

THE PROP OF THE DARKNESS

Opening Questions:

- Did Joshua make future predictions in the gospels?
- Did Joshua predict that a book would be written that contained his Father's words and that people ought to look to that book and those authors to understand God?
- Is "the Bible" Joshua of Nazareth or God?
- Do the Bible authors accurately represent the Creator? How would we know?
- Does the Bible contain contradictions?
- If a contradiction is found in the Bible, how likely are people who believe that the book represents God, to accede the contradiction?

As we have discussed in prior chapters, the fundamental error or purposeful mistake is to substitute a large book people call "the Bible", for the Person and teachings of Joshua of Nazareth. The error has two aspects. The first is human nature that very much wants to participate in that error. The Light said this:

And this is the condemnation, that the people of the world love the darkness rather than the light... (John 3:19)

This love of the darkness is THE spiritual cause that puts us in cages and causes us to be governed by self-pride and fear and selfishness. Here are the other key discipleship teachings of the Light that harmonize with the teaching/truth above:

He who has found his life will lose it, and he who has lost his life for My sake will find it. (Matt. 10:39)

For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it; but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it. (Matt. 16:25)

For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake and the gospel's will save it. (Mark 8:35)

For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake, he is the one who will save it. (Luke 9:24)

Whoever seeks to keep his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life will preserve it. (Luke 17:33)

He who loves his life loses it, and he who hates his life in this world will keep it to life eternal. (John 12:25)

I quoted all of this saying from the Light to make the point on how fundamental a teaching it is of the Light. It occurs in all four gospel books as you can see, multiple times.

If we "love the darkness," we will endeavor to "save, keep, love" our life in this world—a life primarily of selfishness and ignoring all the wrong and evil in the world—we will refuse to love as the Light defines that. We know at some level that if we speak about the wrongness we encounter each day – wrongness in relationships and how people run or operate businesses or governments or “ministries,” etc. – we will be rejected and perhaps worse. So, what do we do? In general, we keep our mouths shut, which is how we keep our lives in this world. We do not speak the higher truths of the Light – that people are in darkness and need the Light as their Leader - and we even have trouble expressing the lower truths of people doing wrong things. This cowardice is particularly evident with homosexuality and transgenderism in the U.S. at this time.

The other thing we do is to try and have our cake and eat it too, and this is called "religion"! For Christians, they have selected as their distraction and nullification of the Light – their prop, if you will - the large book they called “the Bible.” By calling or believing the book is the “word of God” to mankind, they in one stroke both nullify the Light *and* can justify almost any behavior in the “name of God.” The Bible is replete with examples of an angry god bringing his wrath and vengeance upon many millions of people. Since God does this, then surely we human being are justified in acting like him and in “doing his will” in this regard!

The crusades were a more recent good example of this. All that killing in the “name” of the One who said, “Love your enemies”!

For a person using their mind even just reasonably well and who seriously studies the Bible, that person can only conclude that there are hundreds of contradictions and hundreds of evil deeds that are justified in the name of God in that book. This fact rightly frustrates non-theists as they bring these contradictions and falsehoods to Christians only to have Christians deny the plain contradictions and falsehoods or worse defend and justify them. In fact, the Christians make a practice of writing large books with the express purpose of defending the contradictions and falsehoods!

Here is a short list of obvious, non-moral contradictions from the Bible:

Hebrew Scripture Errors

- Gen. 25:1 versus 1 Chron. 1:32, wife versus concubine
- 2 Kings 24:8 versus 2 Chron. 36:9, 18 years old versus 8 years old
- 1 Kings 7:26 versus 2 Chron. 4:5, 2,000 versus 3,000 baths
- Ezra 2:5 versus Nehemiah 7:10, 775 versus 652 sons (It must be asked why the translators translate the same exact Hebrew word transliterated "bane" as two different English words?)
- 1 Kings 9:27-28 versus 2 Chron. 8:18, 420 versus 450 talents of gold
- II Samuel 24 :1 versus I Chronicles 21:1, God versus Satan
- Isaiah 34:7, King James version, "unicorn" an animal of Latin-Greek mythology
- Isaiah 13:21, 34:14, King James version, "satyr" a half-human, half-goat creature of Latin-Greek mythology

