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Religious Studies

Advanced

Unit 4: Implications – New Testament

Wednesday 17 June 2015 – Afternoon

Time: 1 hour 15 minutes

Paper Reference

6RS04/1J

You do not need any other materials.

Total Marks

Instructions

- Use **black** ink or ball-point pen.
- **Fill in the boxes** at the top of this page with your name, centre number and candidate number.
- Read the passage carefully.
- Answer **BOTH** part (a) and part (b) of the question.
- Answer the question in the spaces provided
– *there may be more space than you need.*

Information

- The total mark for this paper is 50.
- The marks for **each** question are shown in brackets
– *use this as a guide as to how much time to spend on the question you choose.*
- Quality of written communication will be taken into account in the marking of all your responses
– *you should take particular care with your spelling, punctuation and grammar, as well as the clarity of expression.*

Advice

- The assessment of your answers will be based on your knowledge and understanding of the topic in question (for 60% of the marks) and your evaluative skills (for 40% of the marks).

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New Testament

There are, in the main, six independent lines of critical approach to the Resurrection of Jesus. Four of them assume the vacancy of the tomb as an historic fact, while the others take the extremer view that the story is either entirely apocryphal or that the tomb was not investigated under the conditions described in the Gospels. Very briefly these hypotheses may be summarised as follows:

- (1) That Joseph of Arimathea secretly removed the body to a more suitable resting-place.
- (2) That the body was removed by order of the Roman Power.
- (3) That the body was removed by the Jewish authorities to prevent the possible veneration of the tomb.
- (4) That life was not really extinct, and that Jesus recovered in the cool of the grave.
- (5) That the women mistook the grave in the uncertain light.
- (6) That the grave was not visited at all and that the story about the women was a later accretion.

This is a very wide field of presuppositions and, so far as I know, includes every serious alternative to the Gospel thesis which has been put forward.

(Source: Morison, F. 'Between Sunset and Dawn' in *Who Moved the Stone?*
Authentic Lifestyle, 1996, Edexcel Anthology)

- 1** (a) Examine the argument and/or interpretation in the passage. (30)
- (b) Do you agree with the idea(s) expressed? Justify your point of view and discuss its implications for understanding religion and human experience. (20)

(Total for Question 1 = 50 marks)

Start your answer on Page 3.



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