

CHAPTER 17

FABRICATED "SCRIPTURE"

NEW NAME, OLD GAME

A "born-again" had been boasting how he used to pinch 10 cents from the church collection plate for a "milkshake", and how he used to tie his drunken father ". . . in the barn . . ." — the same barn where he used to see his ". . . mother lying in the gutter in the manure — the bathroom of the cows — beaten so badly by my father. . ." ¹ now he does another confidence trick upon his readers. He quotes the above verse (*John 20:25*) from his American Bible without giving the reference. ² And after the words, "I will not believe", he begins a new paragraph with the words, "AT THIS POINT, Jesus said to Thomas", quoting again from the Bible without giving the reference. St. John, gives a lie to this cultist by saying,

"And, AFTER EIGHT DAYS, again his disciples were inside, and Thomas with them; then CAME Jesus . . ."

(HOLY BIBLE) *John 20:26*

¹. The sickness is so cultivated that when this type of tripe is narrated, the "born-again" Christians go into ecstasy with their "Alleluyas!"

². On the same page 20 of "The Resurrection Factor" the author gives four other quotations, with references for everyone! On the following page he gives three quotes, also with references. But the verses where he wants to deceive, no references at all.

ARTFUL LIES

Another of these cultists, claiming to be a lawyer by profession, supports his reborn brother from America with yet another lie. He says on page 120 of "The Islam Debate", that "Deedat has recently made a big issue of the stone which sealed the tomb by publishing a booklet entitled **Who Moved the Stone?** In it he suggests that the stone was moved by two disciples of Jesus who were Pharisees — Joseph of Anmathe'a and Nicodemus (page 10). But in his booklet **Was Christ Crucified? SUGGESTS** it was a Super-Woman (page 25), **IMPLYING** that it was Mary Magdalene." (Emphasis are mine).

How can a born-again Christian and an Attorney-at-Law lie? To ensnare his victim he even quotes the page number, "25". The book

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has been out of print for very long. Even if you had a copy, you were not likely to check it up. The cultist sounds so cocksure! But the "Gospel-Truth" is that my actual words are:

"SHE WAS PLEASANTLY SURPRISED ON HER ARRIVAL TO FIND THE STONE ALREADY ROLLED AWAY."

Where is the suggestion that it was Mary Magdalene? Where do I **imply** that it was Mary Magdalene? But for these sick people, whether American or South African, every trick in the bag is permissible to clinch a convert for Christ. I "throw in the towel", I am not prepared to give battle to every false charge, and I want you to do the same. You simply deliver your message the best way you can, and leave the rest to God.

A FABRICATION

Biblical scholars are coming to a conclusion that the "doubting Thomas" episode is of the same variety as that of the woman "caught in the act" — (*John 8:1-11*), i.e. it is a fabrication! But as the orthodox will not allow this interpolation — (*John 8:1-11*) to be expunged from their Versions of the Bible, he exhibits a similar stubbornness in dealing with the verses about "*putting fingers into the print of the nails*" — (*John 20:25*). For the present we will deal with them for what they are worth.

The Romans had no special reasons for being vindictive towards Jesus as compared to his two "crossmates". Why make fish of one (his "crossmates") and fowl of the other (Jesus), i.e. to have the two tied with leather thongs to the crossbar and to have Jesus "nailed"?

Not "at this point", as the cultist alleges, but "eight days" later, Jesus walks once more into the upper-room, and he finds Thomas there this time. And according to John, he commanded Thomas to.

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". . . Reach hither thy finger, and behold my hands;

and reach hither thy hand, and thrust it into my side;

and be not faithless, but believing."

(HOLY BIBLE) *John 20:27*

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Thomas realises the heel he has been. He had signally rejected every proof that Jesus was ALIVE! Every other disciple, beside Judas Iscariot the traitor, had testified that they had seen Jesus and felt him and eaten food with him, but Thomas WOULD NOT BELIEVE!. What would he not believe? That the living, pulsating Jesus was making his rounds — Not a ghost of Jesus. Now, being confronted with the PHYSICAL reality of his presence, demonstrating his physical, material body, he was forced to exclaim,

"My Lord and my God!" —

(HOLY BIBLE) *John 20:28*

WHAT DID THOMAS REALISE?

Did Thomas realise at that juncture that Jesus Christ was his Jehovah? Did he and the other disciples fall down in prostration before him. Never! His words were the words of self-reproach. We utter them daily, "My God! What a fool I have been!" Are you addressing your listener, as your God? ¹



¹. For further details regarding the false claim that Jesus was God, see "Christ in Islam".