

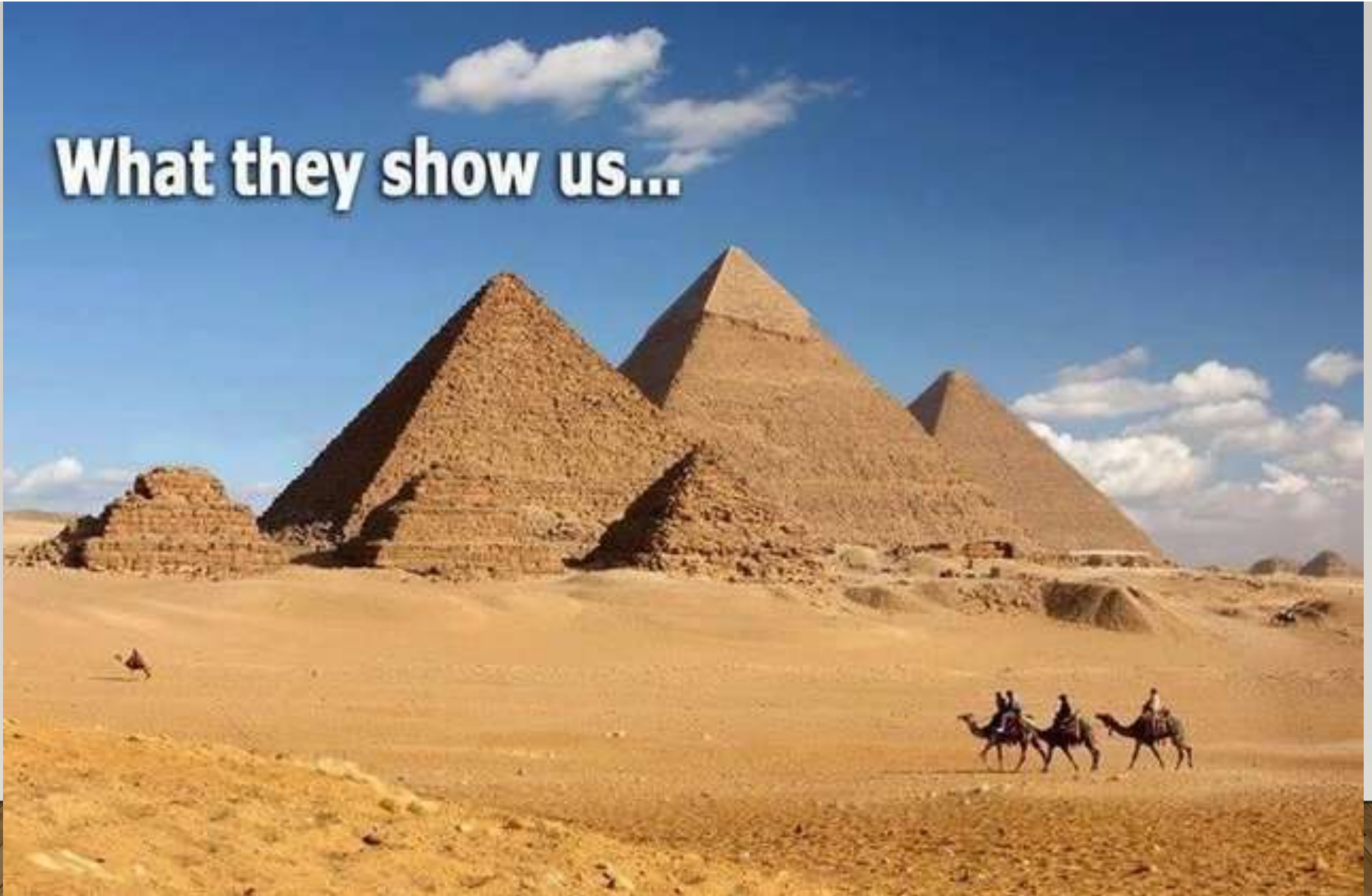
EXTRA-BIBLICAL LITERATURE

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL – THE MEMPHIS CHURCH – WINTER/SPRING 2019

