

Synopsis Of Did God Kill Jesus

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And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light. 2 Corinthians 11:14 (KJV)

Revelation is not a book of gloom and doom. It is a book of hope. A book of reassurance that, no matter how bad things get in the world, God is still in control and still loves us like light shimmering in the soul. . It was written during a time when Christians were losing jobs and homes, friends and family. During a time when Christians were being imprisoned, tortured, and killed. They were laying everything on the line for Jesus. Everything! They needed hope. They needed this love letter. . This is a history of the world before Jesus was born, especially the world of the Israelites. It is also an account of Jesus birth, ministry, and death. It ends with the final doom of Satan and the final victory of the church, the heavenly Jerusalem. After all, does not chapter 1, verse 19 state that John was to “write, therefore, what you have seen [past], what is now [present], and what will take place later [future]”? . The scriptures always interpret themselves; therefore, the author takes you through each scene with applicable background scriptures to magnify the meaning with unique clearness. . This is God’s last love letter to the world. He has done everything possible to help us escape hell, including offering his only begotten son to die in our place. We are his children. He loves us and does not want us to be hurt. He tells of the overwhelming joy he can give those who accept his Son as Lord of their life. He also tells us that, if we become Christians, he will protect us as he always protected his children in the past. This is one last reassurance. One last love letter from God. . Cast aside all the horror stories you have been told about Revelation. View it now with fresh new eyes, be awed, and be showered with God’s love.

Too many of us have settled for a predictable, mediocre existence when deep down we long to live a life that really counts. In their new book, bestselling authors Eric and Leslie Ludy reveal that the life God has called us to is beyond anything we have dreamed or imagined. This grand adventure can turn ordinary men and women into heroes for Truth—agents in the service of the Most High God. This adventure transforms the impossible challenges of life into amazing opportunities to see the power of God at work. If you are willing to explore the boundless depths of a God-scripted life, this book can help you to embark on a new and magnificent voyage of discovery. Get ready to discover how breathtaking the adventure can be when God writes your life story. Discover the Adventure of a Lifetime As little kids, we dream big dreams for our lives. We want to become CIA operatives, Jedi masters, samurai warriors, or super heroes who save the world from evil villains. We want to be someone who makes a difference—someone who puts a dent into this life before we leave it. But as we grow up, it’s all too easy to lose sight of our big dreams and settle for a predictable, mediocre existence. If you are longing to live a life that counts, this book is for you. When God Writes Your Life Story isn’t just a book about finding your purpose; it’s about the life-altering effect that God—the Author of adventure—can have upon your purpose. If you want to experience the most thrilling, satisfying, and world-altering existence possible, then get ready to discover how breathtaking the adventure can be...when God writes your life story. Story Behind the Book Eric and Leslie believe that God is in the business of writing amazing scripts for our lives. Not Hollywood scripts, but heavenly scripts that showcase His awe-inspiring faithfulness and love. This powerful book takes readers on a personal journey to discover their true purpose, proving that when we entrust the pen to the Author of Adventure, the result is a life story more fulfilling than anything we have ever dreamed.

