



### Jesus never rose from the dead

“Jesus planned to recover after his burial, which was what gave rise to the “mystery” of the empty tomb”.

Hugh J. Schonfield  
“*The Passover Plot*”

“While Jesus disciples were talking about what had happened, Jesus appeared and greeted them. They were frightened and terrified because they thought they were seeing a ghost. But Jesus said, “Why are you so frightened? Why do you doubt? Look at my hands and my feet and see who I am! Touch me and find out for yourselves. Ghosts don't have flesh and bones as you see I have.”

Luke 24:36-39

“And if Christ wasn't raised to life, our message is worthless, and so is your faith”.

1 Corinthians 15:14



### Christianity undermines human freedom

“The Christian is, on the one hand, entirely free, master of all, servant of none; on the other hand, he is entirely bound, slave of all, subject to everyone”.

Martin Luther

“If God does not exist, then everything is permitted, and man is therefore forlorn, for he can find nothing to depend upon either within or outside himself.”

Jean-Paul Sartre  
“*Existentialism & Humanism*”



### The Bible is not historically reliable

There can be no doubt that archaeology has confirmed the substantial historicity of Old Testament tradition.... Archaeology increasingly allows us to interpret every spiritual phenomenon and religious trend recorded in the Old Testament in the light of their true sources, their true background and their origin.

William F. Albright  
“*Archaeology and the Religion of Israel*”

"The number of manuscripts of the New Testament, or early translations from it in the oldest writers of the Church, is so large that it is practically certain that the true reading of every doubtful passage is preserved in some one or other of these ancient authorities. This can be said of no other ancient book in the world."

Frederick Kenyon  
“*Our Bible & the Ancient Manuscripts*”

Many have undertaken to draw up an account of the things that have been fulfilled among us,”

Luke Historian of the first century AD.



### We are Christians because of social conditioning

“Religion is a rigorously social phenomenon. Nowadays people are afraid of taking the authentic and solitary decisions that are the condition for living honestly and freely. They let the peer group that they belong to take their decisions for them and support their convictions. Reasoning and research are discarded in favour of dogmatism, prejudice and psychological peer pressure”.

(Canadian university student)

“I entered the kingdom of God kicking and screaming, overwhelmed by the historical evidence for the claims of Jesus”.

JW Montgomery  
”*History & Christianity*“

“The faith of a Christian is not a leap in the dark, nor is it having faith in faith, or blind faith in authority, and it is certainly not radical uncertainty. It is having the settled conviction that God’s self-revelation in Jesus Christ is the key *par excellence* to existence itself. It is a reasonable decision after rational reflection”.

Os Guinness  
“*The Dust of Death*”



### Jesus Christ was just a great moral teacher

“Either this man was, and is, the Son of God, or else a madman or something worse. You can shut him up for a fool, you can spit at him and kill him as a demon or you can fall at his feet and call him Lord and God; but let us not come with any patronizing nonsense about his being a great human teacher. He has not left that open to us. He did not intend to.”.

C.S. Lewis  
“*Mere Christianity*”

“I could have accepted Jesus as a martyr, or the embodiment of sacrifice, and a divine master, but not as the most perfect man that had ever been born”.

Mahatma Ghandi



### The presence of evil proves that God doesn’t exist

“The most serious [sin] is the lack of love and charity, the dreadful indifference towards our neighbour living next to us who is the victim of exploitation, corruption, poverty and disease”.

Mother Teresa  
“*Something Beautiful for God*”

“The mystery of the universe, as we have represented it here, demands a theological response. When they suffer and when they rejoice, men strive to understand the reason for their joy and the purpose of their suffering. They see good things and bad things, beautiful things and ugly things, and they search for the reason – a final and absolute reason – for things being the way they are”.

Aldous Huxley

“When He became a man in Jesus, God was not a military commander quickly rushing out to the front line to see what was happening, without running any risk to himself, but a Christ who was willing to live in the trenches, to expose himself to danger, to feel the enemy’s fire... It is the unrivalled wonder of the gospel of Jesus Christ that no other God has wounds”.

Os Guinness “*The Dust of Death*”



### We live in a post-Christian society

“There is nothing freer than the man who desires nothing in this world ... Only when a man is free of every created thing, is he free to turn his will towards the things of God ... Whatever is not God is nothing, and should be regarded as nothing”.

Thomas À Kempis  
“*The Imitation of Christ*”

“Through Christ movements have been set in motion which have made society for what mankind believes to be its best - the inward transformation in human lives, in political order, in the production and distribution of goods to meet the physical needs of men, in healing physical ills, in the relations between races and between nations, in art, in religion and in the achievements of the human intellect.”

Kenneth Scott Latourette  
“*Anno Domini*”

He makes grass grow for the cattle,  
and plants for people to cultivate—  
bringing forth food from the earth:  
wine that gladdens human hearts,  
oil to make their faces shine,  
and bread that sustains their hearts.

Psalms 104:14-15



### Science contradicts the Christian faith

“Obviously, then, the whole process of human thought, what we call Reason, is equally valueless if it is the result of irrational causes. Hence every theory of the universe which makes the human mind a result of irrational causes is inadmissible, for it would be a proof that there are no such things as proofs”

C.S. Lewis  
“*Miracles*”

“Pure chance, absolutely free but blind, at the very root of the stupendous edifice of evolution: this central concept of modern biology is no longer one among other possible or even conceivable hypotheses. It is today the *sole* conceivable hypothesis, the only one that squares with observed and testable fact”.

