Jesus originated its theology then he was the biggest psychopath of the lot. It is futile for Christians to say that they do not want to believe in these vile tenets but that they have to for they are true for if they wanted rid of their faith they would be able to get rid of it and if and thought enough they would not have to believe. The evidence for the divine origin of the claims of Christ is so flimsy that there is no denying that anybody who believes in Christianity wants to believe. They may have been conditioned but they still want to do it.