

Preface

Jesus Cannot Be The Jewish Messiah!*

*I actually address this subject directly later on in this book with a chapter starting with that same statement (including the asterisk). My intention is that, at that point in the book, I will have led up to it after giving it a sufficient introduction!

Essentially, **this book is a commentary** on the man responsible for being the architect of the main doctrines of Christianity, **Saul of Tarsus**, more commonly known as **The Apostle Paul**. I have included commentaries about **Jesus of Nazareth and the resurrection**, near the end of the book.

I also comment on **Talmudism**, the Jewish religion whose doctrine revolves around **rabbinic oral tradition**. When Talmudists mention 'Torah' **they mean the 'Oral Torah' — oral tradition! When I mention Torah, I mean the written Torah!**

I have attempted to provide salient arguments for the topics at hand, with enough supporting references and analyses to allow it to be my own way of teaching about the subjects.

Who is the intended audience? Probably, those people who have a sufficient knowledge of the Jewish Scriptures and the Christian Bible to appreciate the comparative arguments, and those who want to know and understand the implications of acknowledging the Jewish Scriptures as authoritative!

My highlighting style, herein, is often similar to a modern web page. I make certain words **bold**, ***bold-italic***, underlined, even larger in parts to stress some of the points. Otherwise, I just use a nice san-serif font as the base font.

I realize this style is non-standard in the writing of books. However, this current generation, of whom I would like to reach,

has not grown up on literature in typewritten or plain font form as much as they have from what is displayed on the internet, in web pages and even text messages on their smart phones that have more interesting highlighting of text rather than perhaps a plain, mundane typewriter font. Web pages use all sorts of visual devices to get attention or to stress points.

The Name יהוה: Yehovah

You might notice that I am absolutely unafraid to write (or say) the transliterated name **Yehovah** — יהוה — in Hebrew. **Yehovah** is the transliterated **name of the God** of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. יהוה — YHVH — the name of four letters, 'Yud' — 'Heh' — 'Vav' — 'Heh,' is also known as **the Tetragrammaton**.

יהוה — Yehovah

He Who Was, He Who Is, He Who Will Be.

The name יהוה **Yehovah** means הַיָּה **'Hayah,' He Who Was,** הוּוֹה **'Hoveh,' He Who Is,** and יִהְיֶה **'Yihyeh,' He Who Will Be.**

If interested in knowing more about The Name יהוה — Yehovah, I refer you to the excellent resources by Dr. Nehemia Gordon found at his website: <https://www.nehemiaswall.com/nehemia-gordon-name-god>, or a teaching in a YouTube video which may be found at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YfljMUR9dKA>.

Biblical Quotations

All passages from the Hebrew-language sourced Jewish Scriptures, herein, are taken from 'The Pill Tanakh: Hebrew-English Jewish Scriptures,' currently a three volume book separated into a 520 page Torah (the 5 books of Moses), 970 page Neviim (Prophets) and 688 page Ketuvim (Writings).

All passages from the Christian New Testament (Christian Bible) are taken from the King James Version (KJV).

When I reference the Jewish Scriptures, my intention is to show enough surrounding verses to provide the **contextual relevance**. Points and arguments should require the context of a reference for an accurate assessment. Thus, including enough surrounding verses to express the given context is important to intelligently express what a passage says.

I realize that some people don't read footnotes and even may skip things they may have a preconception as perhaps being mundane or unimportant. I do not wish to over-burden the reader with excessive arguments or too many references as I am aware that people, in our day, want quick answers and that they may become bored easily. **Yet, I want to be thorough!**

I apologize, in advance, if my writing style causes you consternation. However, it is my intent to be clear, though sometimes I may give what some may consider to be excessive information. I have tried to provide pertinent references so that the reader may see that I am concerned about proper context.

I have provided many references from the Jewish Scriptures as well as the Christian New Testament, not just to show the source behind the points I want to make, but also **because I realize that not everyone is familiar with those texts.**

I do want to thank you, in advance, for taking the time out of what may be a busy schedule to the reading of my work.

I am aware that the subjects, herein, may be controversial. I also realize that if one is not able to **question** cherished beliefs, **that may qualify them as to being in a *cult!***

I am of the opinion that our beliefs should always hold up to outside scrutiny, especially if we wish them to be considered valid by others — who may not be like-minded!

Being able to challenge our own tenets and beliefs is fundamental to having a **faith** that can be shown to be relevant beyond our own places *'where we may find a safe harbor!'*

What We Call Faith May Rather Be Fanaticism!

If our tenets and beliefs cannot be shown to be founded upon sound principles which can be backed up with relevant documentation, **then what we attribute to be faith may rather, instead, be a certain fanaticism or just plain zeal!**

Fanaticism may be founded upon sincere and strongly held beliefs, **or just upon our feelings!** However, In **My Humble Opinion (IMHO)**, strongly held **beliefs and feelings** do not equal or substitute for a profound knowledge and understanding, nor should we expect them to!

I have said all of this in an effort to help you understand that, for my own views, I have tried to provide references that contain enough relevant information for a sufficient context.

It is with these sentiments that I hope you will find the reading enjoyable, and even more so that you may find it instructive and even challenging.

Blessings to all who do take the time to try to understand some of the concepts which can require a self-scrutiny that may not otherwise have been attained!

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