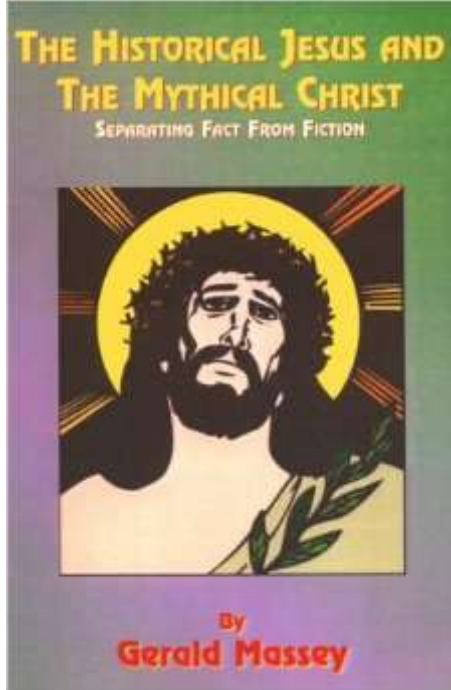


The Greatest Story Ever Told or, the Greatest Hoax Ever Pulled





Gerald Massey
1828-1907



“[whether Jesus is considered as the God made human, or as man made divine, this character [Jesus—EL] never existed as a person” (1985, p. 22).



A mosaic of Jesus Christ, likely from the Hagia Sophia in Istanbul. He is depicted with a human-like face, a beard, and a halo. He wears a blue sash over a gold robe. The background is a golden mosaic with a grid pattern.

**DID JESUS
EXIST?**

BUT SANCTIFY THE LORD
GOD IN YOUR HEARTS,
**AND ALWAYS BE READY
TO GIVE A DEFENSE
TO EVERYONE
WHO ASKS YOU A REASON
FOR THE HOPE THAT
IS IN YOU,** WITH
MEEKNESS AND FEAR.

1 PETER 3:15



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**THE ANTIQUITIES OF
THE JEWS**



FLAVIUS JOSEPHUS

Antiquities 18.3.3

About this time there lived Jesus, a wise man, for he was a performer of wonderful deeds, a teacher of such men as are happy to accept the truth. He won over many of the Jews and many of the Gentiles. When Pilate, at the suggestion of the leading men among us, had condemned him to the cross, those who had loved him at the first did not forsake him; and the tribe of Christians, so named from him, are not extinct to this day.'

