



A Living Hope in the Midst
of a Dying World

Bertrand Russell

Atheist Philosopher

“[Humanity’s] origin, growth, hopes and fears, loves and beliefs, are but the outcome of accidental collocations of atoms; that no fire, no heroism, no intensity of thought and feeling, can preserve an individual life beyond the grave; that all the labours of the ages, all the devotion, all the inspiration, all the noonday brightness of human genius, are destined to extinction in the vast death of the solar system, and that the whole temple of Man’s achievement must inevitably be buried beneath the debris of a universe in ruins... Only within the scaffolding of these truths, only on the firm foundation of unyielding despair, can the soul’s habitation henceforth be safely built.”

A Living Hope

“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In His great mercy, He has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.”

1 Peter 1:3 NIV

The 3 Accepted Facts

- That Jesus Christ died by crucifixion.
- Jesus' Disciples genuinely believed that Jesus rose from the dead and appeared to as many as 500 witnesses over the course of 40 days including some who disbelieved in Him.
- The early church grew rapidly in numbers after Jesus' death.

DECEIVERS?

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The Disciples were either...

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“I have examined... all the alternative explanations, the ancient and modern, for the rise of the early church, and I have to say that the best historical explanation is that Jesus of Nazareth really was raised to life.”

