

Conclusions of the Greatest Legal Minds in History:

Simon Greenleaf (1783-1853) was one of the founders of Harvard Law School. He authored the authoritative three-volume text, *A Treatise on the Law of Evidence* (1842), which is still considered "the greatest single authority on evidence in the entire literature of legal procedure."¹ Greenleaf literally wrote the rules of evidence for the U.S. legal system. After personally collecting and examining the evidence based on the rules of evidence that he helped establish, Greenleaf wrote the classic, *Testimony of the Evangelists*.

*Let [the Gospel's] testimony be sifted, as it were given in a court of justice on the side of the adverse party, the witness being subjected to a rigorous cross-examination. The result, it is confidently believed, will be an undoubting conviction of their integrity, ability, and truth.*²

Sir Lionel Luckhoo (1914-1997) is considered one of the greatest lawyers in British history. He is recorded in the *Guinness Book of World Records* as the "World's Most Successful Advocate," with 245 consecutive murder acquittals. He was knighted by Queen Elizabeth II -- twice. Luckhoo declared:

*I humbly add I have spent more than 42 years as a defense trial lawyer appearing in many parts of the world and am still in active practice. I have been fortunate to secure a number of successes in jury trials and I say unequivocally the evidence for the Resurrection of Jesus Christ is so overwhelming that it compels acceptance by proof which leaves absolutely no room for doubt.*³

¹ Knott, *The Dictionary of American Biography*, back cover of *The Testimony of the Evangelists*.

² Simon Greenleaf, *The Testimony of the Evangelists: The Gospels Examined by the Rules of Evidence*, Kregel Classics, 1995, Backcover.

³ Sir Lionel Luckhoo, *The Question Answered: Did Jesus Rise from the Dead?* Luckhoo Booklets, back page. http://www.hawaiiichristiansonline.com/sir_lionel.html.

