



The Bible Examined
-Third Edition-

By no means is this pamphlet intended to debase anyone from their belief in God, His divinely-inspired prophets and messengers, or the holy scriptures that they brought. An examination of the Bible is necessary today because of the many questions being raised by religious people of all circles, including Jews and Christians, as to its inconsistency with contemporary church teachings as well as its inconsistency within itself. There are over a thousand different versions of the Bible in circulation today and the transcript has been freely translated from one language to another numerous times. The original scripture is nowhere to be found so we have no idea if what we are reading and implementing into our lives and belief system is, indeed, God's teaching. Muslims believe in the same Omnipotent, All-powerful, Unseen God that the Jews and Christians believe in as well as all the Biblical prophets and the original scriptures that they brought. And Muslims also believe that God is merciful and just to His creatures. This being the case, how can Muslims say that God is just and that His revelation, the Bible, is corrupted? Where is it in God's great plan that His revelation loses all credibility?

It is a known fact that Jesus was a prophet and that what he preached was written down into physical form by his disciples. However, God placed the responsibility on humans to preserve the integrity of this message over time. When the people failed in their duty, it was made necessary for the Holy Qur'an to come into existence in order to correct the teachings that were changed. By God's mercy He revealed His will once again to Muhammad over 600 years later, and his companions similarly wrote it down and compiled it into what became known as The Holy Qur'an. By God's justice He promised that He would preserve it therefore making it the last revelation to humanity. And today an actual seventh century Qur'an, complete and intact, is on display in a museum in Istanbul, Turkey. Every Arabic Qur'an in the world today is, letter for letter, identical to this ancient script. Due to this preservation, the Qur'an's teachings are clear, consistent, and practical.

The purpose of this pamphlet is to convey the truth. As you peruse through the many Biblical inconsistencies mentioned in this pamphlet, please go back to your own Bible and examine it objectively. If you do not, and you allow your pride or ego to get the best of you, then you will never see the truth no matter how obvious it is - like the fact that a holy book revealed from God does not have even one contradiction in it. Many Jews and Christians around the world are opening their eyes to this fact and are willfully accepting Islam and the Holy Qur'an wholeheartedly. This is a major reason why Islam is the fastest growing religion in the world today. The word of God has been preserved in the Holy Qur'an and has been changed in the Bible. It is the objective of this pamphlet to help you realize the latter. Due to the many years of traditional religious teachings and upbringing, it may be very difficult for you to accept this. But if you are a sincere believer in God then you will be just with yourself and accept the truth if and when you see it. Islam is a religion of peace. To learn more about this simple, practical, and beautiful way of life, please read the pamphlet entitled "30 Facts About Islam" and "Islam - The Religion of God".

Please check your own Bible because some versions have been revised.

VERSES THAT CONTRADICT THEMSELVES

Genesis 6:3 and Genesis 11:11 - Life limited to 120 years?

Genesis 32:30 and Exodus 33:20 - Jacob's life was preserved?

Exodus 4:22 and Jeremiah 31:9 - Who was God's firstborn?

Numbers 23:19 and Genesis 6:6-7 - Does God repent or not?

2 Samuel 6:23 and 2 Samuel 21:8 - Did Michal have children?

2 Samuel 8:4 and 1 Chronicles 18:4 - 700 or 7000 horsemen?

2 Samuel 8:9-10 and 1 Chronicles 18:9-10 - Toi or Tou? Hadadezer or Hadarezer? Joram or Hadoram?

2 Samuel 10:18 and 1 Chronicles 19:18 - 700 or 7000 charioteers? 40,000 horsemen or footmen? Captain's name?

2 Samuel 24:1 and 1 Chronicles 21:1 - Who provoked David?

2 Samuel 24:9 and 1 Chronicles 21:5 - 800,000 or 100,000?

2 Samuel 24:13 and 1 Chronicles 21:11-12 - 7 or 3 years?

1 Kings 4:26 and 2 Chronicles 9:25 - 40,000 or 4,000 stalls?

1 Kings 5:15-16 and 2 Chronicles 2:2 - 3300 or 3600?

1 Kings 7:26 and 2 Chronicles 4:5 - 2000 or 3000 baths?

2 Kings 8:26 and 2 Chronicles 22:2 - 22 or 42 years old?

2 Kings 24:8 and 2 Chronicles 36:9 - 18 or 8 years old? 3 months or 3 months and 10 days?

Erza 2:65 and Nehemiah 7:67 - 200 or 245 singers?

