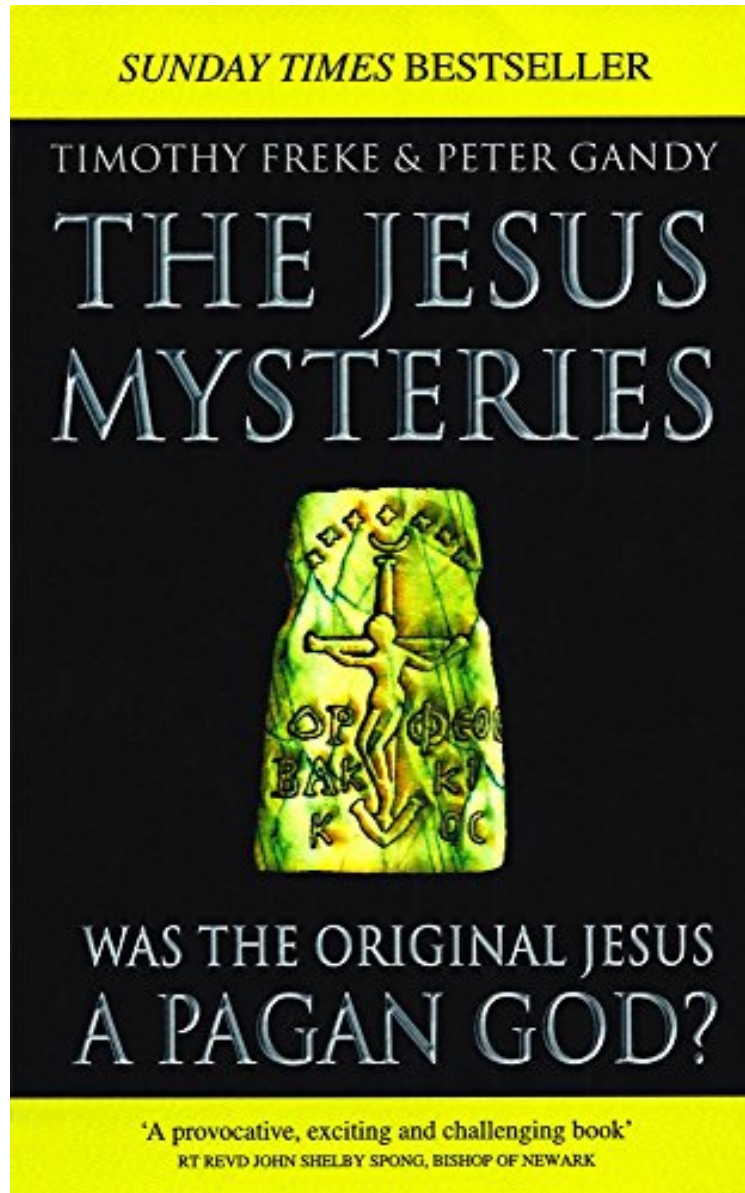


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**Kurzbeschreibung** This groundbreaking book looks at one of the greatest cover-ups in history and dares to think the unthinkable about Christianity that it was in fact a Jewish Mystery School modelled on the ancient Pagan Mysteries. The myth of Dionysus bears startling resemblances to the the story of Jesus Christ. It compares with the biblical story in the following ways: Dionysus is God made flesh and is hailed as the Saviour of Mankind and the Son of God His father is God and his mother is a mortal virgin who afterwards becomes worshipped as the Mother of God He is born in a cowshed He drives out demons, turns water into wine and and raises people from the dead He rides triumphantly into town while people wave palms to honour him The date revered by the first Christians as Jesus birthday was originally that of Dionysus, also the three day Spring Festival of Dionysus celebrating his death and resurrection coincides with the Christian festival of Easter. The last Supper and the Eucharist are also parallel Dionysian rites. This is not common knowledge as the story was a closely guarded secret of the Pagan mysteries. Secondly the evidence of Christianity's pagan roots were systematically covered up the Roman Church. From Library Journal Freke (a philosopher and author of books on spirituality) and Gandy (who is studying classical civilization) believe that first century Jewish mystics adapted the potent symbolism of the Osiris-Dionysus myths into a myth of their own, the hero of which was the Jewish dying and resurrecting godman Jesus. Therefore, the story of Jesus is a consciously crafted vehicle for encoded spiritual teachings created by Jewish Gnostics. We are unaware of this, they claim, because the Roman Catholic Church destroyed evidence of the connection between Christianity and the pagan mysteries. They make their case by offering an examination of mystery religions, especially Greek, pointing out the many parallels between them and what they see as the Gospels' message about Jesus. Freke and Gandy are familiar with a significant amount of recent biblical scholarship, though they rely mostly on Elaine Pagels' work on the Gnostics. This book will obviously be controversial, but the authors are quite informed, as demonstrated by their extensive notes and bibliography. A list of related web sites, a Who's Who, and an index add to the book's usefulness. Recommended as an important book in the debate on the historical Jesus. "David Bourquin, California State Univ., San Bernardino Copyright 2000 Reed Business Information, Inc. **Pressestimmen** A wonderful blend of detective story, historical research, and clear thinking, *The Jesus Mysteries* explains in accessible form what has been known to scholars for centuries. The time for the inner mysteries of Christianity to be brought out of the closet is long overdue, and this book is a powerful and courageous voice for the cause. -- Roger Housden, author of *Sacred America* and *Sacred Journeys in a Modern World* *The Jesus Mysteries* -- Book of the year. Daily Telegraph From the Trade Paperback edition.