

The Jesus Papers: Exposing the Greatest Cover-Up in History is a book by author Michael Baigent published in 2006. Providing his detailed history of Jesus' life and crucifixion; using papers that, according to the author, were covered up.

Apr 29, Jim McCulloch rated it liked it Attempting to reconcile proven historic fact to the Bible is difficult at best, but an interesting exercise where historic fact can be established. Establishing the political realities of the time of Jesus was most helpful, as was considering where the young Jesus was raised and trained. It was a harsh, violent, and tumultuous time. Baigent raises some interesting ideas and certainly fans the flames of papal conspiracy in the story of Jesus. The timing of the writing of the gospels and subsequent potential revisions by the church is interesting. According to the author, comparing third century with first century versions of the same gospels shows that someone changed portions of them, and it is natural to wonder who and why. Then there are the church decisions as to which books would actually be included in the New Testament, excluding the Gnostic texts which is critical when you consider the authors asserts that Jesus was trained by Gnostics. All in all, some valid concern for devious and very mortal influence into what is presented by churches as the true word of God. I suspect believers who lack the courage to think outside the lines will find this book to be horrible and straight from the devil. Those with the curiosity to consider alternative historic interpretations, church intervention, the use of science to date items, and the contents of newly discovered ancient texts will find it intellectually stimulating without threatening their faith. As to the alleged Jesus papers. Baigent loves the provocative, and this book followed suit. But his blatant lack of intellectual integrity was overwhelming. Baigent references "incontrovertible evidence" pg 7 that Jesus survived the crucifixion and was alive on earth in A. With some digging, we find his source: Bartlett who in the s heard that his mentor Canon Lilley had been invited by a former student to Saint Sulpice in the s to translate a document which may have come from Abbe Saunier. Lilley, by the way, is now deceased, and the document is now either "concealed or destroyed. Yet it grew worse. He spends dozens of pages debunking the Bible as "bad history The author does finally acknowledge the difficulty of his "evidence," saying that the date itself A. I had to wonder why he waited pages to point that out. Baigent seems primarily driven not by fact or historical congruity, but by a thirst for conspiracy theory. I started counting the number of times he wrote, "Could it be that [such and such]? Mildly entertaining with scant facts. The information is overwhelming, and even though quite a bit of what Baigent reveals is nothing new to scholars and students, he does bring his own experiences to the table backing it with strong undeniable proof. I was a little surprised that Baigent was satisfied to start with the Egyptians of having a Christ figure, as it is documented to have occurred in earlier cults and religions far preceding the Egyptians. Although he does mention some, I do understand he w Where to begin with this book? Although he does mention some, I do understand he wanted to keep the focus on Christianity and the Christ myth beneath its beginnings. Baigent is a dramatic writer, but I do have to say for a book such as this, he does get a little emotionally wordy in transitioning between events, but otherwise, he leaves what he is most excited about until the very end, which was bold and brilliant. I do hope more is discovered, and Baigent reveals answers to the questions he now raises with his findings. I will certainly be looking out for the second part of his journey to uncovering the truth. I can only hope more people take an interest in learning the facts of what they believe and the history of their faith instead of so blindly accepting myth as fact. If one wants to argue what Baigent has clearly provided, he gives references, many from the gospels themselves. As a Jew who has traveled to Israel and studied religion, even I know the Torah is full of legendary stories, and what is historically claimed to be true should be questioned extensively. I have also read the Bible, and the errors and contradictions are so obvious, and even what authors of the Bible took from the Torah popularly known as fables and fiction to Jews, the Bible claims as fact. As an art history student, artworks Christians so revere are riddled with contradictions to what they believe, purposefully done by the artists who created them having been convinced themselves by undeniable proof, but so many believers just cannot see nor accept the truth of what those

artists really are trying to tell them. Baigent is correct, all religions have a spin to justify actions and reactions, and the crime comes in the profit of the ignorance of those so blind to believe without really knowing the factual history of what they place their faith into. Every single religion and non-religious beliefs are largely based on myth, so how one can live their lives, justifying their actions and reactions to life when the platform they stand on has little to no historical value just simply puzzles me. It also frightens me because for every single person each religion completely blindfolds, the more powerful the corrupt become. Man will always strive to know what is beyond this life, beyond this world we live in, but to follow what others before us claim so blindly not only does not get us closer to learning the truth, but weakens the very foundation of ones faith irregardless of ones beliefs. It is when you cannot question your beliefs that the blindfold tightens. Who is to say which religion is the "right" religion, especially when the corruption is so clearly exposed?

