

EHRMAN Chapter Notes shared by Mike Grammer of Toronto - Chapter 5

173, bottom, reminding of what I have said before---science is the religion of knowledge and religion is the science of faith

174, again the great break-off event and thinking from its parent of Judaism

177, like a snake sloughing off skin, or a butterfly emerging from chrysalis? It's a quite fascinating read. So he's getting at what "resurrected" actually means. Hummm.

179, isn't this dangerously close to Hinduism and Buddhism?

182, bottom, because otherwise the experience and meaning of Jesus is too ephemeral? There is not enough connection to his worshippers?

186, bottom, yes I'm curious about this.

190, middle, I find myself wanting to go back to our books on NDEs and examining some of the experiences there

I will say this. To my recollection, God has never appeared to me. But I will say that there have been times, very few but sometimes if all the circumstances are right during the holy days, or maybe at an extraordinary time in an extraordinary place, where I have felt God's presence. I don't have nearly enough material to categorize or come up with statistics---and maybe, just maybe, my mind shies away from doing so because of the very nature of a holy experience that this would represent.

190, bottom, one thing I do want to emphasize. These stories and acts----\*Jesus is still teaching\*, isn't he? How similar these seem to so many of the parables. How similar the subject matter----the need to foster belief in his beliefs. Is the resurrection, then, the last capstone? The icing on the cake? The final catalyst to truly push his believers into true belief?

191, there's that number 40 again. Arguably, it took 40 years of wandering in the desert for the Jews to crystallize and cement their belief---or readiness for belief---in the one God.

My question, I suppose, is what kind of "biographies" do we really have about each of the disciples? And how trustworthy are \*those\*?

192, everybody---if they have a requisite sense of humour---should listen to "Jesus' Brother Bob" by the Arrogant Worms. So funny!

195, bottom, mph---I have a \*little\* trouble with this as surely he and his followers had to know there was a possibility of grave consequences coming from the espousing of these teachings and views? There had been plenty of history already in our religion of what happened when

unpopular views were publicly taught. To say that his death was “untimely” and “shocking” is going a little far

203—one of the problems. If they’re all imbued with the apocalyptic view, has Jesus not returned too early? I guess we see his view in the upcoming pages

206, so is this meant to say that when Jesus does again assume earthly form, that will be the day of reckoning?

206, bottom, a telling point

208-209, got it. And perhaps stretching even further---his experience on earth has given him, let’s say, the “perspective” to rule effectively---and a key into acceptance by his subjects and followers

209. and to prepare for exaltation, there must first come humility. This *\*feels\** more sensible in the storytelling tradition, where he started life in the meagrest of ways, in a manger with the animals.

210, I feel us coming to the exciting centre of his treatise