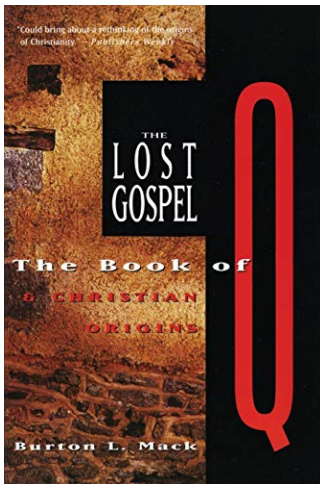


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#### Description:

**From Publishers Weekly** If its premise is accepted by a preponderance of theologians, this debatable study could bring about a rethinking of the origins of Christianity. Mack presents an analysis of the so-called Book of Q, a supposed collection of Jesus's sayings that was compiled by his followers during his lifetime. Certain scholars, deducing the existence of the book, have reconstructed the putative text of this "lost gospel" during the last 20 years through a comparison of the gospels of Matthew and Luke, who, it is contended, used Q as a common basis (Q stands for Quelle, German for "source"). Mack, a professor of New Testament at the School of Theology at Claremont College in Los Angeles, concludes that "the people of Q"--Jesus's contemporaries--thought of him as a teacher, not as a messiah, and that they did not regard his death as a divine or saving event. Mack offers an earthy, colloquial translation of the Book of Q with its wisdom sayings, exhortations, parables and apocalyptic pronouncements. His portrayal of the early Jesus movement reveals a community based on fictive kinship without regard to class, gender or ethnicity. The

discovery of Q , Mack argues, compels us to see the New Testament gospels as imaginative creations rather than historical accounts. \$25,000 ad/promo; BOMC and QPB selections.

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**From Library Journal** When Matthew and Luke wrote their gospels, modern scholarship suspects, they began with two sources to which they added their own material: the Gospel of Mark and a second source called "Q" (from Quelle , or "source" in German). Mack (New Testament, School of Theology at Claremont) identifies from within the gospels themselves what a Q document might have looked like. Deducing three stages of an emergent text, he isolates what may be the earliest version of Jesus' words and their impact on the community before an organized "church" adapted them to its own purposes. Deftly written, this book reads like a good mystery, saving the payoff of Q's impact on Christianity for its final chapters. However, Mack mutes the fact that Q is a hypothesis, and not a universally accepted one, which dilutes the persuasiveness of the book. There is an early layer to the gospels; what it might look like is the conjecture Mack delivers. Still, this is readable and recommended to the theologically curious.

- *W. Alan Froggatt, Bridgewater, Ct.*

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The first book to give the full account of the lost gospel of Jesus' original followers, revealing him to be a Jewish Socrates who was mythologized into the New Testament Christ. About the Author. Burton L. Mack is John Wesley Professor of the New Testament at the school of Theology at Claremont and the author of *The Lost Gospel: The Book Q and Christian Origin* and *A Myth of Innocence: Mark and Christian Origins*. Read more. Product details.Â Great read for those curious about the origins of Christianity and the other source for the gospels of both Matthew and Luke. Read more. 2 people found this helpful. This book covers an area of Christian education that is little addressed outside academic forum. The content is controversial and has to be dealt with in a serious open-minded attitude. Certainly not for the new converts and will challenge the most orthodox theologians. Raises interesting questions about the composition of the Gospels in the New Testament, particularly the Synoptic Gospels Matthew, Mark and Luke. Verified purchase: Yes | Condition: Pre-owned. Best-selling in Non-Fiction. See all. Current slide {CURRENT\_SLIDE} of {TOTAL\_SLIDES}- Best-selling in Non-Fiction. a Promised Land Hardcover In any event, reading Bushby's book started me off on the search for Christian origins again, and that led me to *The Lost Gospel* by Burton L. Mack. Let me say in advance that I highly recommend this book, and I hope that the excerpts I am going to present here will stimulate interest in the details that Mack presents in his fascinating discussion of the discovery of Q (the theorized source document for the basic ideas of Jesus) and the subsequent analyses that helped to extract the truth of early Christian history. Mack begins his discussion saying: Once upon a time, before there were go... Information on the Lost Sayings Gospel Q. According to the Two Source Hypothesis accepted by a majority of contemporary scholars, the authors of Matthew and Luke each made use of two different sources: the Gospel of Mark and a non-extant second source termed Q. The siglum Q derives from the German word "Quelle," which means "Source."Â J. S. Kloppenborg proposes to explain the origins of Q in terms of a three-stratum model. In his view the oldest layer of Q was composed of 'wisdom speeches,' including the nuclear elements of the Sermon on the Plain/Mount and the Missions Discourse, as well as Luke 11.2-4, 9-13 Q; Luke 12.2-12, 22-34 Q; Luke 13.24-14.35 Q, and others.