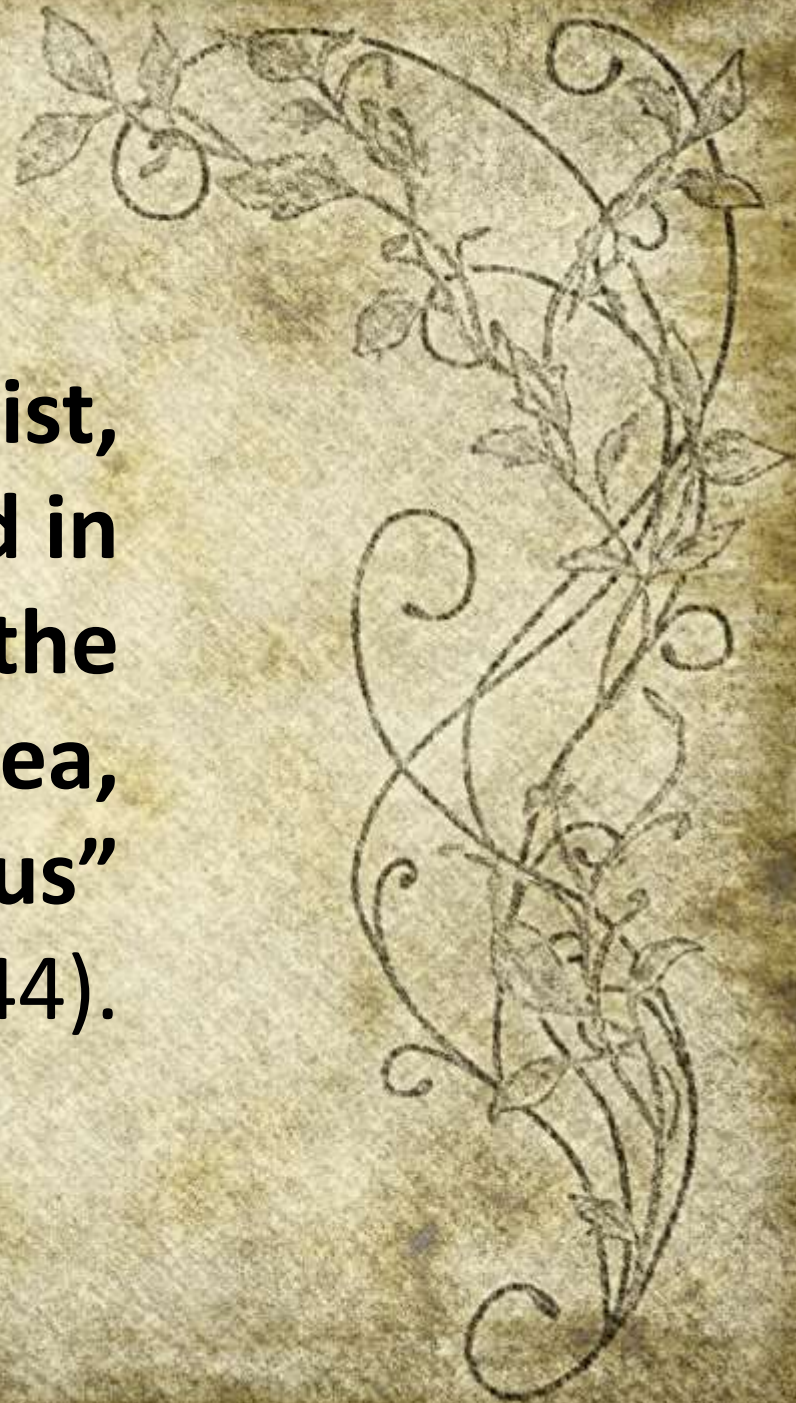


Tacitus

Historian

Publius Cornelius Tacitus was a senator and a historian of the Roman Empire. The surviving portions of his two major works—the Annals and the Histories—examine the reigns of the Roman Emperors Tiberius.

**“their originator, Christ,
had been executed in
Tiberius’ reign by the
governor of Judea,
Pontius Pilatus”
(Annals 15:44).**





