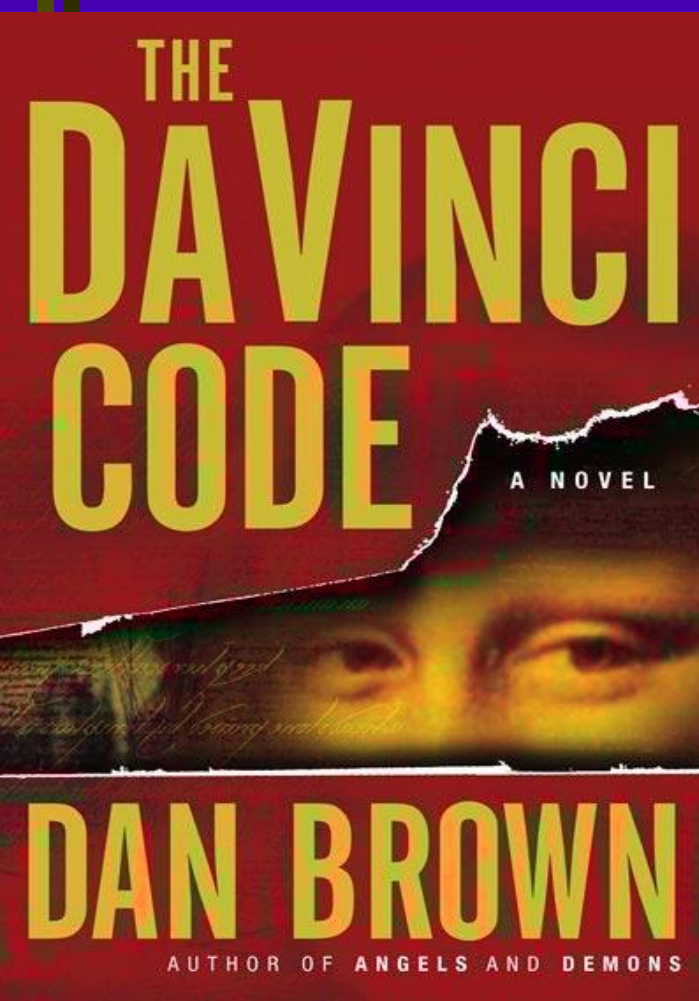


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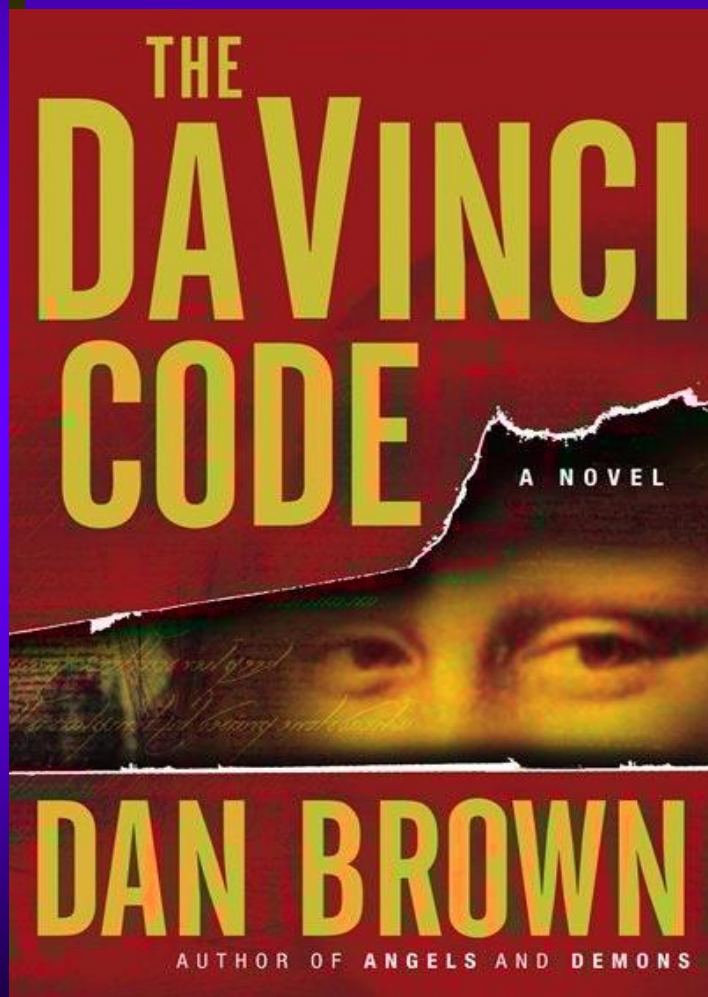
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DaVinci Challenge to The Reliability of the Gospels



