

What if Jesus had Never been Born? *

We live in a society that was once considered a Christian nation but is now, along with most of the world, growing increasingly hostile toward Jesus Christ and those who follow Him. This is just as the Bible prophesied things would be in the final days before Jesus returns.

The anti-Christian Marxists, who are taking control of our nation, would like to blot out all influences from Jesus, Christianity and the Bible, and they are using the influence of the woke, cancel culture to carry out their agenda.

They claim that Christianity is oppressive, and anti-science, and that our faith is holding humanity back from advancing, experiencing true freedom and happiness. Therefore, it must be silenced and all of its accomplishments dismantled.

But look at history and ask, “Has Christianity been oppressive, anti-science, in the way of human advancement, freedom and happiness?”

Christmas is the season when we celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ, so let’s take a quick look at what kind of influence Jesus has had on this world.

Let’s begin with a promise that was made by God way back in Genesis.

Genesis 22:15-18 *“Then the Angel of the LORD called to Abraham ... and said: “By Myself I have sworn, says the LORD, because you have done this thing, and have not withheld your son, your only son— blessing I will bless you, and multiplying I will multiply your descendants as the stars of the heaven and as the sand which is on the seashore; and your descendants shall possess the gate of their enemies. In your seed all the nations of the earth shall be blessed, because you have obeyed My voice.”*

In this promise, the seed of Abraham refers to Jesus Christ, who would come through the Jewish descendants of Abraham.

The promise of God was that all the nations of the world would experience blessing because of Jesus Christ.

John 10:10, *“...I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.”*

Most people have no idea of how true this promise has already been, and that the blessing of Christ’s coming is much, much wider in its impact than the blessing of salvation from sin, though that is the greatest blessing He has brought us.

It is not only Christians that have been blessed by the coming of Jesus to this earth that first Christmas but everyone has been blessed.

We are living in a cancel culture that is working overtime to remove all reference to Jesus Christ and Christianity from public life.

What if, as the cancel culture wishes, Jesus had never come to this earth? What if we could go back in time and remove Christ from that first Christmas and then let history unfold without the influence of Jesus in this world? What would this world look like if Jesus had never been born?

And what will our world look like if they were to succeed in removing all that is based on Christian influence and values?

Jesus Christ, the greatest man who ever lived, has improved virtually every aspect of human life by his influence and His teaching, and most people don't know it.

Everything that Jesus touched, He utterly transformed.

Let's look at how Jesus impacted the value of human life.

Before Jesus came to earth, human life on this planet was extremely cheap and expendable.

In the Greek and Roman culture into which Jesus was born, abortion was rampant and it was common to abandon unwanted babies.

If a baby was born with a defect or unwanted, or if the parents were too poor to care for the child, it was commonly taken out to the woods and abandoned to be eaten by wild animals or to starve.

Turn to **Matthew 2:16** to see what kind of environment Jesus was born into. *“Then Herod, when he saw that he was deceived by the wise men, was exceedingly angry; and he sent forth and put to death all the male children who were in Bethlehem and in all its districts, from two years old and under, according to the time which he had determined from the wise men.”*

Children had little value or worth; women had little value or worth, the elderly and the weak diseased and lame had little value or worth before Christ came. But Jesus gave worth to them all—all who are made in the image of God.

For example, Jesus gathered the little children unto Himself saying, “Let the little children come to me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of God.” (Luke 18:16)

Child sacrifices, abortion, slavery, suicide, abuse of women and the elderly and even cannibalism have always prevailed where there was no Christian influence.

“The morality of any society can be easily judged by the view it holds of human life.

“In 1844, Horace L. Hastings visited the Fiji Islands. He found there that life was very cheap and that it was held in low esteem.

“You could buy a human being for \$7.00 or one musket! That was cheaper than a cow. After having bought him you could work him, whip him, starve him, or eat him, according to your preference - and many did the latter.

“He returned many years later and found that the value of human life had risen tremendously. One could not buy a human being for \$7.00 to beat or eat. In fact, you could not buy one for seven million dollars.

“Why the dramatic change? Because across the Fiji Islands there were 1,200 Christian chapels where the gospel of Christ had been proclaimed, and people had been taught that we are not our own; that we have been purchased with a price, not with silver and gold, but with the precious blood of Jesus Christ.” *(As cited by James Kennedy)*

If Jesus had not been born many of us may have been slaves; none of you women would enjoy the freedom, the education or the opportunities that you do today.