What You Should Know about Islam’s Holy Book How is it like the Bible? How is it different? Why is it important? Muslims believe the Koran exists as a literal book in heaven and was dictated to the prophet Muhammad by the angel Gabriel. It is only the length of the New Testament, yet a fifth of the world claims it is the complete revelation of God. To most Americans, though, the Koran remains a mystery. Did you know that the Koran teaches the virgin birth and miracle-filled, prophetic ministry of Jesus? Claims to fully embrace his teachings? Reveres Abraham, Moses, Jonah, and other biblical prophets? Find out how the Koran resembles the Bible—and the drastic ways in which it differs. Understanding the Koran gives you a fascinating essential grasp of Islam’s holy book: where it came from, what it teaches, how Muslims view it, and how the Allah of the Koran compares with the God of the Bible. Cherished as the final, perfect revelation of God’s will by 1.2 billion Muslims worldwide, the Koran has become a part of American life. Today, those who read and memorize it may work in your town, shop where you shop, or send their children to the same school your kids attend. What do you know about the holy book that shapes the lives and eternal destinies of your neighbors and a fifth of the world’s population? While some similarities exist between the Koran and the Bible, the differences are striking. Written by a pastor who was born to a Muslim father and raised in Saudi Arabia, Understanding the Koran gives you a fascinating, easy-to-understand overview that will show you: •Why the background behind the Koran is important •How the Koran came into existence •A summary of the main teachings of the Koran, including what it says about Jesus and the crucifixion •Similarities and differences between Muslim and Christian views of God •What the Koran teaches about Jihad and holy war •What the Koran teaches about heaven and hell More than furnishing you with an essential grasp of Islam’s holy book, Understanding the Koran points you to the one thing that can draw your Muslim friends to Jesus—his love, demonstrated to them through you. Discussion questions enable you to use this book in group studies

As with French, German or Spanish, learning the basic vocabulary of Christianity is a vital first step in understanding what it means and how it works. We think of words like 'faith', 'forgiveness', 'salvation', 'sin' and 'heaven'. But how can we be sure that we understand them correctly? Over the centuries all sorts of different meanings have grown up around these words, and sometimes those meanings can obscure or distort the way the words were originally used in the Bible. In Speaking Christian, Marcus Borg takes some of the key words in the Christian dictionary and exposes the negative and unhelpful connotations they still carry today. At the same time, he goes back to the Bible and unpacks their meaning in a way that is both more faithful to the teaching of Jesus and more relevant to his followers today.

21 chapters with study guide and discussion questions

This journal subline serves as a forum for stimulating and disseminating innovative research ideas, theories, emerging technologies, empirical investigations, state-of-the-art methods, and tools in all different genres of edutainment, such as game-based learning and serious games, interactive storytelling, virtual learning environments, VR-based education, and related fields. It covers aspects from educational and game theories, human-computer interaction, computer graphics, artificial intelligence, and systems design. The 27 papers presented in this issue were

organized in topical sections named: e-learning and on-line apps; image and graphics; VR/AR; CV and AI; and animation and miscellaneous.

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Paradise Lost is het grootste, beste en beroemdste gedicht van John Milton. Toen hij dit in 'blank verse' (rijmloze verzen) geschreven epos maakte, was hij al enige tijd blind; hij dicteerde het aan zijn dochter. Een deel van de in de hele wereldliteratuur onovertroffen klankschoonheid van het epos is misschien daaraan toe te schrijven. In het negende boek van Het paradijs verloren schrijft Milton: Mijn aard neigt er niet toe verslag te doen Van oorlog, tot dusver het enige thema Voor heldendichten: 't meesterstuk was om Taai, slepend moordbedrijf van fabuleuze Ridders te tonen in verdichte strijd. Milton wilde niet dichten over aardse strijd van helden en ridders, maar over opstand in de hemel, oorlog tussen God en Satan, elk met zijn legioen engelen, over het neerbliksemen van de gevallen engelen naar de hel en hun duivelse wraak op de nieuw geschapen mens in het paradijs: de verleiding van Adam en Eva en hun zondeval. Als de heidense godenwereld van Homerus en Vergilius al dichters had geïnspireerd tot werk van eeuwige roem, wat was er dan niet mogelijk met de grootse scheppingsmythe en de sublieme stof uit het Oude Testament? Miltons Paradise Lost verscheen in 1667 en werd op slag herkend als een meesterwerk. De laatste Nederlandse vertaling van dit epos dateert van honderddertig jaar geleden. Deze nieuwe vertaling van Peter Versteegen is de eerste die getrouw is aan inhoud én vorm. Een uitgebreid maar bondig commentaar biedt wetenswaardige achtergrondinformatie. Met alle prenten van Gustave Doré.