The JESUS *of* HISTORY

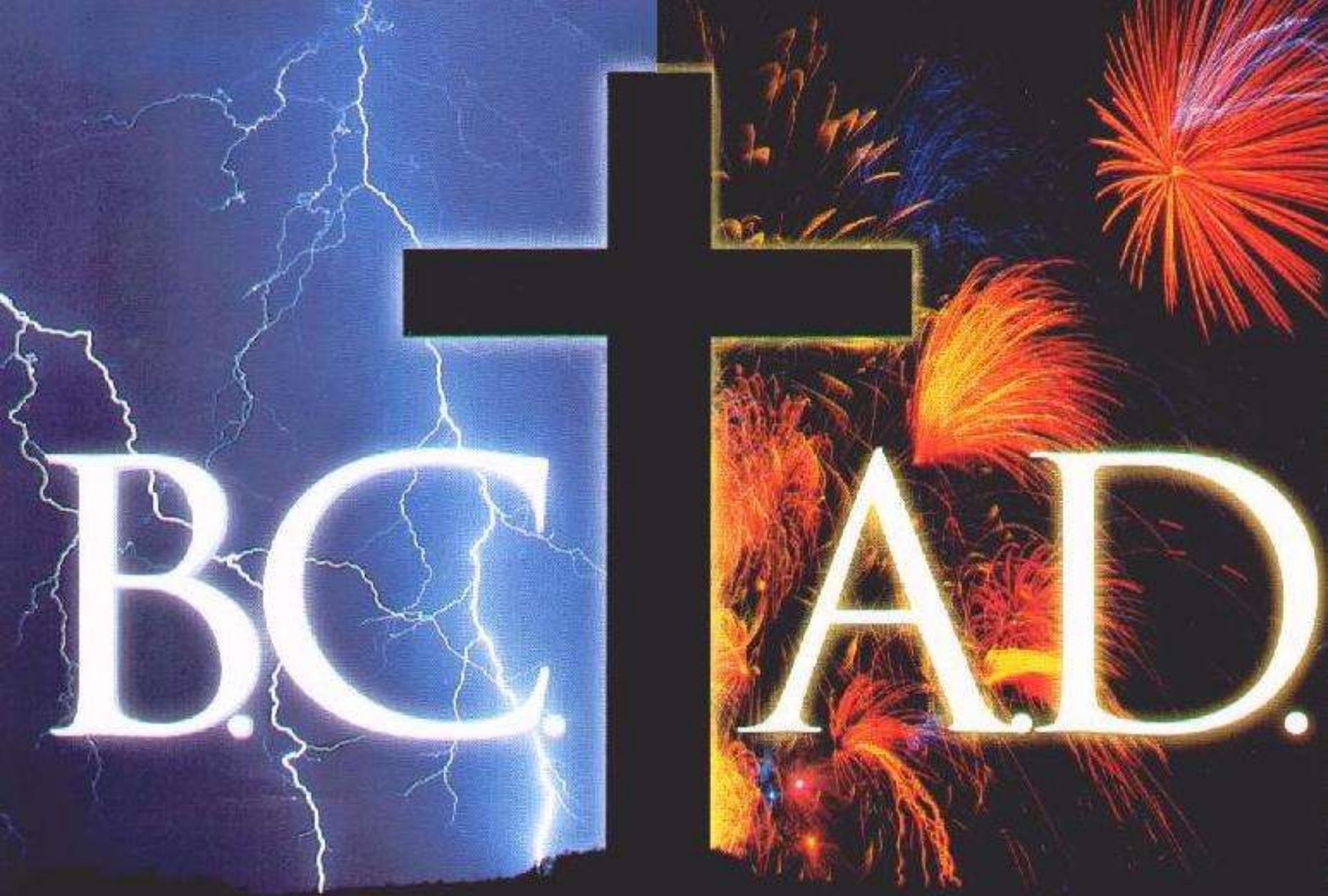


Edward Gibbon

Gibbon was the supreme historian of the Enlightenment, and is best-known as the author of the monumental *The Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire*, often considered the greatest historical work written in English.