"The Bible is a product of man, my dear. Not of God.... Man created it as a historical record.... The Bible, as we know it today, was collated by the pagan Roman emperor Constantine the Great" (231).

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"Many have made a trade of delusions and false miracles, deceiving the stupid multitude...." (231).

"Almost everything our fathers taught us about Christ is false (234-235).

A. The Jesus Seminar: Doubts Most of the Gospels

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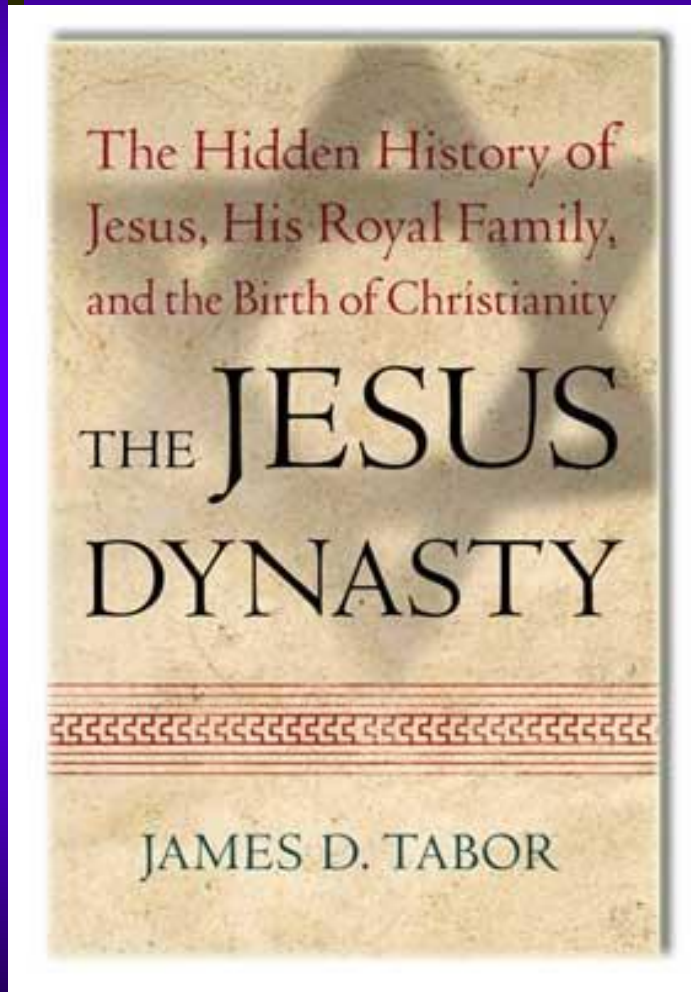
- 82% is not authentic
- 16% more is doubtful
- 98% total is in doubt

C. Bart Ehrman: Doubts NT Manuscripts



"And these [NT Ms.] copies all differ from one another, in many thousands of places.... These copies differ from each other in so many places that we don't even know how many differences there are."
(*Misquoting Jesus*, 10, 12).

