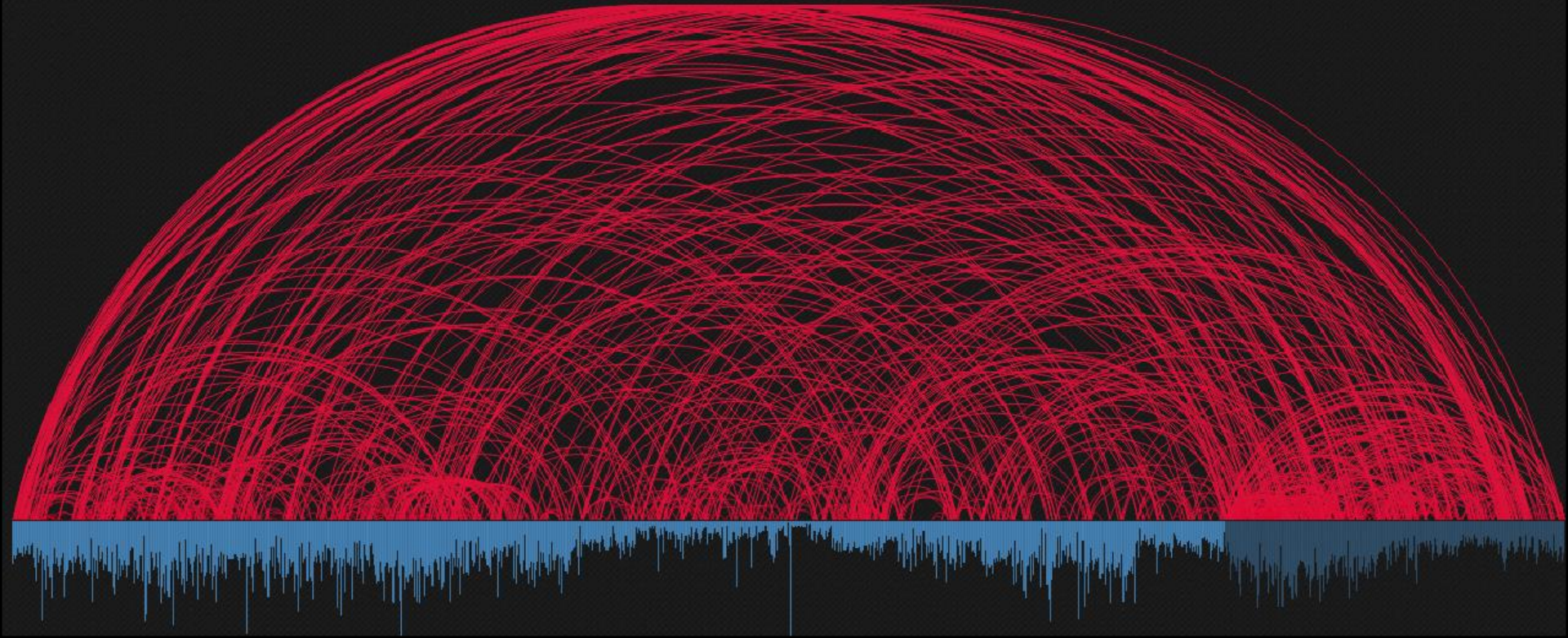


**Does the Bible contradict itself?**



## **New Testament Contradictions**

**Jesus says all men will be saved.  
John 3:17.**

**Only 144,000 virgin men will be saved.  
Revelation 14:1-4.**

**God wants all men to be saved.  
1 Timothy 2:3-4; 2 Peter 3:9.**

**God does not want all men to be saved.  
John 12:40**



**New Testament Contradictions...**  
**No wonder Christians are so confused**

**Non-believers obtain mercy. Romans 11:32**

**Only believers obtain mercy. John 3:36; Romans 14:23**

**Only baptized believers obtain mercy. Mark 16:16.**

**Mercy cannot be predetermined. Romans 9:18**

**Repentance is necessary. Acts 3:19; Luke 3:3**

**Repentance is not necessary. Romans 11:29.**



**Jesus said he would not cast aside  
any that come to him. John 6:37**



**Jesus said that many that come  
to him will be cast aside. Matthew 7:21-23**

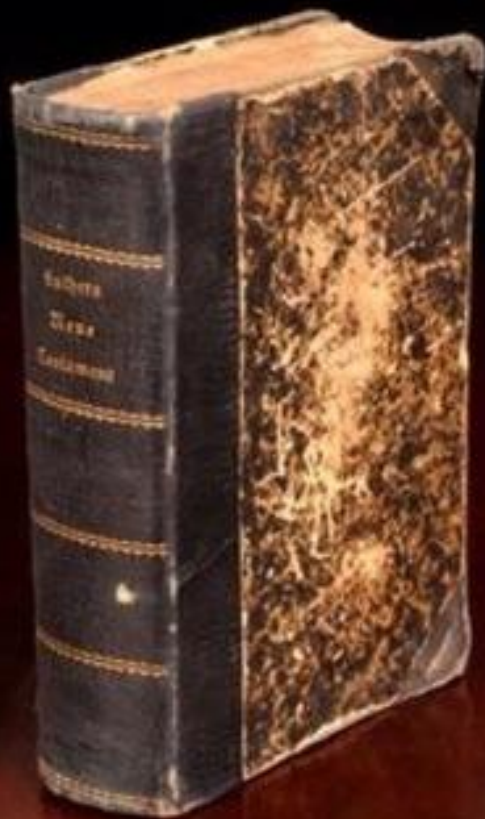
**The righteous have eternal life. Matthew 25:46**

**The righteous are barely saved. 1 Peter 4:18**

**There are no righteous. Romans 3:10**

# Bible Contradictions

(One of several hundred)