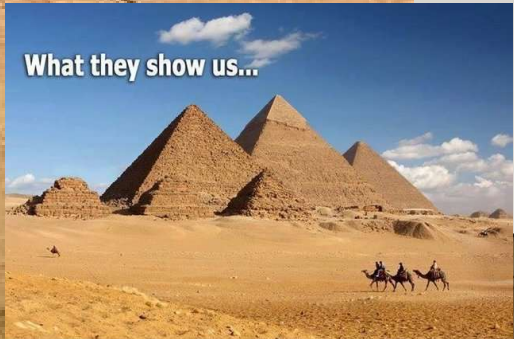
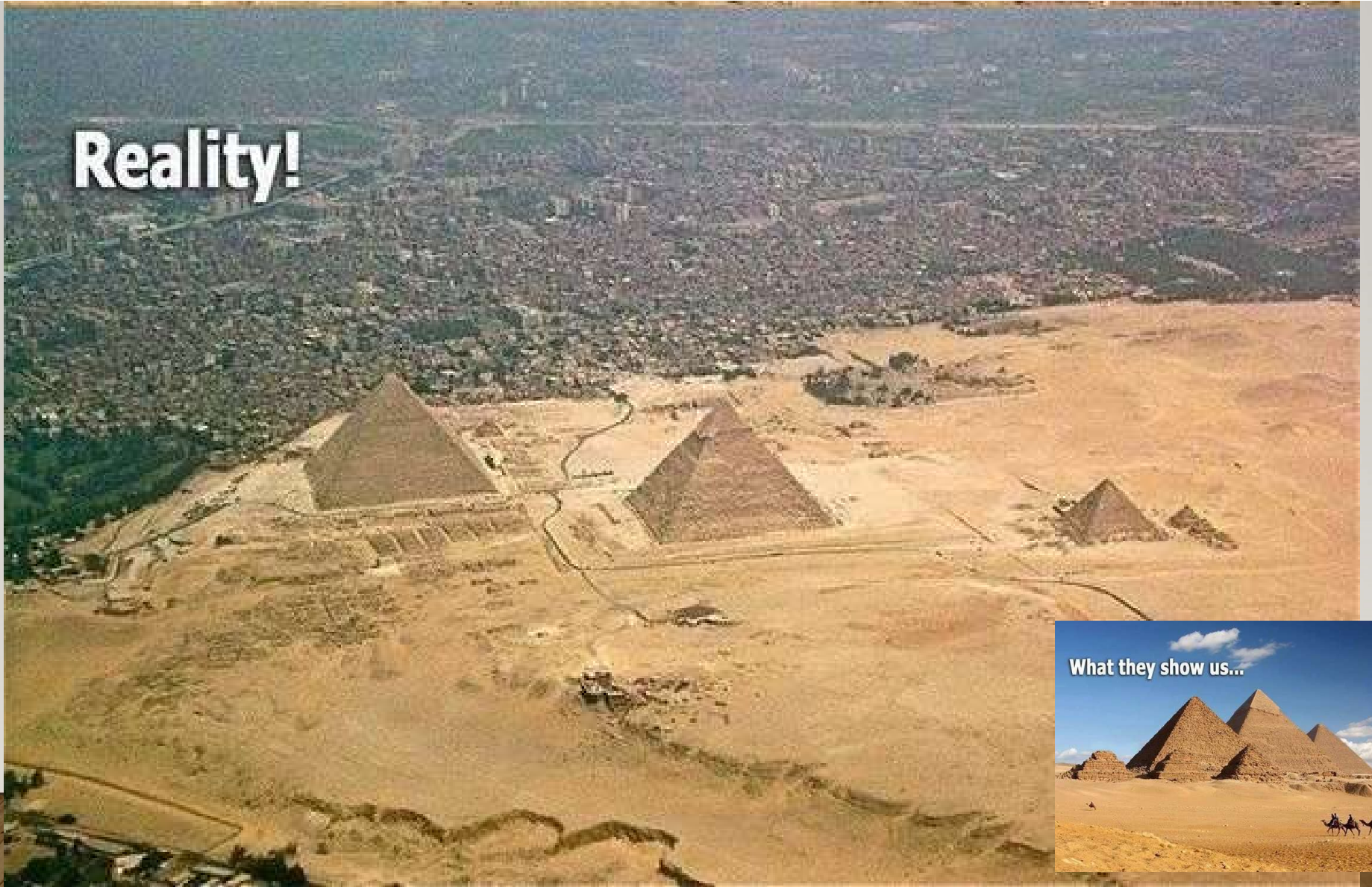
EBL – Schedule

