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## 1: Who Chose the Gospels? : C.E. Hill :

*'Packaging' the Gospels: of Harmonies, Synopses, and Codices and Codices; 6. Preaching and Teaching the Gospels: Justin Martyr and the Apostles' Memoirs.*

Advanced Search This work is difficult to review because it is a practical handbook, and its author is himself aware that there are always limits to practicability and usability. Various general criticisms of a scholarly or indeed purely technical nature may, indeed, be made, and spot-checking also indicates specific problems, but it is fair to explain first the rationale of the work. The intent is to replace earlier synopses, most notably that of Burton Throckmorton, *Gospel Parallels* Nashville and London: It may be noted, incidentally, that Crook provides virtually no bibliographical references; there are no details for Throckmorton, for example, though the work is discussed, nor even for the Nestle-Aland text of the Greek New Testament upon which his work is based the 27th edition, mentioned here p. United Bible Societies, 3rd ed. We may appropriately mention here, too, the widely used *Synopsis of the Gospels* by H. Certainly close assessment of this work requires recourse to the Greek, so that Aland is not, in fact, supplanted. The question of potential user is also begged. Crook offers what may be called a quasi-translation, the most important feature of which is that he consistently renders individual Greek words into English the same way whenever they occur. He also uses literal word-for-word translations which join up verb forms and other words with hyphens, even though both of these techniques sometimes require explanations, which he then supplies in brackets. The article if used with names ho Iesous is not indicated, although there has been debate with Mark 3: Variations in Greek that are hard to express in English also occasionally lead him to extreme solutions, as in the rendering of the emphatic possessive humetera in Luke 6: Crook does provides a key to the vocabulary at the end of the book. More importantly, however, an apparatus is provided to a selection of witnesses and versions, with variants also rendered in the same quasi-literal form. The intent is that these brief additions should appear at the point where they first become relevant, but there is so much overlapping that it might really have been better to place them all in the introduction, since the headings make the topics perfectly clear, and it would thus be easier to refer back to them. These sections as such are well-expressed, and together with the existing introduction they underline the ultimate impossibility of producing a satisfactory Gospel synopsis in any case, since there is no definitive single text of any Gospel, let alone any clarity in the relationship between the synoptics. The problem is constantly underscored by the apparatus, and it is highlighted by the fact that Crook even notes for a few very short pericopes that there are no variants. Although there is a general discussion of source-criticism in the introduction, once again some pointers to further study would have been very helpful, and the listing of the various witnesses really needs to say where codices now are: Given the fairly basic approach of some of the introductory material, too, a little more might have been provided on the value and indeed nature of some of the versions, such as explaining what the different Coptic, Syriac and Latin translations actually are, and indeed what their relative value is as textual witnesses. Only repeated use will show how far this in itself valiant enterprise will be useful. On spot-checking, what repeatedly comes to mind is the question of a basic Greek text. Even the various source-hypotheses are blurred by the chronological spread of witnesses, and the problem of, say, Luke texts which exhibit variants that seem at least to show the later influence of Matthew is significant, and not always noted. Pattie, *Manuscripts of the Bible* London: British Library, , p. The text-critical decision implied by Crook here is not in question, simply the extent of the apparatus. In the latter case, Matthew This is not clear from the apparatus. Of course these are small points, but for the comparison of a synopsis, small points are relevant, as is the whole issue of what are significant parallels. As indicated, it is difficult to provide more than a provisional overall judgement without detailed testing throughout. Running heads are as difficult here as they are with every other synopsis, but a list of pericopes at the start of the book makes it easy enough to locate passages of individual Gospels. The real novelty is the nature of the translation and annotation , but the question does have to be asked of the extent to which this can really help those