Matthew 1:12 and Luke 3:27 - Who was Salathiel's father?

Matthew 1:16 and Luke 3:23 - Who was Joseph's father?

Matthew 9:18 and Mark 5:22-23 - Dead or not?

Matthew 10:5-10 and Mark 6:7-8 - Bring a staff or not?

Matthew 15:21-22 and Mark 7:24-26 - The woman was of Canaan or Greece?

Matthew 20:29-30 and Mark 10:46-47 - One or two beggars?

Matthew 21:1-2 and Mark 11:1-2 - What happened to the ass?

Matthew 26:74-75 and Mark 14:72 - Before the cock crow once or twice?

Matthew 27:5 and Acts 1:18 - How did Judas die?

John 3:16 and Psalms 2:7 - Only begotten son?

John 5:31 and John 8:14 - Was Jesus' record true or not?

VERSES THAT CONTRADICT THE TRINITARIAN DOCTRINE AND/OR THE DIVINITY OF JESUS

Exodus 33:20, John 1:18, 1 Timothy 6:16 - No one saw God.

Isaiah 42:8 - Do not praise and worship images.

Isaiah 45:1 - "Anointed" does not mean "God".

Matthew 14:23, 19:13, 26:39, 27:46, 26:42-44 - Jesus prayed.

Matthew 24:36 - Jesus was not all-knowing.

Matthew 26:39 - Jesus and God had different wills.

Matthew 28:18 - All power was given to Jesus.

Mark 1:35, 6:46, 14:35-36 - Jesus prayed.

Mark 10:17-18 and Luke 18:18-19 - Jesus denied divinity.

Mark 12:28-29 - God is one.

Mark 13:32 - Jesus was not all-knowing.

Mark 16:19 and Luke 22:69 - Jesus at the right hand of God.

Luke 3:21, 5:16, 6:12, 9:18, 9:28, 11:1-4, 22:41 - Jesus prayed.

Luke 4:18, 9:48, 10:16 - Jesus was from God.

Luke 7:16, 13:33, 24:18-19 - Jesus was a prophet.

Luke 10:21 - Jesus gave thanks.

Luke 23:46 - The spirit of Jesus was commended to God.

John 4:19 - Jesus was a prophet.

John 4:23-24 - Worship in spirit and truth.

John 14:28 - One was greater than the other.

John 5:19, 5:30, 7:28, 8:28 - Jesus was helpless.

John 5:20 - The Father showed the son.

John 5:30 and 6:38 - Jesus and God had different wills.

John 5:31-32 - Jesus' witness was not true.

John 6:11 and 11:41-42 - Jesus gave thanks.

John 6:32 - The Father was the provider, not the son.

John 7:29, 16:5, 16:28 - Jesus was from God.

John 7:16, 12:49, 14:24, 17:14 - Jesus' words were not his.

John 8:42 - Jesus did not come of himself.

John 10:29 - "My Father, which gave them me, is greater than all."

John 14:1 - Jesus said, "...believe also in me."

John 14:16, 17:1, 17:9, 17:11, 17:15 - Jesus prayed.

John 14:31 and 15:10 - Jesus followed commands.

John 17:6-8 - "I have given unto them the words which thou gavest me."

John 20:17 - Jesus had a god.

Acts 2:22 - Jesus was "a man approved of God."

Romans 8:34 - Jesus was an intercessor.