Even today, in parts of the world where the gospel is shut out, life has little value.

Today in the western, Christianized world, as people abandon their Judeo-Christian heritage, life is becoming cheap once again.

Look at the growing abortion industry, human trafficking, euthanasia, terrorist attacks on innocent civilians and a growing sinister effort to depopulate the earth.

Prior to the coming of Jesus Christ, outside of the nation of Israel, there was no such thing as organized charity and compassion for the poor.

The followers of Jesus Christ established a pattern of compassion and mercy that is copied by others world-wide. Almost all of the world's charitable relief organizations have Christian roots.

Followers of Jesus Christ have done, and still do, much more than any other group in history to alleviate poverty and to care for the needy.

Before Christ education was available only for the elite. But Christianity brought education for everyone.

Most of the world's languages were first set to writing by Christian missionaries in order that people could read the Bible for themselves.

The printing press, considered the greatest invention of all time in terms of its impact on the world, was invented by a Christian named Johann Gutenberg for the purpose of printing Bibles.

Most of the education in 3rd world countries has been provided by Christian missionaries over the last 200 years.

All of the greatest universities of the world were founded by Christians and 122 of the first 123 colleges and universities in the U.S. were founded by Christians.

If Jesus had never been born most of us would be illiterate and uneducated.

Jesus Christ is the greatest emancipator in the history of the world. The gospel is about bringing true, lasting liberty and freedom to a world in bondage to sin and oppressed by Satan.

In *Luke 4:18 NIV*, Jesus declared that the Spirit of the Lord had anointed Him " *The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free...* "

Those countries of the world today that have enjoyed the most civil liberty and freedom of speech are those lands that have been most influenced by the gospel of Christ. "Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty."

If Jesus had never been born there would be no democracies in the world, most nations would be ruled by dictators and tyrants.

And as free, democratic nations abandon their Christian foundations, they are losing their liberties and are being taken over by oppressive tyrants.

The Bible says that the fear of God is the beginning of knowledge.

The greatest contributions to science and development have been made by professing Christians.

Today many scientists have turned their backs on Jesus and have become atheistic evolutionists who mock Christianity and creationists.

The truth is that it is Christian creationists who invented science.

If it wasn't for the influence of Jesus Christ on the minds of His followers there wouldn't be science and technology as we know it today.

Here are a sample of just some of the Bible believing creationists who either founded or pioneered branches of science:

Antiseptic surgery - founded by Joseph Lister.

Bacteriology - founded by Louis Pasteur (pasteurization /sterilization).

Calculus and dynamics - Isaac Newton (one of the greatest pioneers)

Celestial Mechanics - Johannes Kepler (one the greatest pioneers)

Chemistry - Robert Boyle

Computer Science - Charles Babbage

Electronics - John Ambrose Fleming

Electromagnetics - Michael Faraday (one of the greatest pioneers)

Galactic Astronomy - Sir William Herschol

Genetics; Gynecology; Isotopic Chemistry; Natural History; Oceanography;

Hydrostatics - Blaise Pascal (one of the greatest pioneers)

And on the list goes, all of these were Bible believing professing Christians, who believed in Jesus and Biblical creation, not evolution.

Creationists invented science; evolutionists have perverted it.

If Jesus had never been born we would not have electricity, we wouldn't be driving cars, and we wouldn't be working with electronic appliances or watching TV's.

If Jesus had not been born there would be no computers, or smart phones or modern medicine, no hospitals, no planes or trains or even little toy trucks.

It is interesting to note that it was the Protestant reformation which sought to put the Bible into the hands of every person and to teach them to read that sparked the great increase in knowledge and the development of education for the masses, and the development of science.

***Psalms 119:97-102** "Oh, how I love Your law! It is my meditation all the day. You, through Your commandments, make me wiser than my enemies; For they are ever with me. I have more understanding than all my teachers, For Your testimonies are my meditation. I understand more than the ancients, because I keep Your precepts. I have restrained my feet from every evil way, that I may keep Your word. I have not departed from Your judgments, for You Yourself have taught me."*

Jesus brought tremendous blessings to our health.

He constantly healed the sick and as we let Him govern our lives, He leads us into healthy living.

The vast majority of charities, women's shelters, safe houses, hospitals, orphanages and clinics around the world including the Red Cross, have been founded by Christians and Christian missionaries.