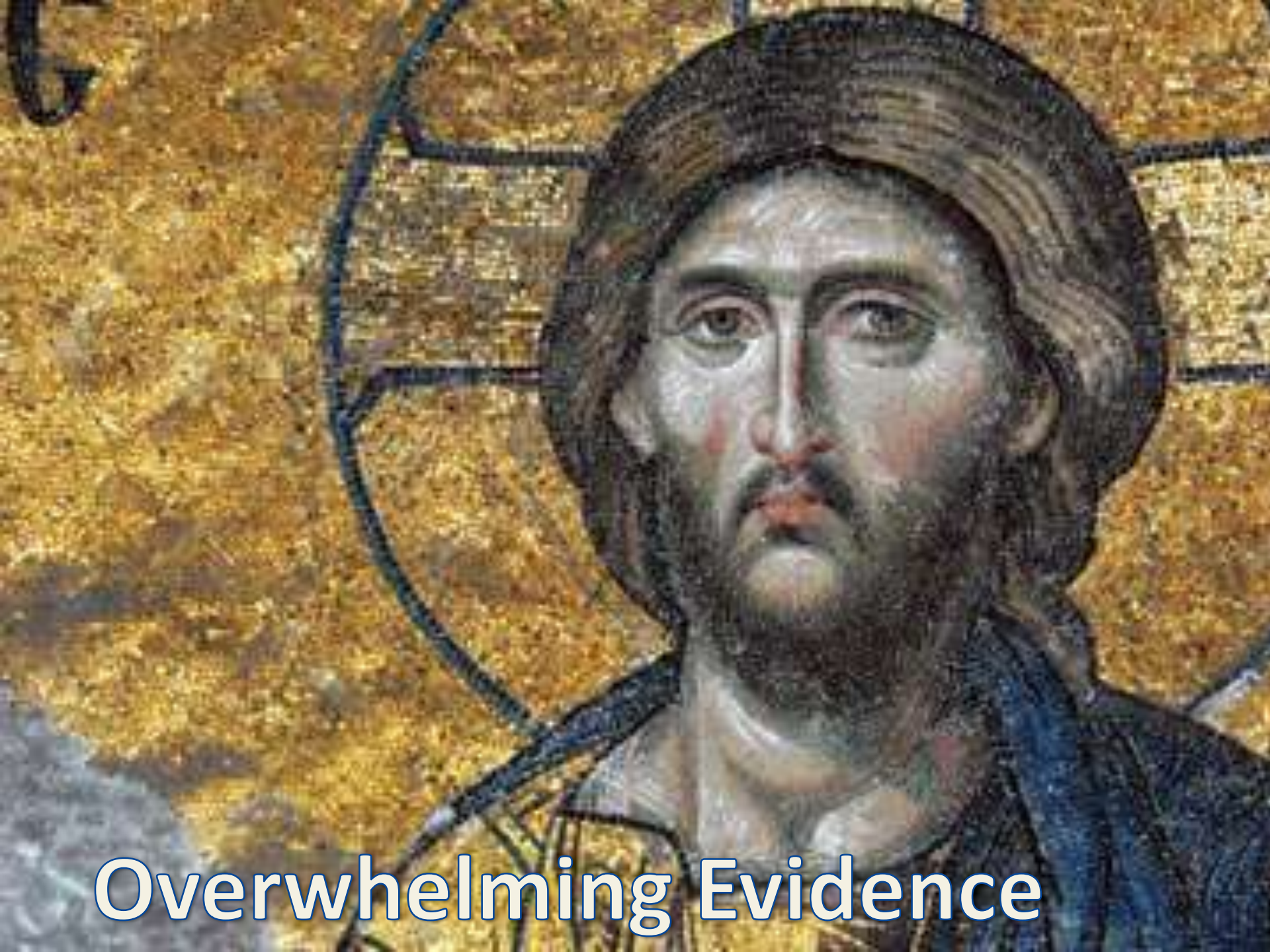


**One thing I know: that though I was blind, now I see!
John 9:25**



When the fullness of TIME *was come,*

GOD *sent forth* HIS SON. (see Galatians 4:4)



Overwhelming Evidence



Dr. Thomas Arnold

19th century history professor at Oxford

“I know of no one fact in the history of mankind which is proved by better and fuller evidence of every sort, to the understanding of a fair inquirer...”

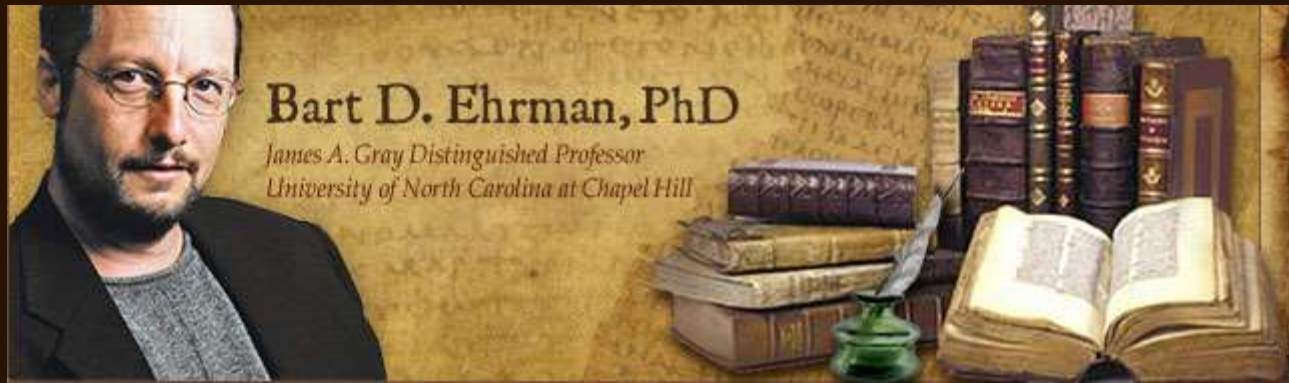


GARY R. HABERMAS Ph.D. GARYHABERMAS.COM

Distinguished Research Professor, Liberty University

Jesus was crucified, buried and was seen again afterward.

“I think there was a historical person Jesus and that we can say some historical things about Him. . . We have to look at historical evidence. If you say that historical evidence doesn’t count, then you get into huge trouble. Then why not just deny the Holocaust? Or why not deny that Abraham Lincoln lived? . . . We have more evidence for Jesus than we have for almost anybody from His time period. I’m not saying this as a believer, because I’m not a believer; I’m saying this as a historian.”



H. G. Wells



1866-1946
online-literature.com

Herbert George Wells

Outline of History

**"...one is obliged to say,
'Here was a man, This part
of the tale could not have
been invented.'"**



William James Durant

1885-1982

Former Professor of "**Philosophy of History**" at **Columbia University**, in New York, spent two (2) Chapters in "**The Story of Our Civilization**," depicting Jesus as a historical figure right along with the Caesars!