Chapter 2 : The Jesus Papers: Exposing the Greatest Cover-up in History by Michael Baigent

The Jesus Papers contains much material from Mr. Baigent's previous works, clumsily cobbled together. The Jesus Papers to which Mr. Baigent refers supposedly reveal a long lost secret: Jesus survived the Crucifixion and lived out his life in Egypt and then possibly France, leaving descendants by his wife Mary Magdalene.

Stewart March Never in the history of mankind, has the Lord Jesus Christ been under any greater attack than He is today. Below is the book cover. In the same Fox News interview mentioned above, Baigent claims that his book explores the "historical Jesus" verses the "spiritual Jesus. To no surprise, Baigent conveniently dismisses such honest secular historians as Josephus, who spoke of Jesus the Messiah Josephus was born in 37 A. He was the son of a priest named Matthias and at the age of 19 he became a Pharisee in Jerusalem. Later in his life he was appointed a commander in Galilee during the Jewish revolt against Rome. During his stay in Rome he wrote two works dealing with Jewish history. In his work entitled Jewish Antiquities, which was written between 70 and A. Here is a quote from the editors at Barnes and Noble Bookstore His Jesus Papers offers explosive new evidence that challenges accepted truths about the life and death of Jesus. I love what the reporter said to him next For once I agree with Fox News. These Bible critics and skeptics crawl out of the sewer, desperately looking for any new con angle to sell a book. And the heathen world sucks it in. In these last days, many false prophets are walking among us According to 1st John 2: He is antichrist, that denieth the Father and the Son. The Apostle Paul makes it very clear in Acts King Agrippa, believest thou the prophets? I know that thou believest. Then Agrippa said unto Paul, Almost thou persuadest me to be a Christian. Here are the words of Matthew Can you imagine their shocked faces, and the horror that filled their souls, when they found out that the sealed and guarded tomb was EMPTY? This was no cover-up friend; on the contrary, it was the exact opposite. After that, he was seen of above five hundred brethren at once. The Bible, Itself, is one of the most credible sources of historical information today. Not one spadefull of an archeologists dust has ever disproved the Bible; on the contrary, researchers are increasingly discovering that the Bible is extremely accurate. Of course, the Christian has no need for the world to prove anything to us. We believe upon Christ by faith. To those who believe, no explanation is necessary; to those who believe not, no explanation is possible. All that will matter then is whether he received, or rejected, Jesus Christ as his personal Saviour.

Chapter 3 : The Jesus Papers by Baigent, Michael

Baigent references "incontrovertible evidence" (pg 7) that Jesus survived the crucifixion and was alive on earth in A.D. With some digging, we find his source: a letter Baigent's earlier book (Holy Blood, Holy Grail) stirred a lawsuit of plagiarism against The Da Vinci Code.

Show More By Michael: This book is the result. I have seen ancient texts and I have clambered down underground tunnels and into subterranean rooms and crypts seeking what they might reveal. I take the reader on a journey, slowly, step by step, in order that the reasons for the questions raised might be understood and that their implications might be explored. One dramatic possibility concerns the crucifixion: My hope is that the reader will gain insights into the historical Jesus and the way in which his message has been methodically subverted by powerful interests over the last fifteen hundred years. This journey is conducted against a background of the secretive and mysterious clandestine antiquities network. I relate a number of anecdotes: I am intrigued by the close similarities between this document and the incident depicted in John 10, During the fourth century a theological Jesus was created - it began with the council of Nicaea when those who believed Jesus was divine demanded and obtained agreement within the Church creating the Nicene Trinity which converted the man Jesus into a God. During the course of this century the process of solidifying this artificial view of Jesus progressed. A new Bible - the Latin Vulgate - was produced in ; Christianity became the official religion of the Empire and the pagan temples were closed down by Emperor Theodosius in ; at the Council of Carthage in , the canon of the New Testament was definitively established. And during this time Rome was seeking to dominate the theological schools of Antioch, of Jerusalem and in particular, of Alexandria. By the mid fifth century the battle was won: Dogmatic criteria were established by Church Councils in order to retrospectively decide what to believe - and what not to believe - about the life of the historical Jesus. The effect was to bury the historical Jesus and to silence his teaching, to subvert it in the cause of later political aspiration. Jesus had always taught a two tiered spiritual system, as is made explicit in Matthew But I did not stop researching Jesus and the rise of Christianity even though I was working with my colleague, Richard Leigh, on other quite different books. I was satisfied that this allowed us to understand the historical Jesus. But I was wrong. A couple of years later my attention was drawn to a passage in Luke I had missed this and I recognised immediately that here was a statement expressing mysticism of the purest kind, something one might find in the writings of St Teresa of Avila, even of Buddhism, Taoism, the Bagavad Gita and the Upanishads. I realised that in my exploration of the times, by focussing upon the turbulent politics of the Zealot movement in Judaea and Galilee, I had missed something crucial: My first question was: It certainly was not to be found in the politics of Judaea and Galilee. I had to look further afield. The Zealot movement was completely concerned with the political reality in Israel itself: Coupled with this was a curiosity I had often pondered: To me they proved one thing - there were members of the Zealot movement for whom the only language was Greek. Where would they have come from? It had always seemed to me that the most likely place was Egypt where there was a large, dynamic, and influential Jewish community based particularly in the cities of Alexandria and Edfu. I therefore began looking at Egypt and it was there that I found the strong strand of mysticism within which the statement of Jesus made sense. I concluded that the most plausible source for the mysticism of Jesus was in the Egyptian Jewish community. In other words, the statement in Matthew 2: I therefore added Egypt into the equation; this gave a new perspective by which to understand the teaching of Jesus and the subsequent development of Christianity. Having noted the existence of this Jewish mystical tradition I then needed to journey through the mystical traditions of ancient Egypt, Greece and Rome to allow the reader to become familiar with the metaphors used and the techniques by which this experience was achieved. Following this, the book returns with new insights and understanding, back to Jesus and looks at his teachings from a completely new perspective. From this the reader will quickly see the lie beneath the exclusion of women from the active teaching of the Church, the nonsense of the male dominated apostolic succession and the fraudulence of the claim to primacy so long promulgated by the Bishops of Rome. The figure of Jesus who emerges from this journey of discovery is a figure compatible with Christianity, Judaism