**Judges 1:19** And the Lord was with Judah; and he drove out the inhabitants of the mountain; but could not drive out the inhabitants of the valley, because they had chariots of iron.

**Matthew 19:26** But Jesus beheld them, and said unto them, With men this is impossible; but with God all things are possible.

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## Bible Contradiction #64

Is the law of Moses useful?

(A) Yes. "All scripture is . . . profitable . . ." (2 Timothy 3:16).

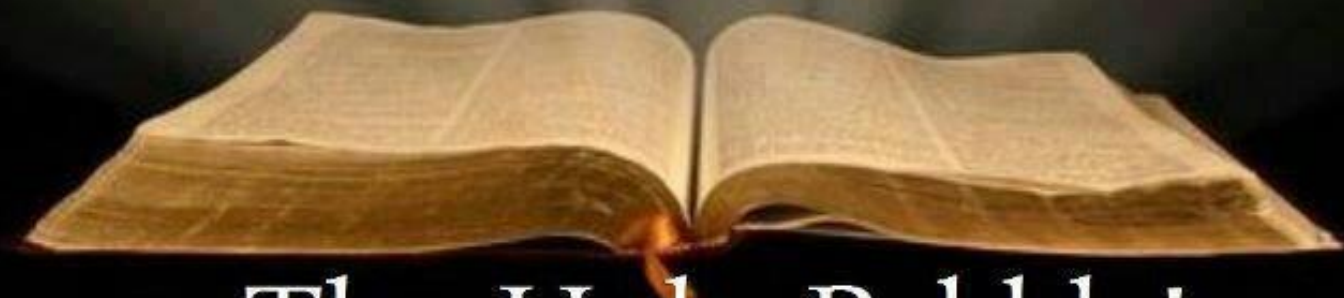
(B) No. "... A former commandment is set aside because of its weakness and uselessness . . ."  
(Hebrews 7:18).

Genesis 1:11-12 and 1:26-27 Trees came before Adam.  
Genesis 2:4-9 Trees came after Adam.

Genesis 1:20-21 and 26-27 Birds were created before Adam.  
Genesis 2:7 and 2:19 Birds were created after Adam.

Genesis 1:24-27 Animals were created before Adam.  
Genesis 2:7 and 2:19 Animals were created after Adam.

