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Title: **Father Peter Dresser - 'Jesus was not God'**

This statement by Peter Dresser is nothing new, there are thousands upon thousands of 'learned' people out there who deny that Jesus came in the flesh as per 1 John 4. The only difference is that these people who are saying things similar to Peter Dresser are not part of the Catholic church they are part of the Charismatic churches, their books can be found in abundance at your local 'Christian' book shop, they are invited to the Religious and Theological faculties at your universities and they are praised for their brilliant thoughts by your local pastor. They are part of the Emergent church (interfaith).

They deny that Jesus physically rose from the dead and that it's not to be taken literally, but spiritually. Therefore Buddha can be Christ as well (because it's all spiritual) and you too can obtain that type of spiritual enlightenment or spiritual consciousness because god is everything (pantheism) and in everything (panentheism). In other words you are a god. This new biblical worldview that is taking the 'Christian' faith by storm (in other words it's actually appealing to many so called Christians) is part of the Emergent Church.

Let's take Rob Bell for instance - his books and dvd's sell like they are going out of fashion (in South Africa) but he denies Jesus Christ. This is what he has to say:

- **"That it should not shake our faith if we found out "that Jesus had a real, earthly, biological father named Larry... and that the virgin birth was just a bit of mythologizing the Gospel writers threw in..." Rob Bell, Velvet Elvis, pp. 26-27**

Here is what Father Peter Dresser had to say:

Jesus Christ was not God, and Mary was not a virgin, according to a controversial new book written by an Australian Catholic priest.

In the booklet, 'God is Big. Real Big', which has gone on sale for \$20 in several churches, Bathurst priest Peter Dresser argues Jesus could not have been God.

“This whole matter regarding Jesus being God ... not only does violence to my own intelligence, but must be a sticking point,” he says.

“For millions of people trying to make some kind of sense of the Christian religion ... No human being can ever be God, and Jesus was a human being. It is as simple as that.”

Father Dresser claims Joseph was Jesus’s father, Mary was not a virgin – and actually had six children – and that the story of the resurrection should not be taken literally.

The booklet has angered conservative Catholics, such as Sydney priest Anthony Robbie.

“What a breathtaking know-all, to claim he knows the mind of Christ contrary to scripture and tradition. His words rob Christianity entirely of its meaning and purpose,” Father Robbie told News Ltd...

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