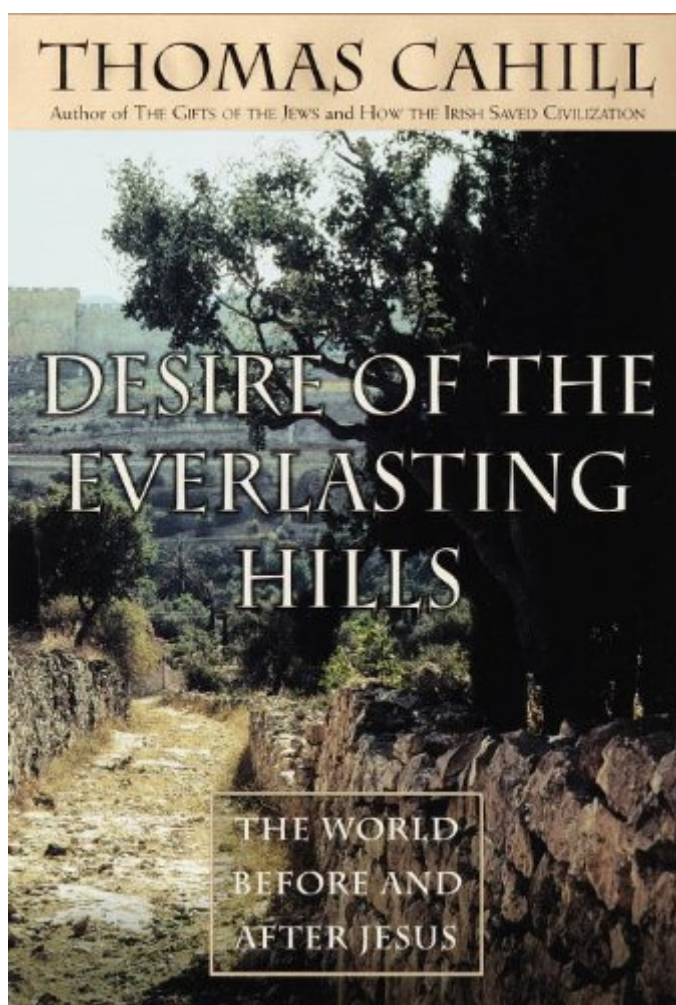


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Synopsis

From the bestselling author of *How the Irish Saved Civilization* and *The Gifts of the Jews*, his most compelling historical narrative yet. How did an obscure rabbi from a backwater of the Roman Empire come to be the central figure in Western Civilization? Did his influence in fact change the world? These are the questions Thomas Cahill addresses in his subtle and engaging investigation into the life and times of Jesus. Cahill shows us Jesus from his birth to his execution through the eyes of those who knew him and in the context of his time—a time when the Jews were struggling to maintain their beliefs under overlords who imposed their worldview on their subjects. Here is Jesus the loving friend, itinerate preacher, and quiet revolutionary, whose words and actions inspired his followers to journey throughout the Roman world and speak the truth he instilled in the face of the greatest defeat: Jesus' crucifixion as a common criminal. Daring, provocative, and stunningly original, Cahill's interpretation will both delight and surprise. **BONUS MATERIAL:** This ebook edition includes an excerpt from Thomas Cahill's *Heretics and Heroes*.

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Customer Reviews

The CDs are a high-quality product. If you are a history buff, I suggest you read Cahill's Hinges of History series. I read the entire series once a year and always learn something new. Very entertaining!

Following on the heels of "How the Irish Saved Civilization", Thomas Cahill continues his trek through the various time periods that moved history in new directions and effect how we see the world today. This volume focuses on the changes that Christianity brought to peoples view of the world. While his books can be read in any order or are good just as stand-alones; I would recommend reading them in chronological rather than in published order.

Good book with regard to biblical history, really helps in understanding of Christian roots and ethos. Made me realize how the message of Jesus has been "spun" by established contemporary Christian leaders to further the agenda of their particular sects flavor.

This is the second Cahill book we read. He has a good take on Jewish History and his writing style is engaging. A few surprises in here too. Not off-the-wall.

I revived used with notes that appear to be from a seminary student scrawled inside. I don't agree with all the conclusions in the book, but it makes me think and connect dots I never had before. I particularly liked the background in the Macabees. Puts a lot of things in better perspective. Enjoyed the book....

Interesting read, but the author appears to be impressed with himself using very rare words. He probably thinks he is William F. Buckley. Makes it a bit more difficult. I personally was interested in the subject and the before and after presentation.

And he makes us think often about things that we already assumed we knew plenty about. His portrait of the living Jesus in ancient Judea is respectful, historical, thoughtful, and yet surprising. He gives the early Christian church a context, a fabric that makes sense. His erudition is impressive,

and his faith is undoubtable. Yet he asks questions fearlessly. This is another of his superlative looks at history that still matters today.

Interesting insights into the Biblical story of the ministry of Jesus. Discussion of how the world has been changed by Jesus' life is limited. But a very worthwhile read.

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