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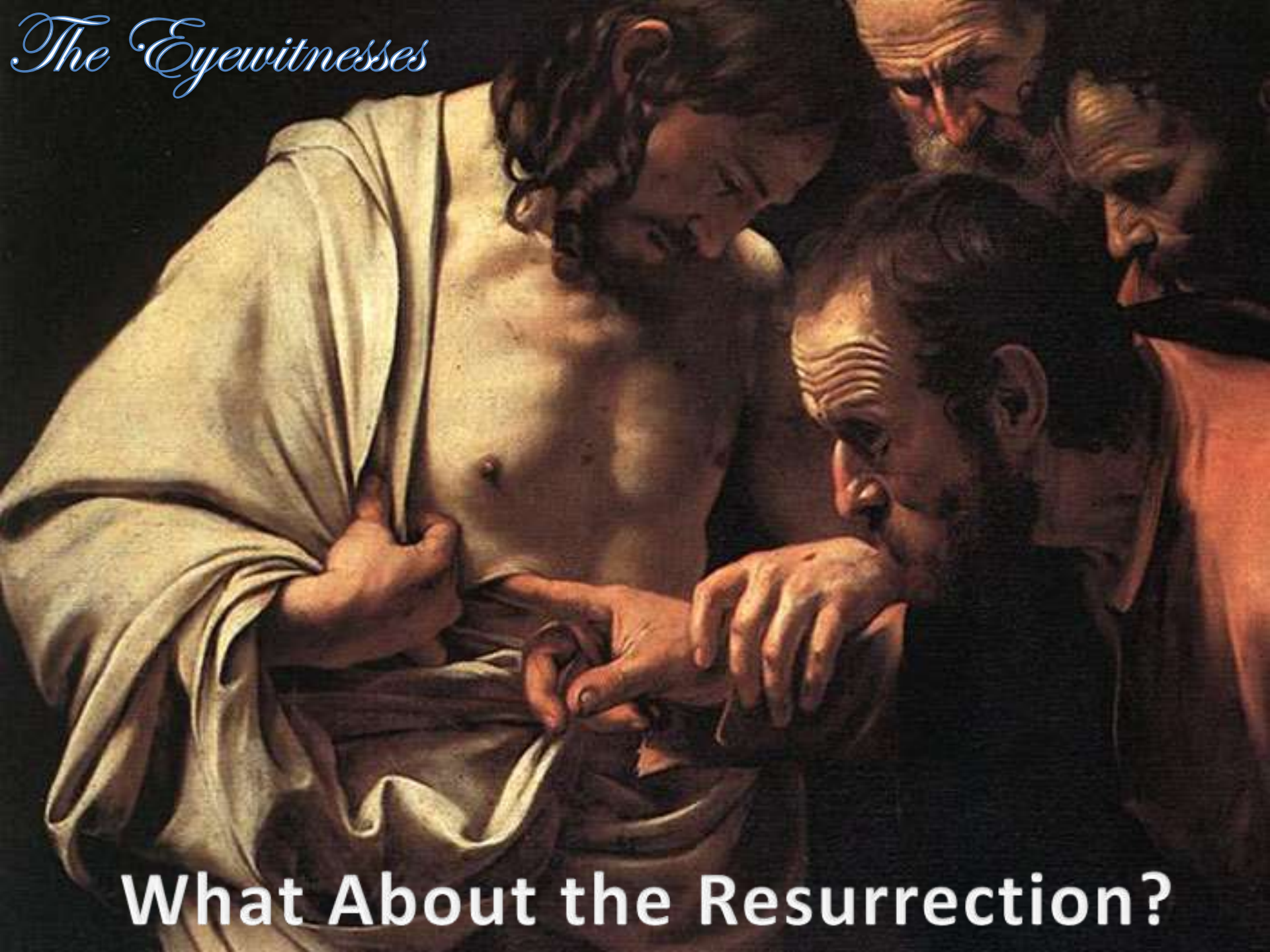
The Words of Marcus Borg

"Though a few books have recently argued that Jesus never existed, the evidence that he did is persuasive to the vast majority of scholars, whether Christian or non-Christian." "We do know some things about the historical Jesus — less than some Christians think, but more than some skeptics think,"

