

## THE DEVIL PROVES THE JESUS MIRACLE CAN'T BE PROVED

The gospels say that a miracle healing man called Jesus Christ lived. They say he died by crucifixion and three days later he rose again. The tomb he was placed in was found wide open with the stone that had been across the entrance moved back and the tomb was mysteriously empty. His body was gone. Certain witnesses claimed that Jesus appeared to them as a resurrected being.

The resurrection of Jesus is one of Christianity's core doctrines. It is essential. It is at the root of what Christianity is all about.

Some feel that when Jesus told a thief on the day they were dying that they would be in Paradise that day and how he said he would not drink wine again in this world and even refused bad wine on the cross to make the point that he was clearly thinking he was going out of this world for good. The resurrection appearances could actually have been holograms or images rather than real appearances of Jesus.

The Church denies that the apostles and the other witnesses hallucinated or imagined the appearances of Jesus Christ following his death that led them to believe in the resurrection of Jesus. Yet the same Church recognises that a deep psychological need can cause such visions and claims that the visionaries had a strong need for Jesus to be alive. There is no evidence against the hallucination explanation and it is simpler to accept it than to accept that Jesus really did rise from the dead.

If there is a Devil who has the power to make people hallucinate then how can we be sure that Jesus really was seen after he rose from the dead? What if Satan sent a hallucination? If he did, then if psychology thinks it was unlikely for it to be a hallucination as understood by medicine that does not rule out it being a hallucination of a different order. Maybe it was supernatural or paranormal?

If there is a Devil then the resurrection cannot be proved for he might have raised a good man called Jesus from the dead for an evil purpose. The Christian claim that only God can raise the dead is just an assumption and when the Bible says God lets the Devil kill and that the Devil is a murderer why can't he let the Devil raise the dead? They know they are skating on thin ice.

No matter how strong the evidence for resurrection is, there is stronger evidence that it could not have happened. Jesus supported the Jewish Law though it said that God commanded the murder of adulterers, apostates and heretics by stoning. No good God would raise a man like that from the dead to promote such fanatical preaching. The Bible attributes miracles to the Devil and says he likes to pretend to be a messenger of God. If the Devil raised Jesus then he might just as easily have made the body of Jesus invisible in the tomb and caused the witnesses to miraculously hallucinate that the tomb was empty and that Jesus had appeared and got them to take the body away and then wiped their memories so we would have no evidence for saying a resurrection took place. Or perhaps the Devil simply looked at what evidence there was for what in that great time of turbulence and considered what he could get away with and worked out from it what to say about Jesus and tricked people to believe that the evidence said Jesus rose from the dead and appeared, by manipulating the evidence. He would not have raised Jesus when it was easier to do a few magic tricks to make it seem that he had returned from the dead. And the fruits of Christianity have been a vulgar hypocrisy and crass error and an endless stream of deaths and wars which would back up the diabolical agency explanation. Any good Christianity has done could and would have been done without it so the good fruits are irrelevant. Jesus himself said that you know false prophets by their fruits. But one would need to be God to see if Christianity really had more good fruits than bad so that was not very honest of him. And what about religions that have just as many or more good fruits? What if the Devil plans to bring about much good that is so well planned that the greater badness is unknown? What if he makes the resurrection do good for the world so that the ripples of the event will throw world events in such an order that some big future disaster will take place?

Logic says that if Satan has magical powers the resurrection could have been a fiction and a hoax that he was responsible for. Spirituality says that Jesus was not all he was made out to be but a dubious character and so Satan's interest in him would be comprehensible.

The Christian argument that a hallucination is an individual experience contradicts the fact that group hallucination is quite common in religious circles. Gary Collins an expert on these matters writes, "By their very nature only one person can see a given hallucination at a time. They certainly aren't something which can be seen by a group of people."

Another objection is that if believers hallucinate Jesus then how come Paul hallucinated him when he was still Jesus enemy.

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