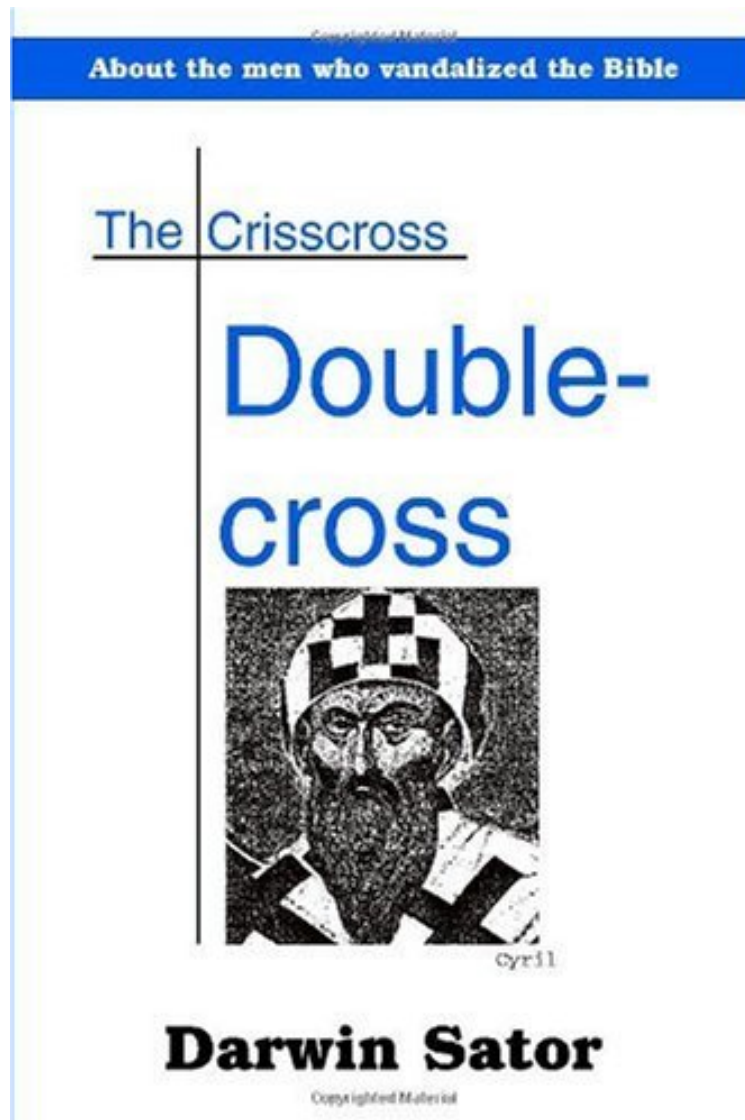


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About the Author This is the first and probably last, book for Darwin Sator, a 70-year-old retired newspaperman with a mission. He is a graduate of Ohio State University, a former U.S. Air Force officer, a veteran of 35 years in journalism, and a would-be friend of Jesus. He retired a few years ago to the small town in Ohio where he grew up.

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1 Here's the pitch Then said Jesus unto him, Except ye see signs and wonders, ye will not believe. If you are like most Christians, all of those contradictions have caused you to wonder whether there might be something wrong with the Bible. Oh boy! Were you right! Everyone wants to know something really important, something exciting, something no one else knows. This is your chance. After you finish this book, you'll be able to smile knowingly, if not smugly, whenever the subject of the Christian Bible comes up. You'll know more about its origins and history than will any of your friends, and you'll be able to tell them why it contains so many contradictions. Now isn't that alone worth the purchase price? Where I grew up near Dayton, Ohio, the birthplace of Frigidaire, people had an expression for something really difficult. They'd say, "That'd be like trying to sell an icebox to an Eskimo." (Presumably, one living in an igloo.) Our job ought to be easier than that since, for the most part, we're "preaching to the choir." But most Christians are, as they say, "up to here" in Christian theories, just as Eskimos are up to their parkas in ice. Jesus, who knew us well, said, "Except ye see signs and wonders, ye will not believe." But like any respectable icebox salesman --against all odds --we're still going to try to make a sale. We're going to tell you about an amazing theory --at least, we think you'll be amazed. We're going to tell you that: * Some people 1, 500 years ago sabotaged the Christian Bible, and we KNOW for certain what they did and how they did it. * We THINK we know who the vandals were, and exactly when, where and why they did what they did. * We KNOW for sure that most of the damage can be repaired * We THINK all Christians, among others, should care. Because this story has a large number of facets, it is presented as a series of essays, for lack of a better term, instead of in an uninterrupted narrative. And we apologize if sometimes it is difficult to see where all the odds and ends fit together, but nothing was included willy-nilly. This approach was inspired by the idea that a person CAN eat a whole elephant -- if he takes it one bite at a time. Again with apology, since The Gospel was constructed largely of repetitive elements, a good bit of repetitious explanation also is necessary. Consolation for those who can't stand repetition -- or elephant jerky -- is that this is a reasonably short book.

2 Author's Motives As I looked back over what I had written, I could see how some readers might suspect me of being anti-Christian. That thought was almost enough to make me give up the whole idea. The last thing I wanted to do was to undermine another Christian's beliefs, because Jesus is also MY guiding light. So, I decided to try to convince you --no matter what your Christian persuasion, or even non-Christian persuasion --that Jesus' words have been corrupted, and that understanding how they have been corrupted is in the interest of all of us. I hope you'll come to see that the tares (weeds) sown among Jesus' words ---which are included in our corrupted New Testament --were strewn there to mislead Jesus' followers into thinking it is not necessary to obey the Ten Commandments, or to love one's neighbor, or to respect women. Worst of all, for 1,500 years, the tares have inspired unspeakable crimes against the Jews. To me, a child of the 20th century, the Holocaust is the only reality, and I am convinced that unless anti-Semitic forgeries in the New Testament are recognized as such, there is little chance the horror will ever end. Still, I don't favor changing the gospels as we know them --not yet, at least, because that would be too traumatic. Our generation can live with those forgeries so long as we know they are there, and how they got there. Christians are supposedly people of good will, after all, and we can tiptoe through those noxious weeds, hopefully, until we can agree on how to exterminate them. My purpose is to alert Christians about biblical vandalism that I believe research and future document discoveries will confirm, eventually allowing the damage to be fixed to the satisfaction of reasonable men and women. In the meantime, I'm going to tell you how it COULD be fixed, NOW. I would hope, too, that restoring The Gospel someday will result in the founding of at least one church devoted solely to Jesus' teachings. None exists, to my knowledge. Whatever we do, we must not wait another 1,500 years to rescue The Gospel; it might be our last chance. This is intended as a start. It's up to someone else to build on it. Someone, for example, needs to check some of the restorations in this book with computers; I'm confident their validity can be proved mathematically. Could that someone be you? Let's help to fulfill Jesus' promise that "Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away."

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