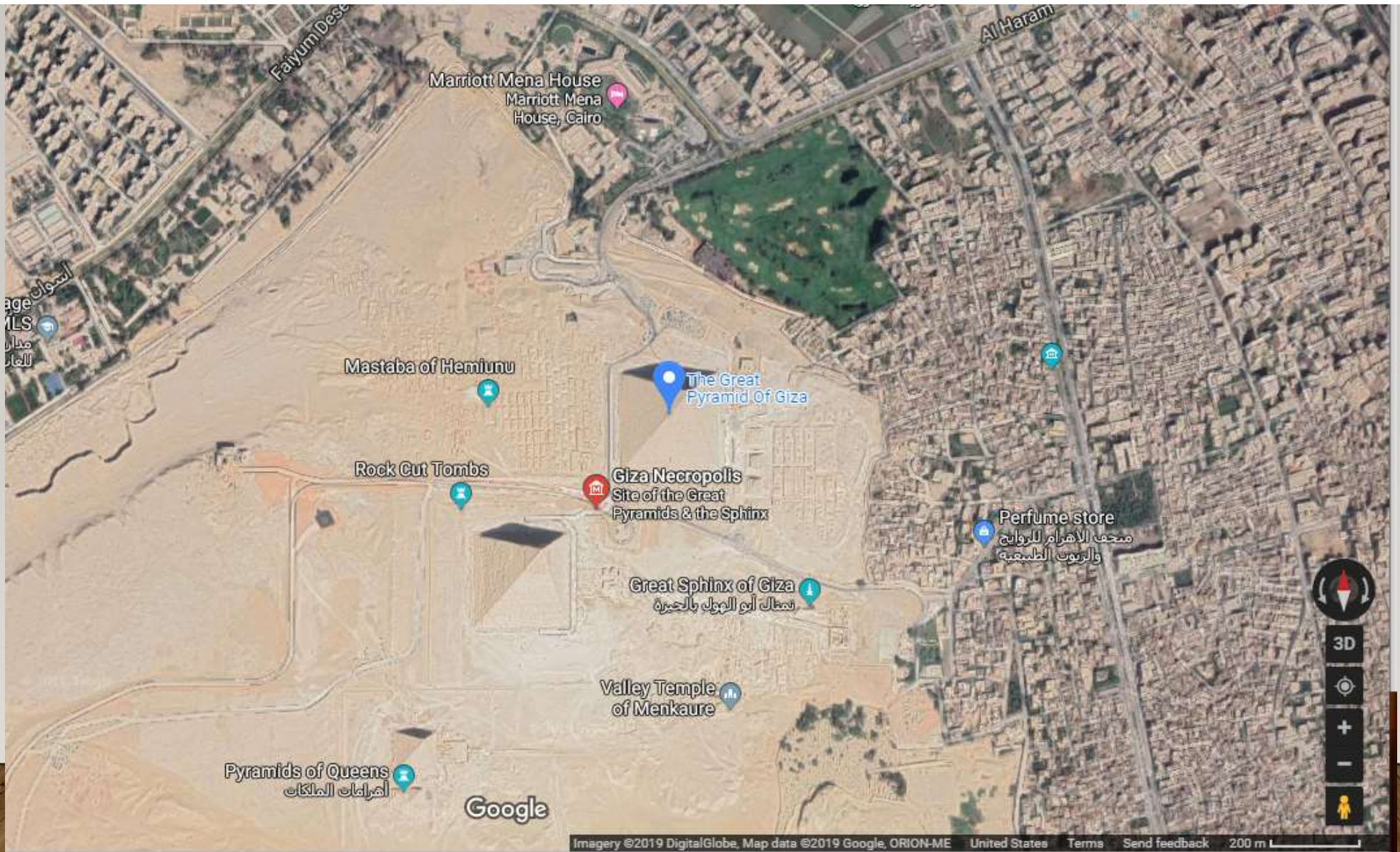
Extra Biblical Class (20 Weeks)		
10-Feb		Introduction to Topic, materials needed, & present the history/plan
17-Feb		Class 1 - Old Testament - Formation (42:26)
24-Feb	Douglas Jacoby	Class 2 - Old Testament - Apocrypha (25:03)
3-Mar	How the Bible Came to Be	Class 3 - New Testament - Formation (42:28)
10-Mar		Class 4 - New Testament - Apocrypha & Pseudepigrapha (40:22)
17-Mar		Class 5 - Gospels - False & True (35:55)
24-Mar	Apocrypha	Tobit
31-Mar		Judith
7-Apr		Additions to the Book of Esther / Wisdom of Solomon
14-Apr		Ecclesiasticus (Part 1 of 2)
21-Apr		Ecclesiasticus (Part 2 of 2)
28-Apr		Baruch / Letter to Jeremiah / Additions to the Book of Daniel
5-May		1 Maccabees
12-May		2 Maccabees
19-May	Apostolic Fathers	1 Clement
26-May		2 Clement
2-Jun		The Letters of Ignatius
9-Jun		Letter of Polycarp to the Philippians / Martyrdom of Polycarp / Didache
16-Jun		Shepherd of Hermas
23-Jun	Wrap-up / Party	

What they show us...



