

PETER DOES NOT TALK AS IF THE JESUS OF HISTORY WAS IN ANY WAY IMPORTANT

The earliest Christians believed Jesus lived in another world or another time. He only appeared in the first century. If so, it is not likely he existed. Lots of apparitions are reported of people who don't exist anymore so why should we think his appearances mean he existed?

There were many indications from Jesus' own recognised followers and the Church leaders and from people outside the Church that it was thought apparitions led to faith in Jesus and started the whole Christian movement off. Jesus was an apparition, he never existed. The gospels are lies.

PETER - DEVOTED TO JESUS THE APPARITION

The apostles deliberately produced their visions of Jesus because there was no historical Jesus to learn from. If there had been, they would dwelt on his memory and him rather than resort to dubious practices that they could have been put to death for by the blasphemy hating Jews. And to claim to be apostles on the basis of apparitions left the road open for rivals to do the same thing and sow division and discord in the Church. This happened too. It was very serious. The gospels are deceptively interpreted by crafty Christians as saying the appearances of the risen Jesus were unexpected but they never say that. John says that Peter did not understand that Jesus had to rise from the dead and we read that he saw Jesus later. But Peter could have expected to see Jesus not as a risen man but as a phantom. Or Peter could have started to understand later and then had his vision. The same applies to the other visionaries who supposedly had spontaneous visions of Christ.

That is the problem with Christian apologetics: they read stuff into the text that is not there to make it look more convincing but it fails for it is just speculation that is imposed on the text.

1 Peter 5:1 has the author being a witness of the suffering of Christ. But Peter according to the gospel was not at the crucifixion so Peter must be saying he saw the death in a vision.

The Second Letter of Peter recounts the transfiguration of Jesus and the writer says he witnessed it and heard God saying Jesus was his son. Yet he said that the word of the Old Testament was even more sure than this! He had reason to believe that he had had an illusion albeit a possibly divinely inspired illusion. When what he hinted was a doubtful miracle was all he could present as evidence for Jesus it shows that there was nothing. And this coming from a tradition of Peter the rock Jesus supposedly built his Church on! When he thinks the Old Testament is the sole source of reliable truth he is against the production of any gospels and stresses that we must listen to this word of God until the new dawn of resurrection morn comes (2 Peter 1:19). The early Church thought that post-resurrection visions and the empty tomb of Jesus were not important reasons to believe in Jesus compared to the Old Testament saying Jesus would rise from the dead. Second Peter thought so little of empty tombs and rising bodies that he eliminated the evidence for a physical resurrection.

Second Peter states that the apostles did not give out cleverly devised myths when they revealed to the world the power and the coming of the Lord Jesus but were eyewitnesses to a visionary event, the transfiguration, that revealed the majesty of Jesus (1:16). In other words, a vision verified the power and coming of Jesus. It doesn't hint that it means the second coming of Christ. It just says coming. The vision he recounts said nothing or indicated nothing about a second coming. Second Peter is plainly saying that Jesus' power and coming had to be revealed to the apostles in a vision. He was not heard of before. This supports the idea that there was no Jesus known of until some people claimed to be having visions of this being who claimed to have been crucified and died and rose again.

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