
Is the Christian Faith and the Holy Bible True?

Conclusions from eight scholars

Lionel Lucco, Attorney

Luckahoo is considered by many to be the **world's most successful attorney after 245 consecutive murder acquittals**. This brilliant lawyer rigorously analyzed the historical facts of Christ's resurrection and finally declares, "I say unequivocally that the evidence for the resurrection of Jesus Christ is so overwhelming that it compels acceptance by proof which leaves absolutely no room for doubt.....If all the evidence is weighed carefully and fairly, it is indeed justifiable, according to the canons of historical research to conclude that Jesus tomb was actually empty. And no shred of evidence has yet been discovered in literary sources, epigraphy, or archaeology that would disprove this statement."

Simon Greenleaf, Professor of Law, Harvard University

Greenleaf was **one of the greatest legal minds America has produced**. He was the famous Royal professor of law at Harvard University. While at Harvard, Greenleaf wrote a volume in which he examines the legal value of the apostles testimony to the resurrection of Christ. He observes that it is impossible that the apostles "could have persisted in affirming the truth that they had narrated, had not Jesus actually risen from the dead." Greenleaf stated that the resurrection of Christ is one of the best-supported events in history according to the laws of legal evidence administered in the courts of justice. He also concluded, "The annals of military warfare afford scarcely an example of the like heroic constancy, patience, and unflinching courage. They had every possible motive to review carefully the grounds of their faith, and the evidence of the great facts and truths which they asserted."

Tom Anderson, Former President of the California Trial Lawyers Association

Dr. Anderson states, "Let's assume that the written accounts of Jesus appearances to hundreds of people are false. I want to pose a question. With an event so well-publicized, don't you think that it's reasonable that one historian, one eyewitness, one antagonist would record for all time that he had seen Christ's body? The silence of history is deafening when it comes to the testimony against the resurrection."

Dr. John Warwick Montgomery, Founding Member of the World Association of Law Professors

Dr. Montgomery, a well-known and extremely qualified scholar, holds two doctorates and seven undergraduate degrees, has written 40 books and 125 journals, and is a founding member of the World Association of Law Professors. He says, "I myself have never encountered an alleged contradiction in the Bible which could not be cleared up by the use of the original language of the scriptures and/or by the use of accepted principles of literacy and historical interpretation.....To be skeptical of the resultant text of the New Testament books is to allow all of the classical antiquity to slip into obscurity, for no documents of the ancient period are as well attested bibliographically as the New Testament."

Professor Thomas Arnold, Chair of Modern History, Oxford University

Arnold, author of a famous three volume "History of Rome" and the chair of modern history at Oxford University, says, "I have been used for many years to study the histories of other times, and to examine and weigh the evidence of those who have written about them, and 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, than the great sign which God has given us that Christ died and rose again from the dead."

Dr. Robert Dick Wilson, PhD Princeton

Dr. Wilson (PhD, Princeton), an Old Testament authority and author of "A Scientific Investigation of the Old Testament," **could read the New Testament in nine different languages by the age of 25. In addition, he could repeat from memory a Hebrew translation of the entire New Testament without missing a single syllable, and do**

the same with large portions of the old testament. He proceeded to learn 45 languages and dialects and was also a master of paleography and philology: “I have made it an invariable habit never to accept an objection to a statement of the Old Testament without subjecting it to a most thorough investigation, linguistically and factually.” His conclusion was that no critic has ever succeeded in proving an error in the old testament.

Brooke Foss Wescott, British Scholar, Cambridge University

Wescott, who was a divinity professor at Cambridge University, says: “Taking all the evidence together, it is not too much to say that there is no historic incident better or more variously supported than the resurrection of Christ. Nothing but the antecedent assumption that it must be false could have suggested the idea of deficiency in the proof of it.”

Dr. Gleason L. Archer, PhD, Harvard Graduate School

Dr. Gleason, BD, from Princeton and PhD, from Harvard Graduate School, received training in Latin, Greek, French, and German at Harvard University. He majored in Hebrew, Aramaic, and Arabic, Akkadian, and Syriac, also teaching courses on these subjects. He also obtained a law degree.

Dr. Gleason personally inspected most of the important archaeological sites. This background enabled Dr. Archer to become an expert in the issue of alleged errors and contradictions in Scripture. “In my opinion this charge can be refuted and it's falsity exposed by an objective study done in a consistent, evangelical perspective. I candidly believe I have been confronted with just about all the biblical difficulties under discussion in theological circles today, especially those pertaining to the interpretation and defense of Scripture..... As I have dealt with one apparent discrepancy after another and have studied the alleged contradictions between the biblical record and the evidence of linguistics, archaeology, or science, my confidence in the trustworthiness of Scripture has been repeatedly verified and strengthened by the discovery that almost every problem in Scripture that has been discovered by man, from ancient times until now, has been dealt with in a completely satisfactory manner by biblical text itself, or else by objective archaeological information.”

Given the fact that Dr. Archer has graduated from Princeton and Harvard, has done extensive studies in archaeology and other areas, has become fluent in 15 languages, and has received full training in legal evidences, the above statement can hardly be summarily dismissed by critics.

****Bill Wiese book, “What Happens When I Die?”***