Genesis 1:26-27 Adam and Eve were created at the same time.  
Genesis 2:7 and 2:21-22 Adam was created first, woman sometime later.



**The Holy Babble!**

- What contradictions have come to your attention?
- How do you answer when people say there are biblical contradictions?

# Circumvent if it's a side issue

- Accusations come easy, but that doesn't make them true.
- Answers take longer than accusations.
- Do skeptics what answers or just an excuse?
- Skeptics have bigger issues than just the thinking that there are biblical contradictions.



# Christian's & Contradictions?

- Question: "Are we allowed to ask questions? If so, how do you explain the contradictions in the Bible? Because I'm really troubled about this."

- ACCA: "The Bible is the **inspired** and **infallible** Word of God to man."
- Gideons: "The Bible is the **inspired, infallible, inerrant** Word of God."
- Episcopalian/Anglican: "Holy Scripture containeth all things necessary to salvation ... written under the **inspiration** of the Holy Spirit."

# Christian's & Contradictions?

- Answer: "Most claimed 'contradictions' are just differences. There are many resources that answer these claims well. However, even if there are contradictions, my faith doesn't rest on an error free text. I rest my faith upon the person of Jesus. The Gospels, the epistles and early church writings reliably (a minimal requirement) share Jesus' message."

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# What Is A Contradiction?

- Something can't be both **A** and **non-A** at the same **time**, in the same **place** and in the same **manner**.
- Contradictory: I was **home all yesterday**. I **never was home yesterday**.
- Difference: I went **home** yesterday. I went **shopping** yesterday.

# How Did Judas Die?

- Matthew 27:5 "...departed, and went and **hanged himself.**"
- Acts 1:18 "... **falling headlong, he burst asunder in the midst, and all his bowels gushed out.**"

# How many Women?

- Matthew 28:1 "...came **Mary Magdalene** and the **other Mary**..."
- Mark 16:1 "...**Mary Magdalene**, and **Mary the mother of James**, and **Salome**..."
- Luke 24:10 "...**Mary Magdalene** and **Joanna**, and **Mary the mother of James**, and **other women**..."
- John 20:1 "...**Mary Magdalene**..."

# Adam Didn't Die That Day?

- Genesis 2:17 “But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: **for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.**”
- Genesis 5:5 “And all the days that **Adam lived were nine hundred and thirty years:** and he died.”



# When Was Jesus Crucified?

- Mark 15:25 And it was the **third hour**, and they **crucified** him.
- John 19:14 And it was the preparation of the passover, and about the **sixth hour**: and **he saith unto the Jews, Behold your King!**

# Love or Hate The World?

- John 3:16 “For **God so loved the world**, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.”
- 1 John 2:15 “**Love not the world**, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him.”

# God Repenting? Making Evil? Killing?

- Jeremiah 42:10 "for I **repent me of the evil** that I have done unto you." But in Psalms 110:4 "...**will not repent**"
- Isaiah 45:7 "**I ... create evil.**" Opposed to Habakkuk 1:13 and Deuteronomy 32:4 and 1 Timothy 4:4
- Exodus 20:13 "**Thou shalt not kill.**" But in Numbers 15:36 the **Jews stoned someone to death "as the Lord commanded Moses."**

# Did David's Wife Have Kids?

- 2 Samuel 6:23 “Therefore **Michal the daughter of Saul had no child** unto the day of her death.”
- 2 Samuel 21:8 “But the king took ... **the five sons of Michal the daughter of Saul**, whom she brought up for Adriel...”
- The **older Septuagint**: “... the **five sons of Merab** [another daughter of Saul], the daughter of Saul.”

# God Wants Human Sacrifice?

- Judges 11:30-39: **Jephthah vowed to sacrifice whatever first came out of his door** when he came home from battle. His **daughter** came out first.
- However, **God condemns human sacrifice** in Leviticus 20:1-5, Jeremiah 7:31; 19:5

# God Commands Human Sacrifice?

- Jeremiah 32:35 Says human sacrifice to Baal/Moloch "**never even entered God's mind.**"
- Genesis 22:1-19 But **what about Abraham** Sacrifices Isaac

# Paul's Henchmen & The Voice

- Acts 9:7 “And the men which journeyed with him stood speechless, **hearing a voice**, but seeing no man.”
- Acts 22:9 “And they that were with me saw indeed the light, and were afraid; but they **heard not** the voice of him that spake to me.”
- Acts 22:9 “...but they **heard not [ESV did not understand]** the voice ...”

