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"Vilem Flusser's "Sage from Galilee" is an exploration of the life and teachings of Jesus Christ, presenting a unique perspective on the figure who has become one of the most influential and well-known in human history. Flusser, a philosopher and historian of religion, approaches the subject with a critical and analytical eye, using his expertise in Jewish history and culture to provide insights into the world in which Jesus lived and the context of his teachings. The book is organized thematically, with chapters on topics such as the kingdom of God, ethics, and messianism, among others. Throughout the book, Flusser's writing is scholarly and rigorous, yet also accessible and engaging. He draws on a wide range of sources, including Jewish scripture and historical accounts, to build a comprehensive and compelling picture of Jesus' life and teachings. An example of one of the sources that he used from the book is on page 12 where there are a list of sources on the bottom. One of the main themes of the book is the idea that Jesus was a radical thinker who challenged the status quo and sought to overturn traditional religious and social norms. Flusser argues that Jesus was not simply a religious teacher, but a political revolutionary who sought to establish a new kind of society based on the principles of love, justice, and equality. Another central theme of the book is the Jewishness of Jesus, which Flusser emphasizes throughout. He argues that Jesus should be understood not as a founder of a new religion, but as a Jewish sage who was deeply rooted in the traditions and culture of his people. Flusser's analysis of Jesus' teachings is therefore grounded in a deep understanding of Jewish scripture and theology. The book was also written by Steven Notley who is a Professor at the Nyack College. He is a member and past director of the Jerusalem school of Synoptic research. Chapter 1: The Context of the Sage's Life This chapter provides an overview of the historical, social, and cultural context in which Jesus lived. Flusser discusses the political and

religious landscape of first-century Palestine, including the Roman occupation, the Jewish temple system, and the different Jewish sects of the time.

Chapter 2: The Sage's Teaching Here, Flusser examines the core teachings of Jesus, focusing on his parables, his emphasis on love and forgiveness, and his critique of religious legalism. Flusser argues that Jesus' message was not primarily about establishing a new religion, but rather about challenging and transforming the existing religious institutions of his time.

Chapter 3: The Sage's Miracles This chapter explores the miracles attributed to Jesus in the Gospels, such as healing the sick, feeding the hungry, and raising the dead. Flusser argues that these miracles were not intended as displays of supernatural power, but rather as symbolic actions that conveyed a deeper message about the nature of God's kingdom.

Chapter 4: The Sage's Death In this chapter, Flusser discusses the events leading up to Jesus' crucifixion and the significance of his death. Flusser argues that Jesus' death was not a necessary sacrifice for the forgiveness of sin, but rather a tragic consequence of his challenge to the existing power structures.

Chapter 5: The Sage's Resurrection, The final chapter explores "The Ethical Teachings of Jesus." In this chapter, Flusser explores Jesus' ethical teachings and how they relate to the Jewish tradition of his time.

Flusser begins by discussing the importance of ethics in Jewish thought and how it was central to Jesus' teachings. He notes that Jesus' ethical teachings were not based on abstract principles but were grounded in concrete situations and relationships.