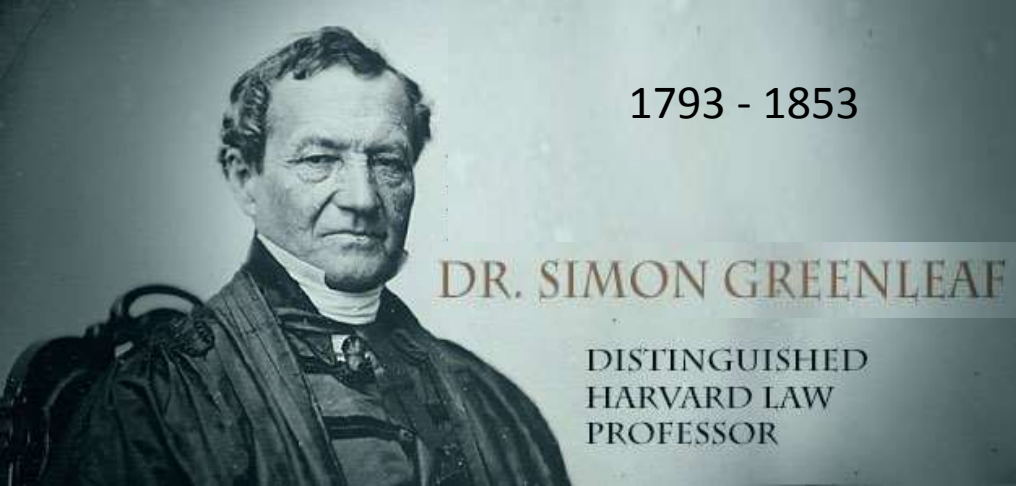


No Historical Jesus; No Christianity!

The Eyewitnesses



What About the Resurrection?