Confessions of a Wayward Catholic is a hilarious yet insightful account of Frank Scoblete's years from kindergarten through grandparenthood as a confused, wayward, seemingly ever-sinning Catholic. Join Frank for a possibly hell-bound ride as he attempts to understand what God and religion are all about. Will Frank reach the pearly gates or be banished to eternal damnation? "I love my husband but there is stuff in this book that is disgraceful and should never have been written!" - Alene Scoblete, wife "Francis Scoblete has been a major sinner ever since he came to elementary school. I watched him closely at the dances." - Sister Jerome Blake, in charge of making sure girls and boys slow danced a foot apart. "I don't know why Jewish kids went to a Catholic school but I'm proud they did well in religion." - Chief Rabbi Sol Bernstein "I believe that you should love your neighbor as yourself. Luckily, Frank lives in another town and is not my neighbor." - Jesus Christ "Scoblete says I have no sense of humor. I will afflict him with boils and sores over his whole body, just like I did Job." - God "Frank Scoblete has been wayward for over six decades. He's my main man!" - Satan

In *How to Kill a Dragon* Calvert Watkins follows the continuum of poetic formulae in Indo-European languages, from Old Hittite to medieval Irish. He uses the comparative method to reconstruct traditional poetic formulae of considerable complexity that stretch as far back as the original common language. Thus, Watkins reveals the antiquity and tenacity of the Indo-European poetic tradition. Watkins begins this study with an introduction to the field of comparative Indo-European poetics; he explores the Saussurian notions of synchrony and diachrony, and locates the various Indo-European traditions and ideologies of the spoken word. Further, his overview presents case studies on the forms of verbal art, with selected texts drawn from Indic, Iranian, Greek, Latin, Hittite, Armenian, Celtic, and Germanic languages. In the remainder of the book, Watkins examines in detail the structure of the dragon/serpent-slaying myths, which recur in various guises throughout the Indo-European poetic tradition. He finds the "signature" formula for the myth--the divine hero who slays the serpent or overcomes adversaries--occurs in the same linguistic form in a wide range of sources and over millennia, including Old and Middle Iranian holy books, Greek epic, Celtic and Germanic sagas, down to Armenian oral folk epic of the last century. Watkins argues that this formula is the vehicle for the central theme of a proto-text, and a central part of the symbolic culture of speakers of the Proto-Indo-European language: the relation of humans to their universe, the values and expectations of their society. Therefore, he further argues, poetry was a social necessity for Indo-European society, where the poet could confer on patrons what they and their culture valued above all else: "imperishable fame."

If you truly love Allah, you will die for him. Your death will mean much reward for you and your family in heaven. Only death will prove your love. It was the final test. A chance to win not only the love of Allah, but the love of her father--something she had never been able to earn. Esther took a deep breath and raised her hand in the air. At the age of eighteen, she had just volunteered to become a suicide bomber. Defying Jihad is the true story of a girl growing up under radical Islamic rule, trained to believe her ultimate purpose was to serve Allah by dying as a jihadist. But two nights before she was to leave forever, she had a dream . . . one that would change the course of her destiny. Against all odds, Esther became a follower of Jesus--even though leaving Islam meant her death sentence. But rather than kill her immediately, Esther's furious father challenged her to a series of public debates with Muslim scholars: the Bible versus

the Quran. If Esther won, she might yet survive. But if the Muslim clerics won, Esther must renounce her Christian faith. For an entire month--if she lived that long--Esther would be brought before the mob daily to defend her newfound faith. Would God give her the words to argue against Muslim leaders, former friends, and even her own family? Defying Jihad is an amazing story of a woman prepared to surrender all for Jesus--and whose life transformed from terror to overwhelming love.

Why did God have to murder his only son to pay our debts? What kind of vengeful, violent God can only be satisfied by vicarious blood atonement? In *Executing God*, theologian Sharon Baker presents a biblically based and theologically sound critique of popular theories of the atonement. Concerned about the number of acts of violence performed in the name of God, Baker challenges cultural assumptions about the death of Jesus and its meaning to Christians. She ultimately offers a constructive alternate view of atonement based on God's forgiveness that opens up salvation to a wider group of people.