Reality!





Faiyum Des

Al Haram

Marriott Mena House
Marriott Mena House, Cairo

Mastaba of Hemjunu

The Great Pyramid Of Giza

Rock Cut Tombs

Giza Necropolis
Site of the Great Pyramids & the Sphinx

Perfume store
محف الأهرام للروائح والزيوت الطبيعية

Great Sphinx of Giza
تمثال أبو الهول بالجيزة

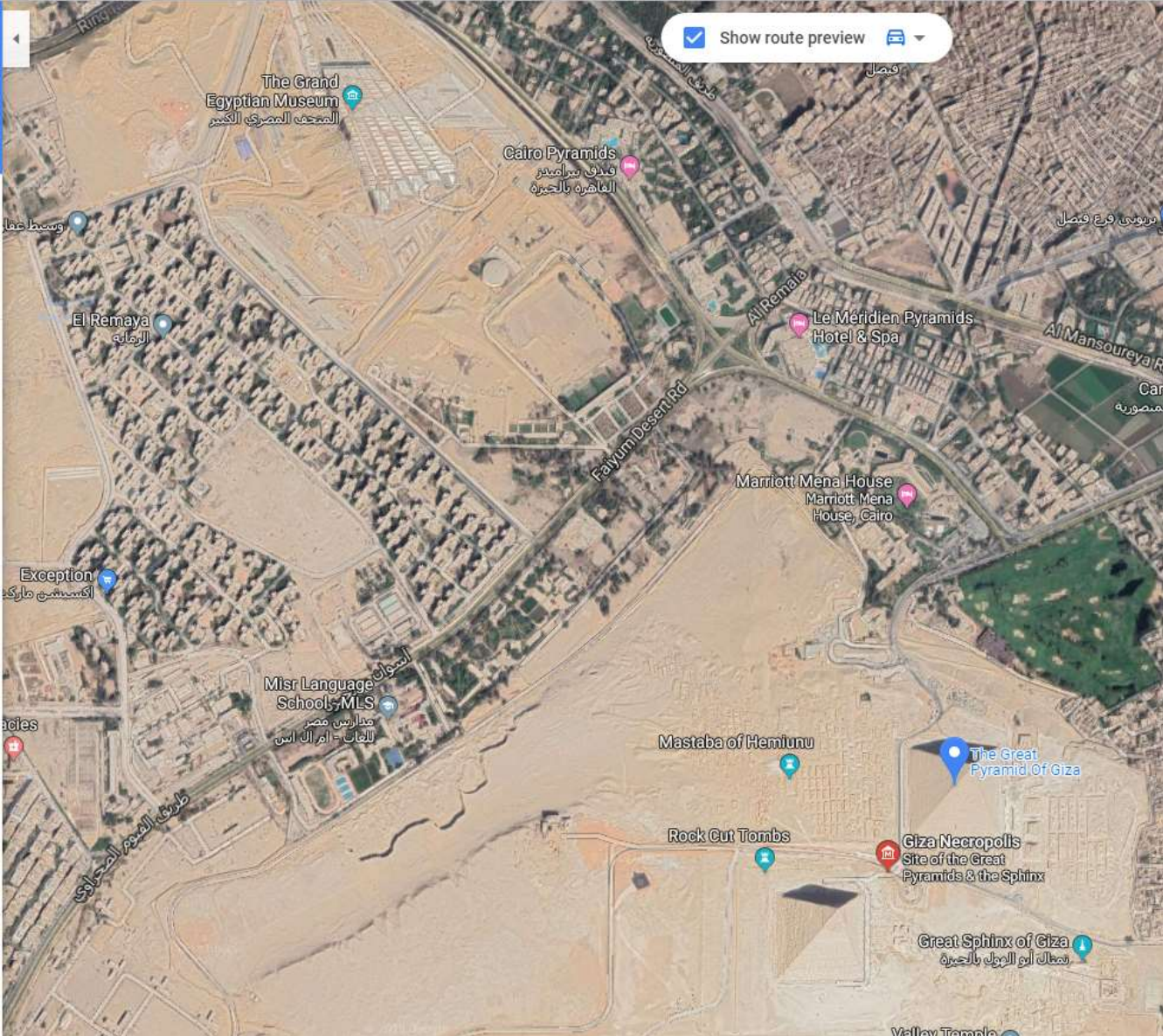
Valley Temple of Menkaure

Pyramids of Queens
أهرامات الملكات

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The Grand Egyptian Museum



THE AGRAPHA

(Greek = “unwritten”) The term refers to the sayings of Jesus not found in the canonical Gospels. The singular ‘*agraphon*’ refers to the individual sayings. At least some of these sayings are preserved in variants of ancient biblical manuscripts and in the writings of the early church fathers, as well as in some apocryphal Christian writings.

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The Agrapha must satisfy three conditions:

- They must be Sayings, not discourses
 - *i.e. not stories 'about' Jesus but things He actually said*
- They must be Sayings of Jesus
- They must not be in the canonical Gospels

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New Testament

Acts 20:35: "Remember the word of the Lord Jesus, how he said: *It is a more blessed thing to give, rather than to receive.*"

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New Testament

I Cor 11:23–25: "The Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, '*This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me.*' In the same way, after supper he took the cup, saying, '*This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.*'"

THE AGRAPHA

Apocryphal Scriptures

Apostolic Church Order, 26: "For he said to us before, when he was teaching: *That which is weak shall be saved through that which is strong.*"

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Apocryphal Scriptures

Acts of Philip 34: "For the Lord said to me: *Except ye make the lower into the upper and the left into the right, ye shall not enter into my kingdom.*"

