

This important new study examines Jesus as an idea of salvation, and not as an individual, gradually constituted and modified over a considerable timespan. Author Arnold M. Rothstein shows that we know next to nothing about the actual existence of Jesus, all efforts to recover the history of this individual ending in failure. Even though there are those who dispute the messiahship and divinity of a Jesus, they do not doubt that he was a man, and a most unusual one at that. There is rarely a question that the story is built around a fact of history. The Jesus Idea does not begin with the usual presupposition of a human existence. Rather than the tacit assumption that Jesus constitutes the name of an actual person, this book presents the thesis of the Jesus, or salvation personified. According to Rothstein, Jesus exists purely as a portrait of supreme innocence and purity, a composite of traditions dating back to a legendary Israelite figure of the fourteenth century B.C.E. That proto-divinity - whose name means Yah as Salvation, or Yah Saves or Helps - is known biblically as Yehosha (Joshua) ben Nun, the renowned conqueror of the fabled Jericho, located in the geographical area then called Canaan, now Israel. Rothstein maintains that the theory of salvation, or yeshua, represents a syncretism of ideas and dreams optimistically embraced by humans in response to the wretchedness and misery experienced in life. Yeshua, the Hebrew concept from which the Greek name Jesus emerged, involved a recurrent hope among humans that all things can be made anew. That hope provided the thematic material for the sketching of a portrait - an attempt to express representationally, in literal terms, what is essentially symbolic. Rothstein painstakingly examines the Gospels and other early Church writings, as well as non-Christian sources for verification of a historical Jesus. Countering the approach that maintains if there is a historical Christendom, then there must be a historical central figure who established the movement, The Jesus Idea shows that the construction of a faith-community around a spectral figure is, in fact, part of the history of religions.

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Jesus also referred to as Jesus of Nazareth and Jesus Christ, was a first-century Jewish Jew. Judaism rejects the idea of Jesus being God, or a mediator to God, or part of a Trinity. It holds that Jesus is not the Messiah, arguing that he neither.

The Christ myth theory is the view that the person known as Jesus of Nazareth had no historical existence. Alternatively, in. Jesus appears to be distancing himself from God; it is a passage that at least puts a question mark over the idea that Mark would have accepted.

My own view, formulated after a great deal of reading over many years, is that whilst the biblical Jesus was almost undoubtedly based on a real person, in all. One of the most common archetypes we come across is what author Steven Pressfield calls "the Jesus Concept". The basic idea is that the. How Jesus' followers responded in the traumatic days following his death. in a variety of ways - controversies over belief and practice; different ideas of purity.

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wishes to remind you that the story of Jesus, the first written word This Awareness indicates that essentially, under Constantine, the concept of.

It was Hermann Samuel Reimarus, writing in the 18th century, who basically invented the modern Jesus wars, by postulating a gulf between the.

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