New Testament Errors

- Matthew 27:9-10 cites Jeremiah, yet the prophesy is clearly contained in Zechariah 11:12-13
- Matt. 1:16 versus Luke 3:23, Jacob versus Heli
- Matt. 8:5 versus Luke 7:3,6, Centurion himself versus "elders of the Jews" or "friends"
- Matt. 8:28 versus Mark 5:2, 15, "two demon-possessed men" versus one man.
- Mark 14:69 versus Luke 22:59, The same servant girl the second time, or "another saw him; Man, I do not know what you are saying" when previously he said to the servant girl, "Woman, I do not know him."
- Acts 12:4, King James version uses the word, "Easter," while almost every other major translation uses the word "Passover." So, which translation is correct?
- Eph. 2:8-9 versus James 2:24, Oh, the tap dancing and sleight-of-hand used to try and reconcile the plain contradiction between, "saved through faith alone—not of works" versus "justified by works, and not by faith only."
- Eph. 4:11 versus John 10:16, The same Greek word "poimen" is translated "Shepherd" in John 10:16 and "pastor(s)" in Eph. 4:11. What rational explanation exists for that except the translators wanted to avoid the plain contradiction.

Then there are the moral or ethical wrong-doings or justifications by a supposedly "holy, perfect, righteous, just, loving God." Here is a short list of just a few of the many of those immoral teachings in the name of God.

- The Exodus story has God killing many thousands of innocent male babies, boys, and young men – the eldest male child of the Egyptian families living in Egypt – instead of killing the guilty Pharaoh and those directly enforcing his unjust and oppressive ways;
- God “inspiring” (according to Paul) the pornographic rebuke of Ezekiel in his book, chapter 23. Certainly the language in Ezek. 23:20, for example, is hardly necessary to bring a rebuke, and is difficult to imagine a holy God “inspiring”;
- The Old Testament teaches, "The law of the LORD is perfect, restoring the soul" (Psalm 17:9). Most Bible leaders take that to mean Moses teachings in the Torah. In stark contrast and rebuke, the Light says in reference to Moses teachings, "You have heard that it was said, “YOU SHALL NOT COMMIT ADULTERY” (a teaching of Moses in Exodus 20:14 or Deut. 5:18); but I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lust for her has already committed adultery with her in his heart." (Matthew 5:27-28) According to Joshua, the law of Moses was quite imperfect, incomplete and unfulfilled. If this is so (and Joshua says it is) then how could Moses’ writing be inerrant or perfectly portraying the Father's mind?
- King David: "I hate them with the utmost hatred; They have become my enemies." (Psalms 139:22)
 - The Light: "You have heard that it was said, “YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR and hate your enemy.” "But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you..." (Matthew 5:43-44)
 - Comments: Does the Holy Spirit inspire these words of David as Paul teaches? Not according to the Light. All arguments to justify David's words because he was in the Old Covenant commit the error of begging the question. Has God the Father changed so much between the covenants that in one case His Spirit "inspired" David to express and justify hatred, while in the other, His Son teaches just the opposite? Do perfect beings change?
- “The prophet” Samuel: "Then Samuel said to Saul, “The Lord sent me to anoint you as king over His people, over Israel; now therefore, listen to the words of the Lord. 2 Thus says the Lord of hosts, “I will punish Amalek for what he did to Israel, how he set himself against him on the way while he was coming up from Egypt. 3 Now go and strike Amalek and utterly destroy all that he has, and do not spare him; but put to death both man and woman, child and infant, ox and sheep, camel and donkey.”” (1 Sam. 15:1-3)