THE AGRAPHA

Patristic citations

Justin Martyr, Dialogue with Trypho, 47: "Wherefore also our Lord Jesus Christ said, In whatsoever things I apprehend you, in those I shall judge you."

Clement of Alexandria, Stromata, I, 24, I 58: "For ask, he says for the great things, and the small shall be added to you."

Clement of Alexandria, Stromata, I, 28, I 77: "Rightly therefore the Scripture also in its desire to make us such dialecticians, exhorts us: Be approved moneychangers, disapproving some things, but holding fast that which is good."

Clement of Alexandria, Stromata, V, I 0, 64: "For not grudgingly, he saith, did the Lord declare in a certain gospel: My mystery is for me and for the sons of my house."

Origen, Homily on Jeremiah, XX, 3: "But the Saviour himself saith: He who is near me is near the fire; he who is far from me, is far from the kingdom."

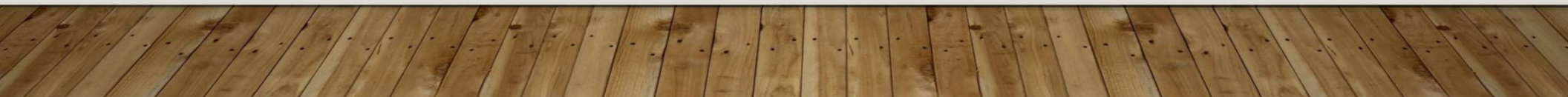
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Oxyrhynchus Logia

Second Logion: "Jesus saith, Except you fast to the world, you shall in no wise find the kingdom of God."

Third Logion: "Jesus saith, I stood in the midst of the world, and in the flesh was I seen of them, and I found all men drunken, and none found I athirst among them, and my soul grieved over the sons of men, because they are blind in their heart, and see not."

Fifth Logion: "Jesus saith, Wherever there are two, they are not without God; and wherever there is one alone, I say I am with him. Raise the stone and there thou shalt find me; cleave the wood, and there am I."



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Oxyrhynchus Logia

Sixth Logion: "Jesus saith, A prophet is not acceptable in his own country, neither doth a physician work cures upon them that know him."

Seventh Logion: "Jesus saith, A city built upon the top of a hill and stablished can neither fall nor be hid."

Eighth Logion: "Jesus saith, Thou hearest with one ear . . ."