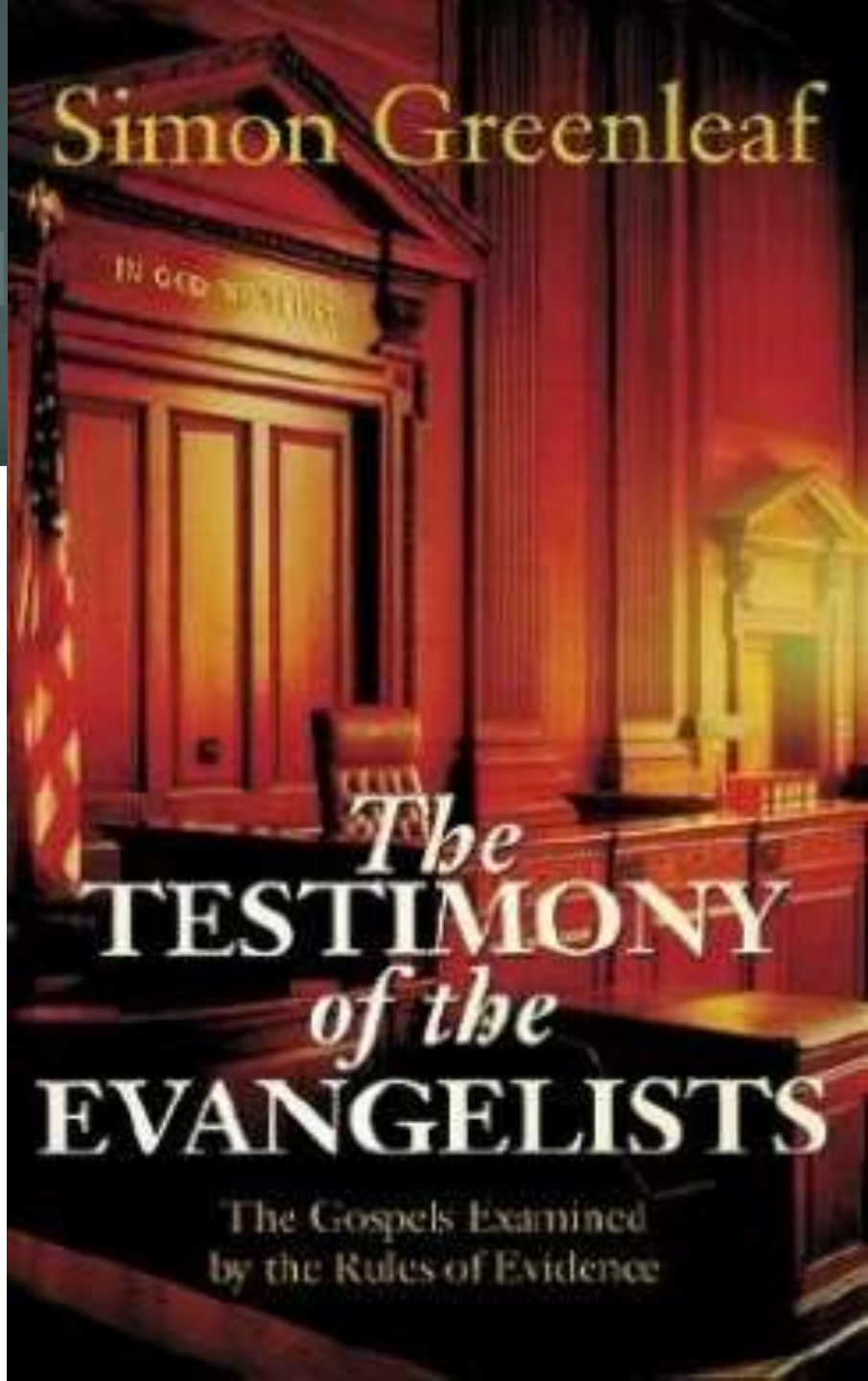


1793 - 1853

DR. SIMON GREENLEAF

DISTINGUISHED
HARVARD LAW
PROFESSOR

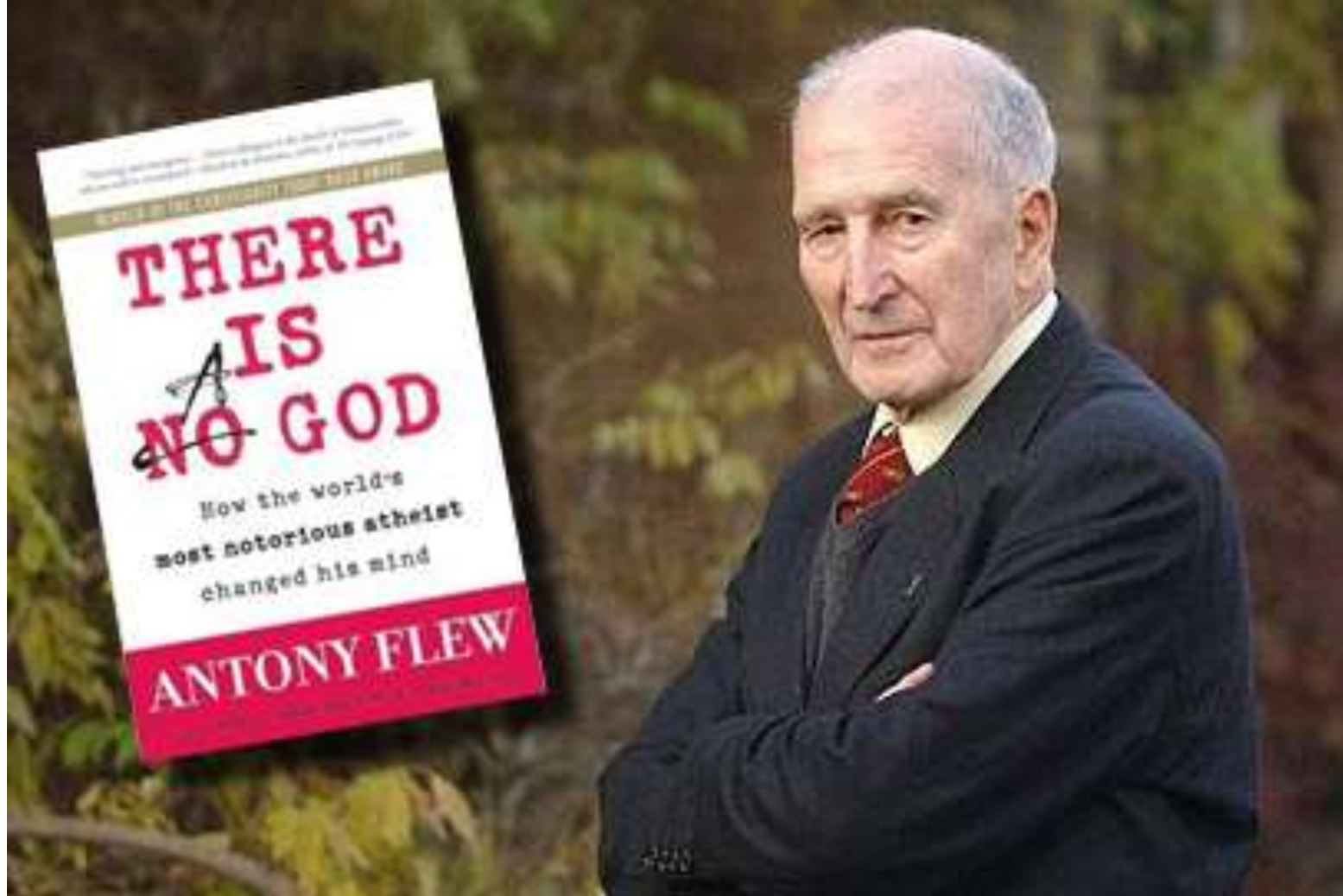
Greenleaf views the multiple eyewitness accounts of Jesus and His death and resurrection as being valid lines of evidence. They meet or exceed evidential requirements, so much so that Greenleaf saw the “martyrdoms, exponential church growth and the persistent-through-persecution faith of the believers” (often up to the point of death), as solid of evidence that there can possibly be.



Simon Greenleaf

The
TESTIMONY
of the
EVANGELISTS

*The Gospels Examined
by the Rules of Evidence*



“The evidence for the resurrection alone is better than for claimed miracles of all other religions. Their leaders are buried and still in their graves. Jesus tomb was found empty!”