- The Light: "You have heard that it was said, "YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR and hate your enemy." "But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you." (Matthew 5:43-44)
 - Comments: So Jesus' Father supposedly speaking through Samuel orders Saul - based on the motivation of vengeance - to go kill thousands of "women, children, and infants." To try and reconcile the Light of the world's command to "love your enemies" with murderous vengeance is to be deluded—it is the perfect example of how religion blinds people to simple truths. And the simple fact is that the god of the Hebrew scripture is one made by men while the God revealed by the Light is the Creator of the Human Race!
- King Solomon: "A time to love and a time to hate; A time for war and a time for peace." (Ecclesiastes 3:8)
 - The Light: "You have heard that it was said, "YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR and hate your enemy." "But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you." (Matthew 5:43-44)
 - Comments: Does the Holy Spirit inspire these words of Solomon as Paul taught? Not according to the Light. Joshua teaches that God the Father rewards mercy and loving your enemies, and thus God's Spirit at no time taught that there is a time for "hate" and for "war" for those who are listening to Him. Of course, one is free to explain the truth away with philosophies (which philosophies Joshua did not teach) about how God's commands do or do not apply to nations.
- Judges 9:22-24: "Now Abimelech ruled over Israel three years. Then God sent an evil spirit between Abimelech and the men of Shechem; and the men of Shechem dealt treacherously with Abimelech, so that the violence done to the seventy sons of Jerubbaal might come, and their blood might be laid on Abimelech their brother, who killed them, and on the men of Shechem, who strengthened his hands to kill his brothers."
- 1 Sam. 16:14: "Now the Spirit of the Lord departed from Saul, and an evil spirit from the Lord terrorized him."
 - The Light: "You have heard that it was said, "YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR and hate your enemy." "But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you." (Matthew 5:43-44)

- Comments: These passages in the Hebrew scripture have God sending "an evil spirit" between two people groups, the result of which was treachery, violence and murder, and another evil spirit to terrorize Saul! To show the foolishness of trying to somehow reconcile these passages with the character of God revealed by Joshua of Nazareth, let's re-write a famous saying according to the Hebrew scripture, "For God so loved the world that he sent evil spirits to terrorize them"?!
- Job 42:8: God supposedly speaking: "For I will accept him so that I may not do with you according to your folly, because you have not spoken of Me what is right, as My servant Job has."
 - Comments: If these words in the scripture are correct (and according to Paul's doctrine they must be), then whatever was recorded in the preceding chapters of the book of Job that was said by Job's friends about God is wrong - "you have not spoken of me what is right." How could the Holy Spirit allow scripture to be wrong about God, for whatever was recorded of the friend's words about God in those scriptures is wrong?

I could provide many hundreds of similar contradictions and wrong-doings justified by the god of the Bible—the god of the authors who wrote most of the books included in the Bible.

Sadly, I have found that when we want to believe something that we consider important, or that we think we have adequately vetted, then we will believe it even if the only tool or means we have to know true from false – reason and logic – clearly shows it is false. And so it is with the Bible and the Christians and Biblians who cling to the book ignoring its darkness, or, perhaps, secretly glad about the darkness and thus justifying their behaviors? “Hey, if God did it or blessed it, then I can do it too.”

So, to sum up the section thus far, we have seen that the great falsehood upon which most of the Christian religious/business system is the belief that the Bible is God's word to humankind. Or stated another way the great lie of the prince of the world is that Joshua of Nazareth and his truth is not adequate for freedom and eternal life.

In the next chapter, I have some questions to ask and comments to consider for those who defend the primary error of the successful failure.

Chapter Summary:

- The Bible being considered “the word of God” is perhaps the greatest falsehood of this time and perhaps the last many hundreds of years;
- In the last few centuries, the Bible has become a substitute for the Person of Joshua of Nazareth and his life and teachings;
- The Bible is full of contradictions IF you are a person willing to use reason and logic well;

- The Bible - while having many good stories about people of faith; and much good human wisdom; and recording many fairly accurate historical events regarding human history in that part of the earth – is not the "word of God" to humanity. Instead, Joshua of Nazareth is;
- To place the life accounts of Joshua of Nazareth into a large book, which book has many contradictory concepts to Joshua's teachings, is a very effective way to hide The Light and destroy his Message.

For a clear contrast between the Biblical view and the view of a follower of the Light, see *Appendix 7, Protestant Biblicism Debunked*.