This newly updated second edition features wide-ranging, systematically organized scholarship in a concise introduction to ancient Greek drama, which flourished from the sixth to third century BC. Covers all three genres of ancient Greek drama – tragedy, comedy, and satyr-drama Surveys the extant work of Aeschylus, Sophokles, Euripides, Aristophanes, and Menander, and includes entries on 'lost' playwrights Examines contextual issues such as the origins of dramatic art forms; the conventions of the festivals and the theater; drama's relationship with the worship of Dionysos; political dimensions of drama; and how to read and watch Greek drama Includes single-page synopses of every surviving ancient Greek play

DESCRIPTION An in-depth exposition of the person of GOD as viewed through the revelation of His eternal purpose in the Holy Scriptures. **SUMMARY OF THE BOOK** GOD ?s Everlasting Kingdom sets the jewel of redemption with its facets of faith, the Word of God, the Savior, the church, and the knowledge of GOD in the context of GOD ?s person, will, and eternal purpose. The whole of Truth is put into focus and made more understandable. Men of faith are brought into a fellowship of reason with their Maker, which is essential, to our pilgrimage in this world and obtaining our inheritance in the world to come. The believer, as with all things, is of, by, and to GOD. This is not a book primarily about man and how GOD can be given participation in our lives to make things better for us now. Rather, it is about GOD, who is ruling and reigning according to the councils of His own will, and how we can be adopted into that glorious and eternal purpose to everlasting life and joy. **THE CENTRAL TOPIC OF THE BOOK** Who GOD is, what He is doing, and how man relates to it. **WHAT QUALIFIED BROTHER BLAKELY TO WRITE THIS BOOK?** Faith. Extensive knowledge of the scriptures. Devotion to and exhaustive study in the Word of God for more than fifty-five years. Neither reliance upon nor ignorance of the works of other men of GOD (long deceased and living). **WHAT IS UNIQUE ABOUT THE BOOK?** Most books on the topic of Scripture deal with a particular aspect of it, or is confined to specific accounts, personalities, or times. This work looks upon the whole of GOD ?s revelation in reference to Him from the foundation of the world, through the present, into the new heavens and new earth. It explains the realities governing this present world, and shows the reasonableness of making things which are temporal secondary to things eternal. It validates the believer in his assurance of faith and confidence in God. **FIVE SINGLE WORDS DESCRIBING THIS BOOK** Fresh, non-sectarian, discerning, intelligent, foundational. **WHY SHOULD YOU OBTAIN THIS BOOK?** 1. No other book like it (in content and perspective) of which I am aware. 2. It is written to communicate profound truths in an understandable manner. **THE PRIORITIES OF THE BOOK** 1. God Himself. 2. The eternal purpose of God. 3. The relationship of Jesus Christ to that purpose. 4. The relationship of the Word of God to that purpose. 5. The relationship of man to that purpose. **WHO WILL PROFIT FROM THIS BOOK?** Theologians, Preachers, Teachers, believers, anyone with a genuine interest in the Holy Bible. Click here to go to brother Blakely ?s website **THE OBJECTIVE OF THIS BOOK** The objective that dictated both the subject and the content of this volume is the glory of God. His kingdom, like Himself, is great and thus is apt to be perceived less clearly than is possible. Because the kingdom of God involves His deliberate dealings with men, it is of particular importance to them. To neglect the kingdom is to neglect God Himself while to "seek fi rst the kingdom of God" is to seek Him primarily. We cannot think properly about God in separation from His kingdom. It is related to His objectives, His will, and His person. The law of God, the grace of God, the salvation of God – all are resident in, and associated with, the kingdom of God. Any concept of God or His kingdom that introduces contradictory thoughts or that mystifi es God's person and work contribute

This document can be a significant help to anyone who is trying to understand the Bible and what it means. It does this by explaining the history, background, primary themes, and messages of each book contained in it and how all the books fit together into one coherent document. It is not intended to be a replacement for Bible Study, but rather to foster it by making the bible a more meaningful document to those who are searching for life value and purpose.

