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jesus in comparative mythology jesus has been compared to a broad variety of figures from various mythological traditions within the mediterranean basin including in rows from left to right dionysus mithras sol invictus osiris asclepius attis and adonis part of a series on jesus in christianity the christ myth theory also known as the jesus myth theory jesus mythicism or the jesus ahistoricity theory is the view that the story of jesus is a work of mythology with no historical substantiality alternatively in terms given by bart ehrman paraphrasing earl dohererty the historical jesus did not exist jesus christ claimed that part of his mission was to reveal the father to humanity he did this not just through the message he taught but by his actions and how he related to his fellow man he set us an example that we should follow hence his actions or practices with their motivations and insights become important for humans to follow and jesus christ may be the most famous man who ever lived but how do we know he did most theological historians christian and non christian alike believe that jesus really did walk the earth list of christ myth theory proponents this is a partial list of people who have been categorized as christ myth theory proponents the belief that the historical jesus did not exist or if he did he had virtually nothing to do with the founding of christianity 1 the jesus is a myth theory relies on selective descriptions redefined words and false assumptions jesus christ is unique in history with his voice rising

above all false gods as he asks the question that ultimately determines a person's eternal destiny who do you say i am matthew 16:15 only two key events of Jesus's life are widely accepted as historical namely his baptism and crucifixion while other elements e.g. his alleged miracles are subject to debate standard historical criteria are used in evaluating the historicity of the gospel narratives 2 christ mysticism trinitarian mysticism negative mysticism god and the godhead significance of christian mysticism christian myth and legend characteristics of christian myth and legend history of christian myth and legend the early church the ages of the world messianic secrets and the mysteries of salvation the magi and the child of when the historical Jesus becomes someone who can inspire us and teach us about life outside of the christian myth this involves and perhaps is the consequence of the act of forgiving Jesus for being human it is part of his fate even his unfortunate fate to be one of the greatest myths of human history while billions of people believe Jesus of Nazareth was one of the most important figures in world history many others reject the idea that he even existed at all a 2015 survey conducted by the christ myth theory also known as the Jesus myth theory Jesus mythicism or the Jesus ahistoricity theory is the view that the story of Jesus is a work of mythology with no historical substantiality alternatively in terms given by Bart Ehrman paraphrasing Earl Doherty the historical Jesus did not exist perhaps no historical figure is more deeply mired in legend and myth than Jesus of Nazareth outside of the gospels which are not so much factual accounts of Jesus but arguments about his the christ myth the christ myth first published in 1909 was a book by Arthur Drews on the christ myth theory Drews 1865-1935 along with Bruno Bauer 1809-1882 and Albert Kalthoff 1850-1906 is one of the three German pioneers of the denial of the existence of a historical Jesus christ mysticism trinitarian mysticism negative mysticism god and the godhead significance of christian mysticism christian myth and legend characteristics of christian myth and legend history of christian myth and legend the early church the ages of the world messianic secrets and the mysteries of salvation the magi and the child of Jesus christ myth or genuine history bible critics charge that if Jesus Christ was a real historical character there ought to be more in the Roman secular records about him what may be said in response to this allegation this article seeks to understand the origin and significance of the christ myth controversy focusing not simply on its scholarly content but also on the historical contexts in which it unfolded in particular the

increasingly public and popular nature of theological debate in late wilhelmine germany however in ephesians 3 4 paul refers to the mystery of christ which he identifies in ephesians 3 6 this mystery is that through the gospel the gentiles are heirs together with israel members together of one body and sharers together in the promise in christ jesus in colossians 4 3 paul adds that the mystery of christ was a discussions over whether the figure known as the historical jesus actually existed primarily reflect disagreements among atheists believers who uphold the implausible and more easily the christ myth theory is the hypothesis that jesus of nazareth never existed or if he did that he had virtually nothing to do with the founding of christianity and the accounts in the gospels stories of jesus 39 birth along with other key events have so many mythic elements that some scholars have suggested that jesus himself was a myth christian mythology is the body of myths associated with christianity the term encompasses a broad variety of legends and narratives especially those considered sacred narratives mythological themes and elements occur throughout christian literature including recurring myths such as ascending a mountain the axis mundi myths of combat