John 3:16-17

“For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.”

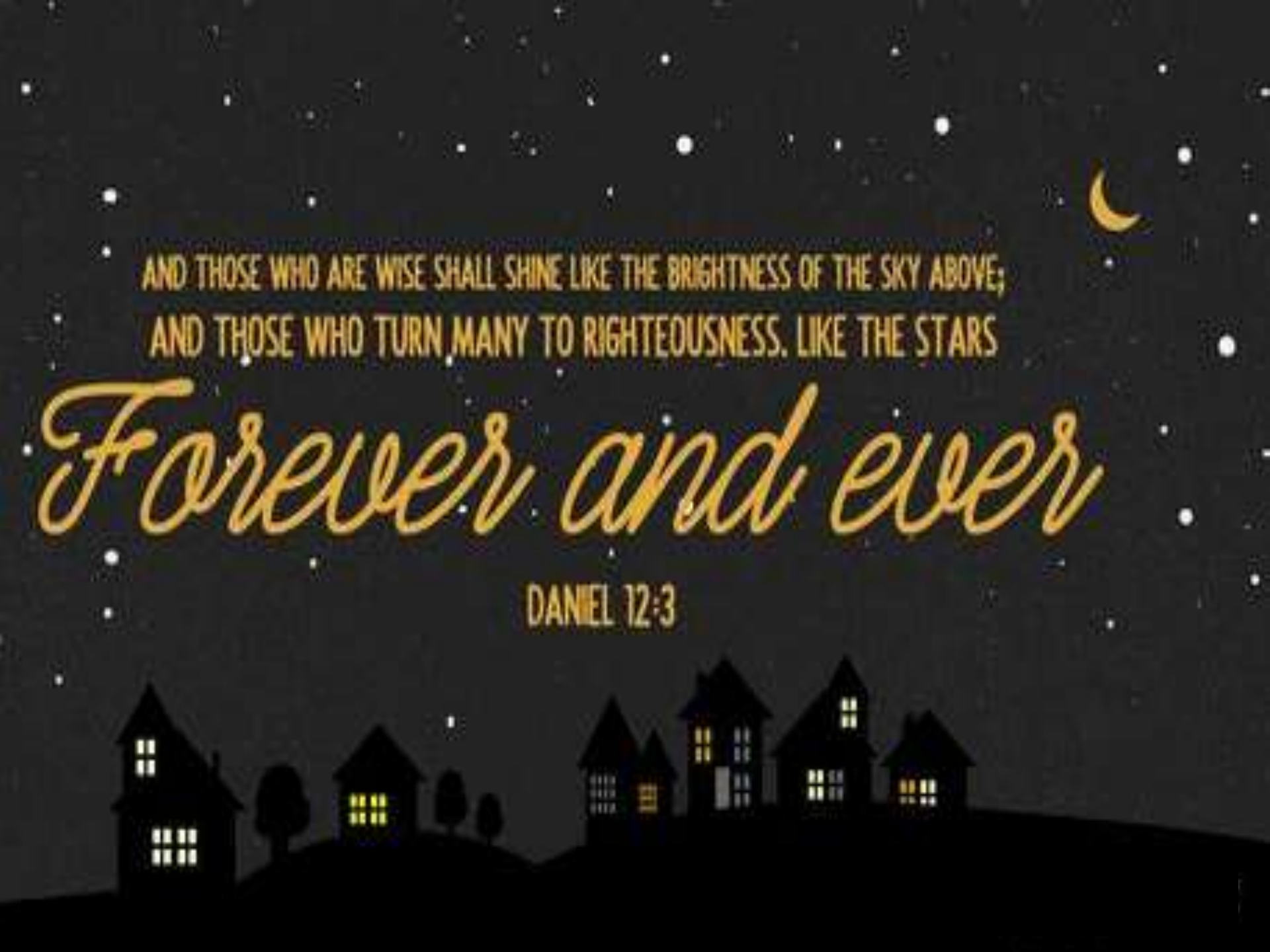
≡ And as it is ≡

**APPOINTED UNTO
MEN ONCE TO DIE**

BUT AFTER THIS

THE JUDGMENT

Hebrews 9:27



AND THOSE WHO ARE WISE SHALL SHINE LIKE THE BRIGHTNESS OF THE SKY ABOVE;
AND THOSE WHO TURN MANY TO RIGHTEOUSNESS, LIKE THE STARS

Forever and ever

DANIEL 12:3