The Genesis story of Cain's murder of Abel is often told as a simplistic contrast between the innocence of Abel and the evil of Cain. This book subverts that reading of the Biblical text by utilising Giorgio Agamben's concepts of homo sacer, the state of exception and the idea of sovereignty to re-examine this well-known tale of fratricide and bring to the fore its political implications. Drawing from political theory, philosophy, and psychoanalysis, this book creates a theoretical framework from which to do two things: firstly, to describe and analyse the history of interpretation of Genesis 4:1-16, and secondly to propose an alternative reading of the Biblical text that incorporates other texts inside and outside of the Biblical canon. This intertextual analysis will highlight the motives of violence, law, divine rule, and the rejected as they emerge in different contexts and will evaluate them in an Agambenian framework. The unique approach of this book makes it vital reading for any academic with interests in Biblical Studies and Theology and their interactions with politics and ethics.

The Exodus Story in the Wisdom of SolomonA Study in Biblical InterpretationA&C Black

Does God kill people? Why do the innocent suffer? Is Hell a just punishment? Why would God allow Jesus to be crucified? The Old Testament God vs. New Testament God - are they the same person? If you've read the Bible, you may have had these questions cross your mind. Or, you've heard your non-believing friends ask these questions to justify their disbelief. How do we reconcile these questions with our Faith in a loving, just God? The good news is that we CAN work through these difficult passages and arrive at a deeper knowledge of who God really is, leading to a closer relationship with him. *Light on the Dark Passages of Scripture* guides you through God's revelation, interpreting challenging texts, providing reasonable answers to nagging questions, and showing the mercies of a loving God. "The best book I know that explains - and doesn't explain away - the truly difficult texts of scripture. I can't recommend this book enough!" - Ralph Martin, S.T.D. "Guides us through the museum of 'dark passages' and eventually leads us to the display of God's love in Christ as the answer to the human messiness of redemptive

history." - Taylor Marshall, PhD

In a classic case of failing to see the forest for the trees, Jensen, a homiletics professor and author of two works on narrative preaching, says that preachers tend to analyze biblical books to glean the slightest bits of exegetical data, yet miss the thrust of the overarching story they try to convey. Jensen contends that preachers get too caught up in an analytical, left-brained mentality that obscures the power and meaning of the good news story. In these pages Jensen helps us approach Mark's gospel with eyes wide open rather than with microscope in hand. He treats Mark's gospel as a narrative whole and challenges preachers to tell the gospel's story to their congregations. In doing so, Jensen emphasizes the strength of biblical stories. He says that these stories are powerful in and of themselves and that they work without much explanatory help. The problem is that listeners never hear the entire story because it's always told to them in bits and pieces. Jensen's adaptation of what Robert Alter (author of "The Art of Biblical Narrative") calls narrative analogy assumes that "... parallel acts or situations are used to comment on each other in biblical narrative." In other words, if Mark told story "B" to flesh out the reality of story "A," then perhaps preachers today can do the same thing in their preaching. Students of Jensen have enthusiastically embraced this approach: "This is great, we never get to hear them (stories) whole!" How did it ever occur to us that we could improve on the story of the Prodigal Son, for example, by reducing it to ideas? Richard A. Jensen teaches homiletics at Wartburg Seminary in Dubuque, Iowa, and Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago. He is best known for his ten-year stint as preacher for the national radio program "Lutheran Vespers." He has also produced a television series titled "Reflections" and one titled "Rhapsody."