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without Greek towards a more accurate assessment of what is indeed synoptic. The addition of an apparatus, however useful, nevertheless serves to underline the difficulties clear already from the different hypotheses of transmission, the questionable nature of Q, and indeed the on-going discovery of new materials. The intent, which goes back as far as Ammonius, Eusebius or Tatian whose Gospel-harmony was translated from Latin into early German in a deliberately almost literal manner , is clear, but how much further this book actually takes us is debatable. Published by Oxford University Press ; all rights reserved. For Permissions, please email:

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## 2: Gospel of James | Revolv

*A lively explanation of how and when only four gospels came to be part of the biblical canon Critically examines some of the foundational scholarship used to support and promote the impression that many popular gospels were forcefully excluded from the canon Gives pointers to the context in which the.*

David J. Metzger Leave a comment The 20th and 21st centuries were rich in the discovery of early Christian texts which inflamed the imagination of many novelists, such as Dan Brown to cite only the most popular, but also of many scholars. Indeed, these scholars tend to attribute the formation of the New Testament to Athanasius, bishop of Alexandria, who, in a letter written in CE, gives a complete and definitive list of the twenty-seven books as the official Christian Scripture. On the other hand, in Burnett H. Streeter dated the canonization of the Gospels to c. Hill is here expounding a third alternative dating for the canonization of the Gospels. With *Who Chose the Gospels? Probing the Great Gospel Conspiracy*, Hill embarks on a quest to counterattack the Christian conspiracy theory and unravel the mystery surrounding the Christian sacred books. As noted by Hill, Petersen indulges in considerable rhetorical exaggeration in this statement as his own list reveals only nine gospels. Hill takes only eight of these into account, putting aside The Infancy Gospel of James because of its genre. Thanks to a brief and clear papyrology lesson, Hill shows us that the ratio of canonical gospels to non-canonical gospels is highly significant. While between thirty and thirty-six fragments of the four canonical Gospels dating around CE were found in Egypt, only ten to thirteen fragments representing seven different non-canonical gospels of this time are known to us. As mentioned by P. Head refers to a Samaritan list of 35 non-canonical Gospels. Moreover, as suggested by Luke 1. In the two next chapters, Hill undertakes to defend Irenaeus, bishop of Lyons, whose vehement writings against heretics and sometimes imperious style make him rather unpopular amongst some modern scholars. Hill summarizes their view in these words: However, as Hill acutely notes, when Irenaeus declares in his *Against Heresies* 3. Another modern allegation against Irenaeus is that although his view was followed later on, the bishop of Lyons was quite an isolated case in his time c. Hill shows the contrary, citing Hippolytus of Rome, Tertullian, Origen, Dionysius of Alexandria, and Cyprian amongst others as examples of early Christian sources which also accepted and recognized the four-fold Gospel as the only authoritative Scripture. We here learn that Clement refers to Matthew times, Luke times, John times and Mark times while there are references to the Gospel of the Egyptians only 8 times, 3 times for the Gospel of the Hebrews and 3 times as well for the Traditions of Matthias. Hill then turns to Serapion, patriarch of Antioch, and reports the problem Serapion had to deal with in Rhossus concerning the Gospel of Peter. The congregation in Rhossus had asked Serapion for permission to read this Gospel in the church, permission which he granted at first, but after reading the work himself, the bishop of Antioch changed his mind, seeing the heretical content of the Gospel of Peter. The binding of the Gospels into codices also shows this concern of providing easy access to the texts, especially for public reading. Justin declares in his *First Apology* Hill then undertakes the task of analyzing the subtle hints left by Justin in his work and shows that the evidence tends to prove that Justin indeed had knowledge of all four Gospels and held only these four as authoritative Scripture. But Hill keeps the best for last. Hill turns his attention finally to Papias, bishop of Hierapolis writing c. *Who chose the Gospels then?* It is regrettable that Hill chose endnotes rather than footnotes but the general format of the book is clear and agreeable. *Who Chose the Gospels?* Ehrman I cannot believe anyone takes their work seriously. No document on the planet Earth has undergone a more concentrated and prolonged attack than the Bible. Some people, in some bizarre fever of denial, seem willing to jump off a cliff rather than admit the 1st century authorization of the New Testament. This is not mere skepticism, or philosophical dissent, but a deeply seated fear "which itself is bizarre. Few books are as repugnant as *Mein Kampf*, but it was clearly published in Pagels, Petersen, and Ehrman overplay their hand, in that they make such gymnastic contortions to deny the 1st century authorship of the Bible, that one can easily recognize they are desperate to disprove the Bible not because they genuinely believe it is

