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# Christianity as humane mythology

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Christianity was created to nurture the values that best serve the interests of all via the dissemination of mythological stories like the parable of the Good Samaritan that promote humane values, which help us become decent human beings.

Jesus Christ suffered and died in the service of a mythical figure called God, who represents our better nature, whom he said we must love above all others. Christ believed it was his duty to spread the message that our primary social duty is to “love thy neighbor”, even at the cost of his own life.

This radical message undermined the authority of secular and religious

leaders who misuse their power in order to service their desires at the expense of their neighbors, which is why secular and religious authorities conspired to have Christ executed, and why such authorities still oppress and persecute Christians to this day.

Christ’s death was a transcendent moment in human history represented by the Resurrection myth. Christ suffered and died for all mankind; not just his family, friends or fellow Jews. A triumph of the human spirit over insular values that divide us. Men like Christ cannot die as they are with us still, real in memory as they were in flesh, loving and beloved forever.

Judeo-Christianity gave birth to the principle of ‘equal liberty’ that is the philosophical bedrock on which modernity rests, as it is built on the concept that we are all children of God (thus equals) with a conscience (thus moral beings with both rights and duties) who must treat others as we want to be treated.

Christ revealed a path to a better world. We walk with Christ by working together to build a bridge to the future where the State and the People are indivisible, united in their love for the individual and by extension all humanity; and in so doing uphold the dignity of mankind.

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“People need stories more than bread itself. They tell us how to live, and why.” - Peter Barnes

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