John S. Kloppenborg gives a detailed analysis of one of the most difficult of Jesus' parables, the parable of the Tenants (Mark 12:1-12; Gospel of Thomas 65). He examines the ways in which Christians have typically read and mis-read the parable, and places the parable firmly in the context of the practices of ancient viticulture. The author models a new approach to the interpretation of the parables of Jesus. First, he critically engages the history of interpretation of the text, inquiring into the ideological interests that the parable has engaged during the history of its use in Christian churches and in political discourse. Second, he reconstructs the social world in which the parable was first told, in particular the economic, social, and legal aspects of ancient viticulture. He demonstrates that the parable of the Tenants has mostly been interpreted from the standpoint of those who wield social and political power, a strange irony considering the social status of the Jesus of history and the literary uses of the parable. All of the features common to the parable as it is told by Mark and the Gospel of Thomas make it a perfectly realistic story. It is only Mark's editing of the story that takes it beyond the realistic idiom characteristic of Jesus' other parables. The book concludes with a dossier of 58 papyrus documents relating to various aspects of viticulture and agrarian conflict. It was awarded the 2007 Francis W. Beare Book Award by the Canadian Society of Biblical Studies.

The Bible contains answers to the most pertinent and intriguing questions of our time. The book you are holding not only contains a highly comprehensive overview of the entire Old Testament but also proves that the prophets of the Bible made impossible and miraculous predictions and prophecies concerning future events, including our current era.

Do you repeatedly struggle with the same issues? Do you feel defeated, discouraged, and depressed? Do you feel like there is no hope left? If so, Joyce Schneider wants you to know that God wants something more for you. In her newest book, she uncovers some of the struggles that we all have but rarely feel comfortable sharing. Joyce uses her real-life experiences to show others that they are not alone. We have been taught through the ages that words cannot hurt us, but that is a lie. Words do hurt. They take root inside of us and change our perception of ourselves and others. But Jesus wants to weed that out. In this confessional and inspirational guide, Joyce shows us how he can step in, remove that veil of deception, and allow us to see clearly once more. You too can be set free from the lies that get stuck inside. Male or female, young or old, you will be encouraged by this heartfelt story in *Sticks and Stones May Break My Bones but Words Can Kill My Spirit*.

First time was a premonition of things to come. Now, her journey commences in love, courage, survival, and faith! A catastrophic event occurs, sending the earth into turmoil, disrupting earth's foundation as the devil walks the earth. The devil sends out his armies to pursue Hazel as he wants her for his queen, wife, and the mother of his unborn. Jesus returns to earth to protect and prevent her from becoming the mother and queen of the devil. The battle of the war in heaven comes to earth as good and evil commences! The devil and Jesus acknowledge this battle on earth as the winner takes all. This time, Hazel is not a witness; she's involved in the battle!

The Fascinating and More or Less True Story of the Bible is a hilariously candid and irreverent look at all of the Good Book's embarrassing and lesser known narratives that expound upon God's temper, volatility, regulation of prostitution and preferences concerning murder and such. Recommended for anyone who prefers to take the story of Lot's wife with a grain of salt.

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The cross has long been not only a scandal but also a profound paradox: filled with saving significance and power, it is at the same time a sobering tragedy. In *Saved from Sacrifice* theologian Mark Heim takes on this paradox, asserting that the cross must be understood against the whole history of human scapegoating violence. In order to highlight the dimensions of his argument, Heim carefully and critically draws on the groundbreaking work of French theorist and biblical scholar René Girard. Yet Heim goes

beyond Girard to develop a comprehensive theology of the atonement and the cross through his fresh readings of well-known biblical passages and his exploration of the place of the victim.