Those that were not founded by Christians were patterned after Christian ministries.

There are no known hospitals, orphanages or charities that have been founded by agnostics or atheists.

The influence of Jesus Christ has greatly elevated moral standards around the world.

The Roman world that Jesus was born into and almost all pagan civilizations prior to the Romans were characterized by sexual immorality and perversion.

Fornication, adultery, group sex, homosexuality, bestiality, incest, rape, murder, abortion, human sacrifice, child abandonment and so on were common in most pagan civilizations including the Greek and Roman empires.

As we see our society rejecting Jesus Christ, we also see a return to pagan immorality.

The influence of Jesus Christ has done more to elevate moral standards than any other influence in history.

Had Jesus never come, the British Anglo-Saxons might still be drinking out of human skulls as they did before the gospel came to them.

The Germans would still be barbarians, the Scandinavians would still be plundering and terrorizing as the Vikings used to do until the gospel of Jesus reached them.

If Jesus had never come, many of the formerly cannibalistic tribes of Africa, Asia, or South America would still be eating human flesh.

But Jesus did come, and He elevated life on earth to a much higher level than ever before.

But as many in our land continue to reject Him and cancel His influence, our society is rapidly sinking back into the vile sins that characterized the pagan, pre-Christian world.

“In the 19th century, Charles Bradlaugh, a prominent atheist challenged a Christian man to a debate on the validity of the claims of Christianity.

“The Christian, Hugh Price Hughes, was an active soul-winner working among the poor in the slums of London. Hughes told Bradlaugh (the atheist) he would agree to the debate on one condition.

“Hughes said, “I propose to you that we each bring some concrete evidences of the validity of our beliefs in the form of men and women who have been redeemed from the lives of sin and shame by the influence of our teaching. I will bring one hundred such men and women who will testify to how Jesus has dramatically transformed their lives, and I challenge you to do the same.”

“Hughes then said that if the atheist couldn’t bring one hundred, then he could bring fifty; if he couldn’t bring fifty, then he could bring twenty. He finally whittled the number down to one.

“All the atheist had to do was find one person whose life was improved by atheism and Hughes – who would bring one hundred people improved by Christ – would agree to debate him. The atheist withdrew his challenge.” (<https://ministry127.com/resources/illustration/proof-of-christianity>)

Think about your own life this morning, how different would it be if Jesus had never been born? Think about your family, where would you be today if Jesus had not given you a new life, and new values?

Dr. James Allan Francis, in 1926, wrote the following tribute to Jesus

“One Solitary Life”

He was born in an obscure village, the child of a peasant woman, He grew up in another village, where he worked in a carpenter shop until He was thirty. Then for three years He was an itinerant preacher. He never wrote a book. He never held an office. He never had a family or owned a home. He didn't go to college. He never visited a big city. He never traveled two hundred miles from the place where he was born. He did none of the things that usually accompany greatness. He had no credentials but Himself.

He was only 33 when the tide of public opinion turned against Him His friends ran away. One of them denied Him. He was turned over to his enemies and went through the mockery of a trial. He was nailed to a cross between two thieves.

While he was dying, His executioners gambled for His garments, the only property He had on earth. When he was dead, He was laid in a borrowed grave through the pity of a friend. [But He rose from the dead and He lives in the lives of those who love Him]. Nineteen centuries have come and gone, and today he is the central figure of the human race.

All the armies that have ever marched, all the navies that ever sailed, all the parliaments that ever sat, all the kings that ever reigned, put together, have not affected the life of man on this earth as much as that one solitary life.”

This Christmas we can truly give thanks and celebrate the fact that Jesus Christ was born.

Jesus came that you might have life and have it abundantly.

Are you in need of that abundant, quality of life that only Jesus can give?

Jesus is God's gift of love, freely given to all who will believe, and by faith receive Him. If you put your trust in Him you will be changed forever.

** The stats, quotes and overall focus in this message were borrowed from Dr. James Kennedy's book, "What if Jesus had Never been Born?".*

Copyright © 2021 by Parkdale Grace Fellowship Permission: You are permitted to reproduce and distribute this material in any format, provided that you do not alter the wording in any way and do not charge a fee beyond the cost of reproduction. Unless otherwise noted, Scripture taken from the New King James Version. Copyright 1979, 1980, 1982 by Thomas Nelson, Inc. Used by permission. All rights reserved