THE GOSPEL OF THOMAS

- While strong proof that Thomas did establish Churches in India in the 50s – no ‘proof’ that this book (written no later than 180AD) is from or about him
- Collection of sayings – not a true “Gospel” (as it is missing the Passion narrative (is it ‘Good News’?))
- Push & point is Gnosticism (making a comeback as today’s ‘New Age Movement’) – appeals to the ego without requiring any real commitment.

THE GOSPEL OF THOMAS

- Sayings are not meant to be interpreted ‘literally’ (as the NT sayings are) – only by understanding the ‘*deeper meanings*’ can one truly understand them.

Example Saying #114:

male = pneumatic (spiritual or Gnostic) Christians

female = psychic (unenlightened or orthodox) Christians

- <https://www.sacred-texts.com/chr/thomas.htm>
- 18, 42, 47, 51, 60, 61 (Salome!), *70*, 103

THE GOSPEL OF THOMAS

A:Variants/Close Parallels

9: Mt13:3-8, Mk4:3-8, Lk8:5-8

10: Lk12:49

16: Mt10:34-36, Lk12:51-53

20: Mt13:31-32, Mk4:30-32, Lk13:18-19

26: Mt7:3-5, Lk6:41-42

34: Mt15:14, Lk6:39

35: Mt12:29, Mk3:27, Lk11:21-22

41: Mt25:29, Lk19:26

45: Mt7:16-20, Lk6:43-46

46: Mt11:11, Lk7:28

54: Mt5:3, Lk6:20

64: Mt22:3-9, Lk14:16-24

65: Mt21:33-39, Mk12:1-8, Lk20:9-15

66: Mt21:42, Mk12:10, Lk20:17; Psalm118:22

73: Mt9:37-38, Lk10:2

86: Mt8:20, Lk9:58

89: Lk11:39-40

93: Mt7:6

94: Mt7:7-8, Lk11:9-10

100: Mk12:13-17, Lk20:22-25

103: Mt24:43, Lk12:39

107: Mt18:12-13, Lk15:3-7

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B: Remote Parallels

1: Jn8:51

3: Lk17:21

5: Mt10:26, Lk10:2

8: Mt13:47-48

17: 1Cor2:9; Isiah64:4

30: Mt18:20

31: Mk6:4, Lk4:23-24, Jn4:44

32: Mt5:14

36: Mt6:25, Lk12:22

40: Mt15:13

44: Mt12:32, Mk3:28-29, Lk12:10

48: Mt18:19, Mk11:23-24

57: Mt13:24-30

58: Mt11:28

59: Jn7:34, Jn13:33

63: Lk12:16-21

68: Mt5:11, Lk6:22

71: Mk14:58

72: Lk12:13-15

75: Mt22:14

78: Mt11:7-9, Lk7:24-26

90: Mt11:28-30

95: Lk6:34-35, Lk14:12-14

96: Mt13:33, Lk13:20-21

99: Mt12:46-50, Mk3:31-35

101: Mt10:37, Lk14:26

109: Mt13:44

113: Lk 17:20-21

THE GOSPEL OF THOMAS

C: Multiple Parallels

14a: no parallels

14b: Lk10:8-9

14c: Mt15:11, Mk7:15

21a: no parallels

21b: Mt24:43, Lk12:39

21c: Mk4:26-29

22a: Mt18:3, Lk18:17

22b: Mt5:29-30, Mk9:43-48

24a: Jn13:36

24b: Mt6:22-23, Lk11:34-36

33a: Mt10:27

33b: Mt5:15, Mk4:21, Lk8:16,
Lk11:33

39a: Lk11:52

39b: Mt10:16

43a: Jn8:25

43b: Mt7:16-20, Lk6:43-46(?)

55a: Lk14:26

55b: Mt10:37

62a: Mt13:11, Mk4:11, Lk8:10

62b: Mt6:3

69a: Mt5:8 (cf. Thomas saying 68)

69b: Mt5:6, Lk6:21

76a: Mt13:45-46

76b: Mt6:20, Lk12:33

79a: Lk11:27-28

79b: Lk23:29

91a: Jn9:36

91b: Lk12:54-56

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E: No Parallels

All the following sayings have no parallels in the Bible or other non-Gnostic traditions:

2	23	51	77	98
4	25	52	80	102
6	27	53	81	104
7	28	56	82	105
11	29	60	84	106
12	37	61	85	108
13	38	67	87	110
15	47	70	88	111
18	49	73	92	112
19	50	74	97	114

D: Non-Canonical Parallels

42: Some strands of Islamic tradition attribute this saying to Jesus.



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