“THE GREATEST STORY EVER TOLD” IS MORE THAN JUST A CLICHÉ. God goes to great lengths to rescue lost and hurting people. That is what The Story is all about: the story of the Bible, God’s great love affair with humanity. Condensed into 31 accessible chapters, The Story sweeps you into the unfolding progression of Bible characters and events from Genesis to Revelation. Using the classic, yet updated text of the New King James Version Bible, it allows the stories, poems, and teachings of the Bible to read like a novel. And like any good story, The Story is filled with intrigue, drama, conflict, romance, and redemption; and this story’s true! From the foreword by Max Lucado and Randy Frazee: “This book tells the grandest, most compelling story of all time: the story of a true God who loves his children, who established for them a way of salvation and provided a route to eternity. Each story in these 31 chapters reveals the God of grace—the God who speaks; the God who acts; the God who listens; the God whose love for his people culminated in his sacrifice of Jesus, his only Son, to atone for the sins of humanity.” Features: • The story of the Bible—in its own words. Selections from the NIV Bible with short transitions to connect the reader to the continuing story. • Events, characters, and teachings of the Bible arranged chronologically • Timelines of Bible events • New King James Bible text Church families around the globe can now embrace The Story for a full ministry year through worship services, small group studies, and family activities. Learn more about this whole-church experience at TheStory.com. An excerpt from The Story: After Judas left, Jesus gave the disciples a glimpse of what was to come. He foreshadowed the fact that he was going to be “broken” and “poured out”—he was going to take humanity’s punishment for sin on himself. While they were eating, Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, “Take and eat; this is my body.” Then he took a cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, “Drink from it, all of you. This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. I tell you, I will not drink from this fruit of the vine from now on until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father’s kingdom.” Jesus warned his disciples that he would be with them only a little while longer. He went on to comfort his confused followers. “Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me. My Father’s house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. You know the way to the place where I am going.” Thomas said to him, “Lord, we don’t know where you are going, so how can we know the way?” Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you really know me, you will know my Father as well. From now on, you do know him and have seen him.” 11.5-point type size

Telling It like It Is It is a deliverance of the mind to think freely. It is breaking the chains that have enslaved the mind, body, and soul for several generations. It is telling like it has never been told before. It will enlighten the human intellect in a world filled with madness and in a society that has lied repeatedly that all men are created equally. There is corruption in our society that intertwines and connects to every individual in America. The root cause of this corruption is fueled by the act of greed to gain power, money, and sex.

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This exemplary study presents the hermeneutical principles and theological tendencies of Pseudo-Solomon's biblical interpretation of the Exodus story in the Wisdom of Solomon. Why and how did the author interpret the Exodus story? What is the socio-historical function of his interpretation? Through a comparison with corresponding biblical and extra-biblical texts, the text's dominant interpretative technique is seen to be the reshaping of the biblical story, as the author freely handles the biblical material, ignoring the literary intention or flow of the biblical accounts. Cheon argues that this interpretation was intended to provide hope and consolation for the Alexandrian Jewish community soon after a severe persecution during the reign of Gaius Caligula (37-41 CE).

A New Look at Some Old Stories... The first six books of the Old Testament present a history of the ancient Israelites up to the conquest of the Promised Land. Historical events can be confirmed or debunked by -no nonsense- empirical evidence. The acceptance of historical events therefore does not depend on faith like the belief in the existence of God. I am a modern Christian. I have access to information from archaeological and historical research, science and whatever exegetical insights I can offer. I am willing to base my religious beliefs on faith, but I am not willing to base them on -historical events- that I know are fiction. Consider the following examples. The pharaoh couldn't pursue the Israelites with horse drawn chariots because the Book of Exodus states that the Ten Plagues killed all the Egyptian's livestock. If God sent an east wind to separate the Red Sea

and kept it blowing to keep the gap open, the Israelis couldn't enter the gap and not be blown back by the same wind. The golden Ark of the Covenant would have weighed around 2,500 pounds making it impossible for four priests to carry. Stories show the use of camels 1000 years before camels were even brought into that area. The Israelis were said to have been in Egypt for over four centuries, but the first Egyptian writing that mentions them is the Merneptah Stele which describes contact with them in Canaan, not Egypt. The story that the walls of Jericho came tumbling down is not historically accurate. The story that the Israelis were slaves in Egypt is flawed. Did God kill between 400,000 and 800,000 first born Egyptians with the Tenth Plague? No. Did God order the Israelis to commit ethnic cleansing and genocide by killing every -man, woman and child- in the ten tribes that inhabited the Promised Land? No. I invite you to read these and the many other stories discussed in this book through the eyes of a modern Christian and then discuss them with your religious friends and clerg

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