Jacques Monod  
“*Chance and Necessity*”

“Heaven is a fairy story for people afraid of the dark”

Stephen Hawking

“Atheism is a fairy story for those who are afraid of the light”

John Lennox



### All religions are the equal

“The truth is one in all religions, and through the truth the unity of the whole world can be achieved”.

Baha’u’llah  
“*The Bahai Faith*”

“The religious relativist claims to take almost all religions seriously, but the truth is that he takes none of them seriously. He has not understood how much is at stake in religious discrepancies”.

Jay Newman  
“*Foundations of Religious Tolerance*”

“Jesus said to him, “I am the way the truth and the life; no one comes to the Father except through me”.

Gospel of John 14:6



### Christianity is a crutch for the weak

“It is impossible to consider mediocrity to be compatible with the Christian life. Christ does not call us to a mediocre and easy life, but to the life of a disciple, full of the dynamism that Christ himself imparts ... Jesus becomes our pattern of excellence”.

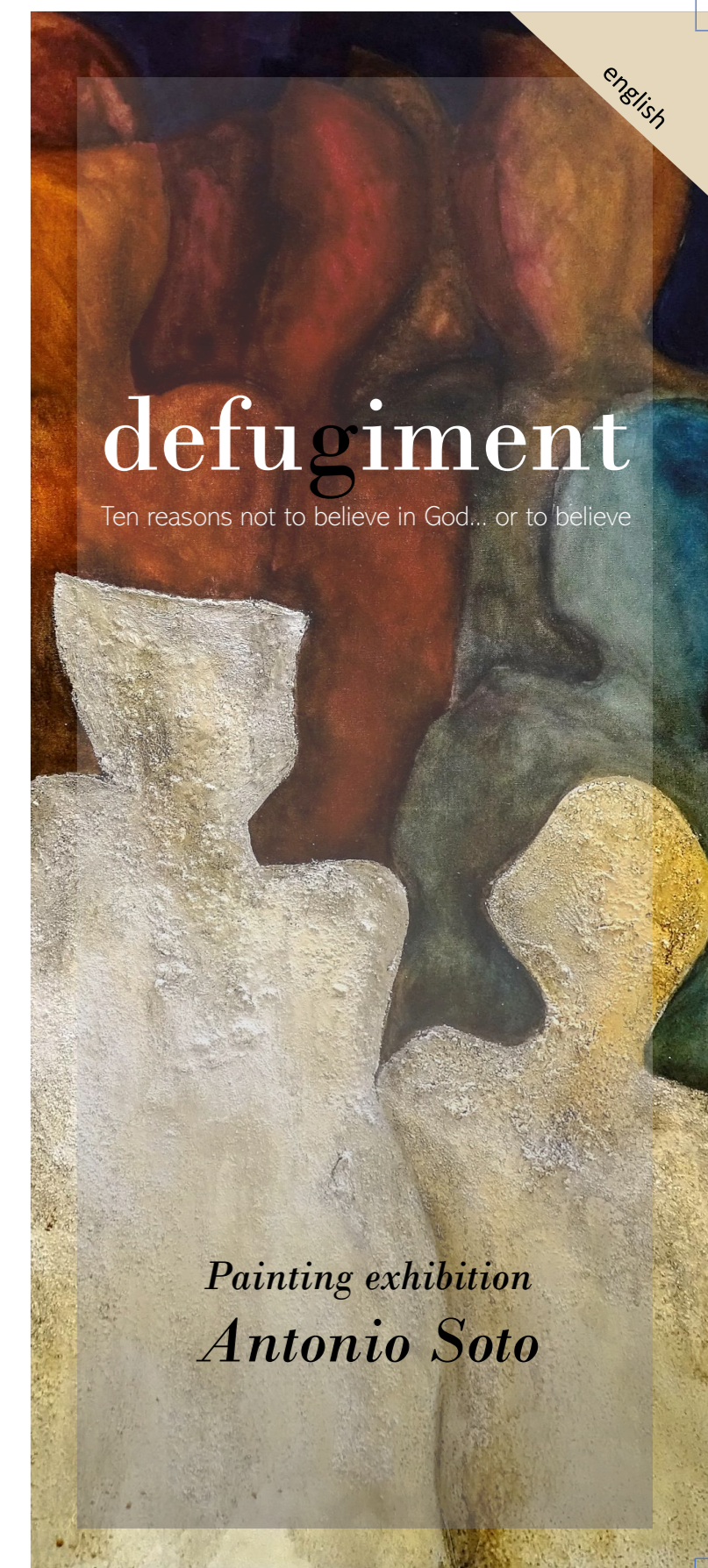
Mark Hatfield  
(American senator)

“Religion is the sigh of the oppressed people, the heart of a heartless world, and the soul of soulless conditions. It is the opium of the people. The abolition of religion as the illusory happiness of the people is required for their real happiness”.

Karl Marx  
Complete Works Volume 3

“Religion would thus be the universal obsessional neurosis of humanity; like the obsessional neurosis of children, it arose out of the Oedipus complex, out of the relation to the father.”

Sigmund Freud  
“*The future of an illusion*”



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Ten reasons not to believe in God... or to believe

Painting exhibition  
*Antonio Soto*

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