# God Or Satan Moved David to Sin?

- 1 Chronicles 21:1. **And Satan stood up against Israel, and provoked David to number Israel.**
- 2 Samuel 24:1. And **again the anger of the Lord was kindled against Israel, and he moved David against them** to say, Go, number Israel and Judah.
- **"...and he [LXX Satan] moved David against them"**



# Lean On Staff or Bed's Head?

- Hebrews 11:21 “By faith Jacob, when he was a dying, blessed both the sons of Joseph; **and worshipped, leaning upon the top of his staff.**”
- Genesis 47:31 (Masoretic) “...**And Israel bowed himself upon the bed's head.**”
- Genesis 47:31 (Septuagint) “...**And Israel did reverence, leaning on the top of his staff.**”

# Which Temptation Sequence?

- Matthew 4:1-11. 1) Temptation of stones to bread. 2) **Temptation of throwing yourself down.** 3) **Temptation of the kingdoms of the world.**
- Luke 4:1-13. 1) Temptation of stones to bread. 2) **Temptation of the kingdoms of the world.** 3) **Temptation of throwing yourself down.**

# Sight to the Blind?

- Luke 4:18,19 "preach deliverance to the captives, and **recovering of sight to the blind**"
- Isaiah 61:1 (Masoretic) "proclaim liberty to the captives..."
- Isaiah 61:1 (Septuagint) "to proclaim release to the captives and **recovery of sight to the blind**"

# A Virgin or Young Woman?

- Matthew 1:23 “Behold, a **virgin** shall be with child...”
- Isaiah 7:14 “...Behold, a **virgin** shall conceive...”
- Isaiah 7:14 RSV, NET, Tanakh “...a **young woman** shall conceive...”
- Isaiah 7:14 (Septuagint) “...a **virgin** shall conceive in the womb...”

# Children Will Not Be Bad?

- "**Train up a child** in the way he should go: and **when he is old, he will not depart from it.**" (Proverbs 22:6)
- "The **fear of the Lord prolongs days**, but the years of the wicked will be shortened." (Proverbs 10:27)

# Respect or Hate Parents?

- "**Children, obey your parents** in the Lord: for this is right. **Honour** thy father and mother..." (Ephesians 6:1–3)
- "If any man come to me, and **hate not his father, and mother**, and wife, and children, and brethren, and sisters, yea, and his own life also, he cannot be my disciple." (Luke 14:26)

# God of Love or Judgment?

- 1 John Chapter 4:7-8 "Beloved, let us love one another: for **love is of God**; and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God. He that loveth not knoweth not God; for **God is love.**"
- Revelation 20:12-15 "...**and the dead were judged** out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works... And **whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.**"

# Jesus Approves of Homosexuality?

- **Jesus never condemned Homosexual behavior.**
- Paul (1 Corinthians 6:9-11, Romans 1:26-27, 1 Timothy 1:10)
- Old Testament (Leviticus 18:22, Leviticus 20:13)



# The Sin of Banking?

- "Hath given forth upon **usury, and hath taken increase: shall he then live?** ... **he shall surely die; his blood shall be upon him.**" (Ezekiel 18:13) Isaiah 24:2, Proverbs 28:8, Psalms 15:5, Ezekiel 22:12, Ezekiel 18:13, Ezekiel 18:17
- **Jesus' seemed more positive about usury** in his parable (Luke 19:23, Matthew 25:27)

# Is our Righteousness as Filthy Rags?

- Isaiah 64:6. "all **our righteousnesses are as filthy rags**"
- Romans 6:18 "Being then made free from sin, **ye became the servants of righteousness.**"