1 Timothy 2:5 - Jesus was the mediator between God and humans.

"ONE" SHOULD NOT BE TAKEN LITERALLY

Mark 10:6-9 and John 14:20, 15:1-7, 17:11, 17:18-23, 17:26

There are many verses in the Bible that speak of Jesus and God as being "one". But does this necessarily mean that Jesus is God? If you read the six selections above then you will see that we cannot take the word "one" so literally. If we do, then we are God, as Jesus said, "...they also may be one in us" and "...they may be one, even as we are one." What the Bible means when it says that Jesus is "one" with God is that he is extremely close to God, "as if" they are one. John 17:18-23 tells how we normal human beings can attain this "oneness" (or "closeness") with God by being "sanctified through the truth." Aside from this, neither the word "trinity" appears anywhere in the Bible nor any explanation of such a thing.

"LORD" DOES NOT NECESSARILY MEAN "GOD"

Matthew 18:23-34, Luke 19:11-21, and John 20:26-29

Many of Jesus' disciples referred to Jesus as "Lord". Even Jesus himself said that he is their Lord. But does this mean that he is their God? If you read the three short stories above then you will realize that back in the Biblical time period most servants referred to their masters as "lord". This was a common practice because it showed honor and respect for a person of such high stature. Even today in many countries around the world such as England, "lord" is used in referring to kings, princes, and others who deserve such a lofty title. The disciples and followers of Jesus viewed him as their earthly master and themselves as his servants. He was a man from God who brought them God's message of truth, justice, and peace. Who could be more deserving of the title "lord" than Jesus Christ? Besides, "lord" is defined by Webster in many curious ways. A few of them are as follows: "1. A man of high rank in a feudal society. 2. A king. 3. A general masculine title of nobility or rank. 4. A man of renowned power. 5. A man who has mastery in a given activity or field." Commenting on the word's history, Webster says that "lord" literally means 'guardian of the bread'. He continues, "Since such a position would be the dominant one in the household, lord came to denote a man of authority and rank in society at large." In The Holy Qur'an also uses "lord" in the same context (see 12:23 and 12:41-42). This was simply the language of the time. The word "lord" does not render the person which it is being applied to as God. If this were the case, then many human beings in the Bible would have to be considered God.

JESUS DENIED DIVINITY

Mark 10:17-18 and Luke 18:18-19

These verses are highlighted because they are most indicative of Jesus' position and real nature. The verse in Mark reads: "As he [Jesus] was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, 'Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?'"

Jesus said to him, 'Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone.' If you analyze this verse in truth you will see that Jesus, quite simply, is not God. If he was, why then would he say "No one is good but God alone"? Jesus did not want to be called "good" because he was not God. That title, as Jesus admits, belongs to none but God.

CONCLUSION

If all of this has confused you it's probably because you've been trying to justify your belief in the Trinity. To believe in the Trinity goes against all of the teachings of Jesus, as well as the Bible. This is because the Trinity is a man-made doctrine that was drawn up several hundred years after Jesus. In this time period different interpretations of the Bible were causing serious debates among Christians. The various interpretations were, undoubtedly, due to human perversion of the original scriptures, poor preservation, and/or shoddy translations. One of the main things being questioned was the nature of God and Jesus. Was Jesus actually God, the son of God, or just a messenger? The Council of Nicea was formed in an attempt to settle this dispute, and the Nicene Creed (the trinitarian doctrine) was subsequently hammered out.

Please do not be offended by what this pamphlet has put on the table. We cannot justify our beliefs as being true by saying that our parents have taught us. Please research for yourself the Council of Nicea and the preservation of the Bible, or lack thereof. And do not just accept a belief system because it was passed down to you by your parents. After all, what if it is not correct? And remember, Muslims also believe that Jesus was a great prophet and also believe in the same unseen God that he refers to as "Father". Islam is simply a complete way of life and set of rules similar to Biblical teachings that were revealed to humankind after Jesus through prophet Muhammad. Why? In order to correct the teachings that were changed by humans before it. To learn more about Islam please read the pamphlets entitled "Islam - The Religion of God" and "30 Facts About Islam". May God guide the sincere seekers of truth.