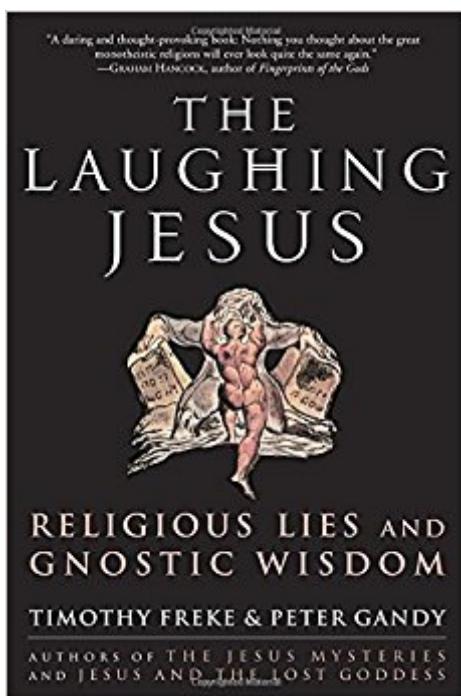


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â œA daring and thought-provoking book: Nothing you thought about the great monotheistic religions will ever look quite the same again.â • â "Graham Hancock, author of Fingerprints of the Godsâ œThe Laughing Jesus is a manifesto for Gnostic mysticism. Freke and Gandyâ ™s exposition of Gnostic enlightenment is lucid and accessible; their critique of Literalist religion is damningly severe.â • â "Robert M. Price, professor of scriptural studies, Johnnie Coleman Theological Seminary, and editor of The Journal of Higher Criticismâ œThe Laughing Jesus should be considered not merely a good read, although it is, but also a matter of burning urgency, for this is one of the most important books that has emerged in this infant millennium.â • â "Larry Dossey, M.D., author of The Extraordinary Healing Power of Ordinary Things

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Arrived on time and in excellent shape. A thought provoking perspective on religion. Am enjoying it immensely. Those in my Bible study group, not so much, perhaps. The writing is very thought provoking and makes one consider why the world isn't flat and why one shouldn't believe all you read.

I have read lots of books on the subject but wide range of topics covered with this book as the three major religions of the world. The history of Islam was most enlightening. Rivetined the stories of Mohammed and the contradiction of proficiency, the same for all the religions. The church and there development over the years which lead to the dark ages in Europe. Literalism and fundamentalist the major causes of mass murder in the name of God?... why cause we know not ourselves..

I got hooked on all of Tim Freke's work a number of years ago and this book does not disappoint.

I have read everything by Freke and Gandy written since the The Jesus Mysteries: Was the "Original Jesus" a Pagan God?. It has all been interesting and valuable in my research on the nature of God. I don't agree with all of their points but their writing certainly makes you think. The idea that Jesus was not a historical man, but instead was a religious myth is not supported by today's biblical scholars but certainly worthy of consideration. Only about 2% of the PHDs who study Jesus are in that camp. Like much from the first few centuries CE the ability to be certain and definitive is lacking. My research for "Seeking God at the Idol Meat BBQ" concluded that whatever you believe about God, Jesus, Buddha, or Allah must be taken on faith not facts.

Very good follow up to the *Jesus Mysteries* in that it offers a clearer understanding of the early Gnostic period and questions the validity of all the stuff that describes the history of Christianity as most of us have come to know it. I believe it leads to a better

understanding of how Constantine and the early Catholic Church influenced the Christian Bible etc.

Love this book! As I also loved Jesus and the Lost Goddess. Definitely NOT for everyone who is not ready to accept the Truth.

I read this book several years ago and gave it to a friend to read who has since disappeared. I had to buy it again to re-read. I like all three of the books these guys have written and find that their theories awaken truths that I felt were hidden inside my consciousness all along. If you have ever questioned the dogma and doctrine of organized religion this book gives you some great things to think about. I believe there is more to life than atheism and as an active agnostic this book helped me to keep the baby and get rid of the bathwater. If your mind is open to alternate perspectives, this gives you some great fuel for growth.

Very informative. The pace of the book had you coming back for more info. Recommend people give this book a try.

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