and Islam and can serve to draw members of these three religions that much closer together. Sure, this concept may be too idealistic but we do need to have some aspiration towards harmony in this world riven by dispute. I end the book with a quote from the Sufi teacher, Rumi: Take us down to the river! Let no one deny us that freedom!

Chapter 4 : The mystery of 'The Jesus Papers' - Dateline NBC | NBC News

Michael Baigent's The Jesus Papers: Exposing The Greatest Cover-Up In History (HarperCollins,) On 24 June Henry Lincoln reproduced on his blog the copy of Reverend William Bartlett's letter claiming he knew that Jesus Christ had survived the crucifixion and was still alive in A. D.

They are around about nine or ten inches long, four five inches high. They may be two parts of one document. Are they in England? Are they in France? I respect his desire for privacy. They were answers to a charge made by the Sanhedrin. The Sanhedrin had been accusing someone of claiming that he was god. This someone wrote back in his defense. Were you allowed to copy the papers? Were you allowed to photograph them? Did anybody else see them with you? No one else was there. Could it have been kept secret all these years? Archaeologists agree treasures are still out there. But while some are authentic, others are well-disguised fakes. Shai Bartura, an investigator with the Israeli Antiquities Authority says the chance these papers are real is about one in a million. Shai Bartura, investigator with the Israeli Antiquities Authority: The whole story sounds suspicious. He says almost certainly, they would have disintegrated long ago unless they were preserved in a dry uninhabited area like a desert. The chance of a document written on papyrus being preserved in the ground, underneath a home in the city of Jerusalem is as slim as it gets. But Baigent has an explanation for that too.

Chapter 5 : What are the Jesus Papers?

Baigent says he actually saw the papyrus letters in which Jesus admits that he is not the physical son of God: "These were the Jesus papers," he tells us in his new book, The Jesus Papers, "the letters from Jesus to the Sanhedrin. They existed.

Chapter 6 : The Jesus Papers EXPOSED!

Godless author, Michael Baigent, has written a new book, THE JESUS PAPERS (ISBN: , Publisher: HarperCollins Publishers), attacking the deity of Christ, the crucifixion, Christ's resurrection, Christ's miracles, and the life of our Saviour.

Chapter 7 : Listen to Audiobooks written by Michael Baigent | calendrierdelascience.com

In The Jesus Papers, Michael Baigent reveals the truth about Jesus's life and crucifixion. Despite, or rather because of, all the celebration and veneration that have surrounded the figure of Jesus for centuries, Baigent asserts that Jesus and the circumstances leading to his death have been heavily mythologized.

Chapter 8 : The Jesus Papers Michael Baigent Harper Collins Hardcover 1st Ed. | eBay

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Chapter 9 : The Jesus Papers (Audiobook) by Michael Baigent | calendrierdelascience.com

Baigent says he's breaking his silence because he's seen and held shocking documents, including two he named his book after, calling them "The Jesus Papers."