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false, but because they know the awesome world-shaking implications if it is true. And it is obviously true. Like far too many scientists in our irrational age, fear, hyperbole, and obfuscation sadly pass for real analysis. Only the person of Jesus Christ causes this much hysteria. That should tell you something right there.

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## 3: Who Chose the Gospels? | Books at [www.enganchecubano.com](http://www.enganchecubano.com)

*The Bible contains four Gospels which tell the story of Jesus of Nazareth. And yet, many more Gospels once existed. Who, then, determined which Gospels would, for the next two thousand years, serve as the main gateways to Jesus and his teaching?*

Overview[ edit ] Many Christians in the second century hoped to receive a transcendent personal revelation such as Paul the Apostle was able to report to the church at Corinth 2 Corinthians The opening words of the Secret Book of John are, "The teaching of the saviour, and the revelation of the mysteries and the things hidden in silence, even these things which he taught John, his disciple. There are four separate surviving manuscripts of "The Secret Book of John". Three of these were found in the Nag Hammadi codices in , while the fourth was found independently 50 years earlier from another site in Egypt. All four versions date to the 4th century. Three of these appear to be independently produced Coptic translations of an original Greek text. Two of the four are similar enough that they probably represent copies of a single source. Although the different versions of the texts have minor variants the Berlin Codex has many minor differences with Nag Hammadi II and IV , all texts generally agree that the main revealing entity was Jesus. History[ edit ] A book called the Apocryphon of John was referred to by Irenaeus in Adversus Haereses , written about , among "an indescribable number of secret and illegitimate writings, which they themselves have forged, to bewilder the minds of foolish people, who are ignorant of the true scriptures" [2] "œ" scriptures which Irenaeus himself was establishing as the "Fourfold gospel" that his authority helped make the canonical four. Among the writings he quotes from, in order to expose and refute them, include the Gospel of Truth , Gospel of Judas , and this secret book of John. The Apocryphon of John was among the texts, in three Coptic versions translated from the Greek. Two of the versions are very similar and represent one manuscript tradition; they incorporate a lengthy excerpt from a certain Book of Zoroaster appended to the Apocryphon as chapters Still another version of this short edition of the text was discovered in an ancient Coptic Codex acquired by Dr. Carl Reinhardt in Cairo in This manuscript identified as the "Berlin Gnostic Codex" or BG was used along with the three versions found at Nag Hammadi to produce the translations now available. The fact that four manuscript "editions" of this text survived "œ" two "long" versions and two "short" versions "œ" suggests how important this text was in early gnostic Christian circles. In the three Nag Hammadi codices the Apocryphon of John appears always in the first version. Influence[ edit ] The Apocryphon, set in the framing device of a revelation delivered by the resurrected Christ to John the son of Zebedee, contains some of the most extensive detailing of classic dualistic Gnostic mythology that has survived; as one of the principal texts of the Nag Hammadi library, it is an essential text of study for anyone interested in Gnosticism. Frederick Wisse, who translated it, asserts that "The Apocryphon of John was still used in the eighth century by the Audians of Mesopotamia" Wisse p The Apocryphon of John has become the central text for studying the gnostic tradition of Antiquity. The creation mythology it details has been studied by Carl Jung and Eric Voegelin. Summary of the text and its cosmology[ edit ] There are currently four surviving copies of The Secret Revelation of John. They are largely the same in their basic structure and content. One notable difference between the codices is their individual length. These distinctions may represent a certain degree of variation in the way that Gnostic cosmology was woven into a Christian context. The highest divine principle is the Monad. He is supreme, absolute, eternal, infinite, perfect, holy and self-sufficient. However, his transcendent ineffability is also emphasized. He is neither quantifiable nor can his qualities ever truly be described. The Monad exists in inconceivable perfection. The Monad produces from his thought a feminine divine entity or principle named Barbelo. She is the first of a class of beings referred to as the Aeons, and an exchange between herself and the Monad brings the other Aeons into being. The Light and the Mind engage in further creative activity, aided by and glorifying the superior principles of Barbelo and the Monad. Together, they bring forth further Aeons and powers. The creative power of her thought produces an entity named Yaltabaoth, who is the first of a series of incomplete, demonic

