**What if Jesus had never been born?**

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Have you ever thought about a certain portion of the Lord Prayer where it says, **“Thy kingdom come thy will be done on earth”. – Matthew 6:10**

People have this idea that the world would be better off without religion particularly the Christian religion.

We live in a day and age where many people believe that the birth of Jesus was not a blessing and that the church for the last 2000 years of human history has had a terrible impact on human civilization.

Richard Dawkins who is considered a new atheist in 2006 wrote a book called the God delusion.In his book he said, **“Science has eradicated smallpox can immunize against most previously deadly viruses can kill most previously deadly bacteria theology has done nothing but talk of pestilence as the wages of sin”**

Is this True...?

1. **Healthcare**

2000 years ago, to a time when Jesus was born. What was it like in the Greco-Roman world? You probably would have never seen a hospital why? Because they were very rear and they not that common. On top of that they were only available to certain class of people.

The average person could not afford the healthcare of the day. You made do with the remedies you knew or could afford. The common folk, the unwashed, would have no place in those rear hospitals.

In 325 AD the Council of Nicaea not only got together to address Heresy that Jesus was not divine, but they ordered that wherever a cathedral town was, there should be a hospital as well.

The first Hospital was established by St Basil Caesarea. He was one of the church Fathers of our Faith. St Basil Defended Christian orthodoxy from the heretic Arius.

**Did you know the oldest still operational hospital in the world is a Christian one?** Hotel -Dieu in Paris. Started by a Christian called St Landry 651AD. It has been serving the people in Paris for 1405 years.

**Did you know one the biggest humanitarian organizations in the world was started by a Christian and his deeply rooted theology?** A man named Henry Dunant in 1863. He founded the international Red-Cross. The model for large humanitarian organizations go right back to a Christian organization.

1. **Education**

If we were to step back into time of Jesus, the world was a very different place when it came to education.

Here in 2022, we have kindergartens, we have primary schools, Intermediate schools, High schools, and we have university.

This was so different in the ancient world. You either had to be very wealthy or someone of high status to be able to get an education. A very small, privileged number of people had an education in the ancient world.

This all changed in the 16th century with the Protestant Reformation. Martin Luther and John Calvin not only believed that all people should have the bible in their own mother tongue, but they should be able to actually be able read the bible in their mother tongue.

Martin Luther was translated the Greek New Testament into German which he did in only 11 weeks! This brought on a program for educating everyone from the high in statues to lowest of society.

Today we can be thankful of people like the Reformers for being able to read. All the early universities were found by Christians.

1. The earliest university is bologna in Italy which was established in 1088. It Taught **Cannon Law**.
2. The university of Paris. Prime subject- **Theology**
3. The next Oxford University- **Theology**
4. **Science**

**Modern Science comes from these people etc.:**

1. Joseph Lister- Father of Modern Surgery-**He was a Christian.**
2. Louis Pasteur was a French chemist and microbiologist renowned for his discoveries of the principles of vaccination, microbial fermentation, and pasteurization- **He was a Christian**
3. Calculus- Isaac Newton- **He was a Christian**
4. Johannes Kepler - He is a key figure in the 17th-century Scientific Revolution, best known for his laws of planetary motion- **He was a Christian**
5. Robert Boyle- is largely regarded today as the first modern chemist, and therefore one of the founders of modern chemistry, and one of the pioneers of modern experimental scientific method- **He was a Christian**
6. Sir John Ambrose Fleming- electrical engineer and physicist who invented the first thermionic valve or vacuum tube, designed the radio transmitter with which the first transatlantic radio transmission was made, and also established the right-hand rule used in physics- **He was a Christian**
7. James Clerk Maxwell - was the first theory to describe electricity, magnetism, and light as different manifestations of the same phenomenon
8. Lord Kelvin- inventing the international system of absolute temperature- **He was a Christian**
9. George Stouts - Fluid mechanics- **He was a Christian**
10. Gregor Johann Mendel- laid the mathematical foundation of the science of genetics- **He was a Christian**

Edward Jenner- Father of Modern immunology- Creator of the First Vaccine: (Smallpox Vaccine)- **He was a Christian**

**Life Group Questions:**

1. Why do you think the majority of people think the world would be better off if Jesus had never been born?
2. Do you personally know of people in your life who are militant towards Jesus and Christianity?
3. In your own life how have you lived the reality of Jesus? Give 2 examples.
4. Have you had any personal struggles with Christianity and its history?