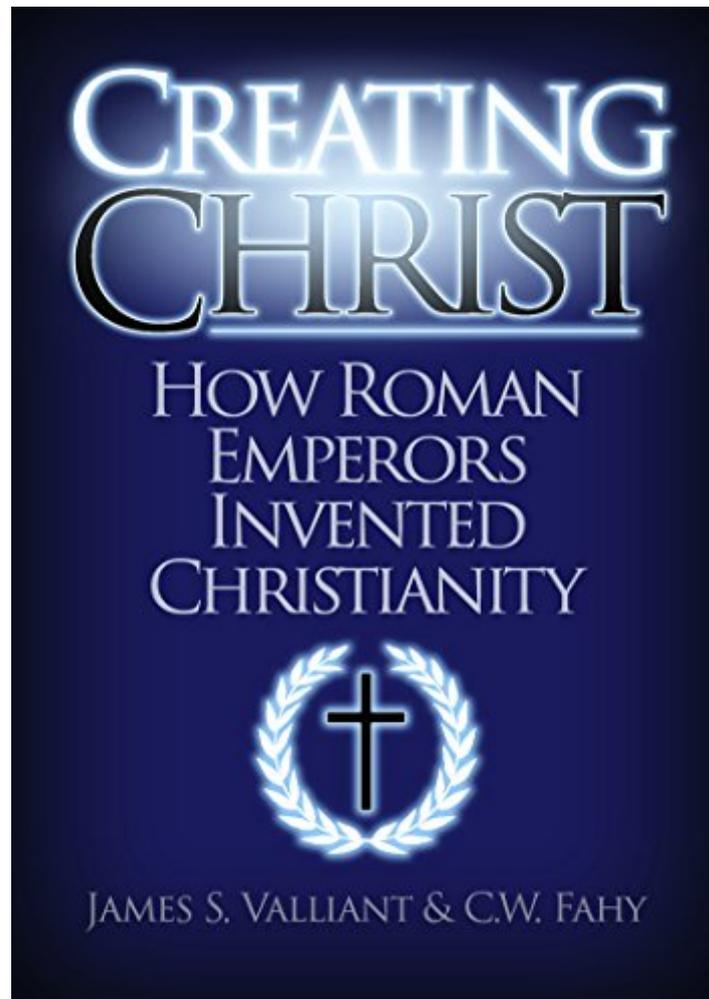


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Creating Christ: How Roman Emperors Invented Christianity



Synopsis

Exhaustively annotated and illustrated, this explosive work of history unearths clues that finally demonstrate the truth about one of the world's great religions: that it was born out of the conflict between the Romans and messianic Jews who fought a bitter war with each other during the 1st Century. The Romans employed a tactic they routinely used to conquer and absorb other nations: they grafted their imperial rule onto the religion of the conquered. After 30 years of research, authors James S. Valliant and C.W. Fahy present irrefutable archaeological and textual evidence that proves Christianity was created by Roman Caesars in this book that breaks new ground in Christian scholarship and is destined to change the way the world looks at ancient religions forever. Inherited from a long-past era of tyranny, war and deliberate religious fraud, could Christianity have been created for an entirely different purpose than we have been lead to believe? Praised by scholars like Dead Sea Scrolls translator Robert Eisenman (James the Brother of Jesus), this exhaustive synthesis of historical detective work integrates all of the ancient sources about the earliest Christians and reveals new archaeological evidence for the first time. And, despite the fable presented in current bestsellers like Bill O'Reilly's Killing Jesus, the evidence presented in Creating Christ is irrefutable: Christianity was invented by Roman Emperors. ***** I have rarely encountered a book so original, exciting, accessible and informed on subjects that are of obvious importance to the world and to which I have myself devoted such a large part of my scholarly career studying. In this book they have rendered a startling new understanding of Christianity with a controversial theory of its Roman provenance that is accessible to the layman in a very powerful way. In the process, they present new and comprehensive archeological and iconographic evidence, as well as utilizing the widest and most cutting edge work of other recent scholars, including myself. This is a work of outstanding and original scholarship. Its arguments are a brilliant, profound and thorough integration of the relevant evidence. When they are done, the conclusion is inescapable and obviously profound. Prof. Robert Eisenman, Author of James the Brother of Jesus and The New Testament Code

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What a fascinating book! Valliant marshals a wealth of historical evidence in support of his provocative thesis that Christianity was an invention of Rome's Flavian Dynasty - a peaceful alternative to the militant Judaism that rocked the first century Roman empire with violence and revolt. Archeological evidence, iconography, textual evidence from scripture, and other historical evidence align to support Valliant's ground-breaking conclusion. Creating Christ is a well-written, historical mystery every bit as exciting as the best fictional thriller.

For decades, there's been this ongoing chat or discussion about Roman, Christian, Jewish, and Catholic history.....how some things just don't fit correctly and it begs questions. So, Valliant has taken the discussion to the stage of asking the question....was Christianity developed by the Romans as a counter-religion against the Jews in Judah? Valliant has thrown a number of dots up on a wall, and makes a fairly good case of connecting probably 300 or more dots to the argument of the Romans making Christianity out of nothing. Now, I will say this to the matter that I don't consider the connections to be enough yet to be absolute about this, but it really begs more research and details on Roman activities in the region. Valliant used a great deal of Roman history details, and lays out a number of stories utilizing the New Testament commentary. As for those who might say this was all a fraudulent piece of work? Here's the thing....Greeks and Romans weren't idiots. You can examine architecture, engineering, writings, and military conquests. Both cultures were very capable of manipulation. It could very well be that the New Testament is simply a contrived thing to

support the Roman quest to bring down the Jewish religion and that it got out of control. So, you might reach a stage where you realize that only the Old Testament is without manipulation. What does that say? Most of what I've read of the Romans in this age or period.....states the obvious when they got to Judah.....that these were not regular people to fight against and their religion was going to be a massive problem to counter. I will recommend the book, but it does relate heavily upon Roman history and you might want an introduction to it prior to taking up this book. I also think the topic needs more research....particularly over the Greek involvement in this.

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