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entities called the Archons. Yaltabaoth, whose character is malevolent and arrogant, also has a grotesque form. His head is that of a lion while he possesses a serpentine body. Recognizing the deformed, imperfect nature of her offspring, Sophia attempts to conceal it somewhere where the other Aeons will not discover it. The act of hiding Yaltabaoth also has the result that Yaltabaoth himself remains ignorant of the upper world and the other Aeons. Despite the fact that Yaltabaoth possesses only a single parent and was created without the consent of the Spirit of the Monad, he is powerful enough to mimic the creative processes of the superior Aeons. He creates a whole host of other Archons, each of whom share his own basically deficient character, and creates a world for them to inhabit. This world is fundamentally inferior to the world above. It is fashioned out of darkness, but animated by light stolen from Sophia. In his arrogance and ignorance, Yaltabaoth declares himself the sole and jealous God of this realm. Recognizing the imperfection of Yaltabaoth and his counterfeit world, Sophia repents. In forgiveness of her error, the Spirit of the Monad assists the other Aeons and powers in an attempt to redeem Sophia and her bastard creation. Hoping to harness this power for themselves, they attempt to create a copy of this image. The end result of this process is the first human man, Adam. They trick Yaltabaoth into blowing his own spiritual essence into Adam. This simultaneously animates Adam and empties Yaltabaoth of the portion of his being derived from Sophia. Seeing the luminosity, intelligence and general superiority of the now animate Adam, Yaltabaoth and the Archons regret their creation and do their best to imprison or dispose of him. Failing to do so, they then attempt to neutralize him by placing him in the Garden of Eden. In this narrative, the Garden of Eden is a false paradise where the fruit of the trees is sin, lust, ignorance, confinement and death. At this point in the narrative, Christ reveals to John that it was he who caused Adam to consume the fruit of the Tree of Knowledge. She is created when Yaltabaoth attempts to draw the light out of Adam. This results in the creation of the female body. When Adam perceives her, he sees a reflection of his own essence and is freed from the bewitching power of Yaltabaoth. His primary scheme is to initiate the activity of human reproduction, by which he hopes to create new human bodies inhabited by a counterfeit spirit. This counterfeit spirit allows Yaltabaoth and his agents to deceive the human race, keeping them in ignorance of their true nature, and is the primary means by which Yaltabaoth keeps humanity in subjugation. Following this revelation, the narrative then takes the form of a series of questions and answers between John and the Savior. These address a number of subjects, but are largely soteriological in nature. John asks Christ who is eligible for salvation, and Christ responds with the answer that those who come in contact with the true Spirit will receive salvation, while those who are dominated by the counterfeit spirit will receive damnation. Christ also reveals his own role as a liberating agent of the higher realm, in this context. Here, he rouses the prisoners to wakefulness and remembrance. They are thus spared from death and damnation. Finally, the savior states that anyone who shares these revelations for personal profit will be cursed.

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*Hill shows that Tatian's Diatessaron, a harmony of the four Gospels written c. 170 CE, was not 'an attempt to create a single, definitive gospel, a "super-gospel", superseding all other gospels' as Petersen suggests, but on the contrary, was intended as an aid to Christian teachers, who would have needed an easier access to.*

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