

HOW CAN WE ANSWER THE BIBLE’S CRITICS?
B: ALLEGED INCLUSION OF MYTHS AND FABLES

I. Alleged Mythical Roots of Christian _____ and _____

A. The Taurobolium (cf. Rev. 7:14; 1 Pet. 1:2; Rom. 6)

- 1. Depicts consecration of a _____, not a new _____
- 2. Christians use no _____
- 3. Christians, especially _____ converts, would have found it _____
- 4. This _____-dates the NT by almost _____

B. Baptism

- 1. Only _____ similar to _____ baptism
- 2. Depicts the convert’s identification with Jesus in His _____, His _____, and His _____

C. Resurrection

- 1. Only Christianity has a God who _____ and _____ in order to lead His faithful to _____

- 2. Only Jesus was a _____ person who died and rose again _____ to _____ again

3. Only Jesus was _____ in the _____ by eyewitness who had _____ Him before His

D. Rebirth

1. Only _____ connection to the Christian doctrine
2. All _____-date Christianity by at least _____

E. Sacrificial Death of the Deity

1. None of them _____ for _____
2. Only Jesus died for _____
3. Jesus died _____ and for _____ (Heb. 7:27; ;9:25-28; 10:10-14)
4. Jesus' _____ was an _____ event
5. Jesus died _____
6. Jesus' death was not a _____ but a _____

II. _____ of Linking Christianity with Mystery Religions

- A. "Combinationalism or Universalism": Combining elements from _____ religions to _____ something that looks _____

Christian

- B. "Coloring the Evidence": Using _____ terminology to describe _____ elements and then marveling at the

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- C. "Oversimplification": Finding supposed parallels by _____ important information

- D. "Who's Influencing Whom?": Alleging _____ on the basis of evidence that _____ Christianity

III. _____ of the Gospels' Portrayal of Jesus

- A. Described a contemporary _____ in a contemporary _____
- B. Denied all _____ and claimed _____
- C. Present simple _____ without mythical _____