

## Heaven to Earth

**Enel Malakrist**

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*Malakrist's thoughtful study offers a compelling alternative to church teachings on several perplexing issues.*

In *Heaven to Earth*, Enel Malakrist brings biblical references, historical records, and visions he says he's received from God to bear upon what he calls "the greatest mystery of all time": how and when God came to Earth in Jesus Christ.

Malakrist employs first-century Roman records to identify what he believes to be the correct year and month of Jesus's birth. Based on this new date, he offers a "Messianic Civil Calendar" as a correction to the Gregorian calendar in use today, together with a chart that compares the Gregorian, Messianic, and Jewish calendars, as well as the comparatively short-lived calendar of Tiberius.

A good portion of this work is given to correcting and clarifying what he believes to be the church's false teachings on the role of Mary, whom he declares to have been merely a "surrogate" mother; as a result, he rejects the church's elevation of Mary to nearly divine status, calling it "idolatry."

"These are exciting times," declares the author, an ordained minister who graduated from a New York City Bible seminary and holds a Doctor of Divinity degree. Malakrist, who is also the author of *Let My People Know—A New Creation*, believes that these are the days in which the true meaning of biblical events, long shrouded in mystery and baffling to even the greatest minds, are being revealed to those who are "born again" believers and possess a new, "regenerated ... nature." These people, he writes, are now initiates of the mysteries of God and are thus better able to interpret his words than were the men of the past.

Malakrist carefully documents and supports his arguments with ample references, the majority from the Bible. Including examples of some of the different interpretations given to those same passages by the various branches of Christianity would have made his arguments clearer, as even devout Christians may be unfamiliar with the ways in which their own church interprets them and bases its teachings upon them.

The front cover art is stunningly beautiful, and the back cover copy gives a good summary of the book's intent and purpose. Grammatical errors and word spacing issues detract from the book's effectiveness. Hebrew names are occasionally spelled inconsistently, and corresponding Gregorian dates are not always provided when the Jewish calendar is used. While well written overall, the book leaves a question unanswered: If Mary is but a surrogate mother, how then is Jesus truly descended from David? Answering this question with greater clarity would give more credence to his argument.

There is little information about the author's professional or ministerial work beyond that he is "an active participant in the Body of Christ."

Those who, like Malakrist, are concerned that false teachings in the interpretation of scripture will result in leading believers down the path of idolatry and a general lowering of standards will find much to ponder in this work.

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