D. James Tabor: No Miracles in Bible



The Gospels have errors and contradictions (237). Miracle stories are not true including the Virgin Birth and resurrection because "Women do not get pregnant without a male—ever" (233) and "Dead bodies don't rise—not if one is clinically dead—as Jesus surely was after Roman crucifixion and three days in a tomb" (234).

- The Bible: Errors? No!
- Bible Critics: Errors? Yes!

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- God the Father
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Then...

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And if...

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The only alternatives:

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OR

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OR both

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And The Bible is the Word of God

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*"If he called them gods, unto whom **the word of God** came, and **the scripture** cannot be broken."* (Jn. 10:34-35)

*"Laying aside the commandment of God, you hold the traditions of men..., making **the word of God** of no effect through your traditions"* (Mk. 7:8, 13).

Paul said so:

*"All scripture is given by **inspiration of God**...."* (2 Tim. 3:16)

*"Not as though the **word of God** hath taken none effect."*

(Rom. 9:6)

What Scripture Says, God Says

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Gen. 12:3

Ex. 9:16

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Gen. 2:24

Psa. 2:1

Psa. 2:7

Psa. 16:10

Psa. 95:7

Psa. 97:7

Psa. 104:4

Isa. 55:3

Isa. 6:9

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Matt. 19:4-5

Acts 4:24-25

Heb. 1:5

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Matt. 19:4-5

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Isa. 6:9

*"[Isaiah wrote], "Go to
this People and say...."*

Acts 28:25

*"The Holy Spirit rightly spoke
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Peter said: "For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Ghost." (2 Peter 1:21)

Luke wrote: "God spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets long ago." (Acts 3:21)

A Good Analogy:

The Living Word

(Savior)

Divine Nature

Human Nature

One in Person

Without Sin

The Written Word

(Scripture)

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Jesus "was without sin" (Heb. 4:15);

"had no sin" (2 Cor. 5:21);

"was without blemish or defect" (1 Pet. 1:19);

"is righteous" (1 Jn. 2:1)

"is pure" (1 Jn. 3:3).

Likewise,

The Bible "is God-breathed" (2 Tim. 3:16);

"is out of the mouth of God" (Mt. 4:4);

"is perfect" (Psa. 19:7);

"is flawless" (Prov. 30:4);

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Many Difficulties

Assumed Explainability

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St. Augustine's Dictum:

"If we are perplexed by any apparent contradiction in Scripture, it is not allowable to say, The author of this book is mistaken; but either [1] the manuscript is faulty, or [2] the translation is wrong, or [3] you have not understood."

(Augustine, Reply to Faustus 11.5)



The Errors of the Critics

"The Bible is without errors...

But **the critics are not.**"

Error # 1 of the Critics: Confusing Our Fallible *Interpretation* with God's Infallible *Revelation*?

The Bible cannot be wrong, but—
Our interpretation of it can be wrong.

The Bible is infallible, but—
we are not!

GOD

General Revelation ← **no conflict** → Special Revelation

(Facts of Science)

(Facts of Scripture)

GOD



Error # 2 of the Critics: Assuming that the Unexplained is not Explainable.

- Science once had no explanation for meteors, eclipses, tornadoes, hurricanes, earthquakes, or how the bumblebee could fly.
- All these are now explained.
- More will be explained in the future.
- ***THE SAME IS TRUE OF BIBLE DIFFICULTIES!***

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COMPLETE: *THIS IS JESUS OF NAZARETH THE KING OF THE JEWS.*

Note:

- Each has the essential part of it.
- All together gives the whole statement.

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Error # 5 of the Critics: Forgetting That the Bible Uses Non-technical, Everyday Language

- The Bible was written for the common man in common language.
- It uses everyday, observational language.
- This is not **un**scientific; it is merely **pre**scientific.

Illustrations: It speaks of the sun "**standing still**" (Josh. 10:12) and the sun "**rising**." (Josh. 1:16)

**But even contemporary
meteorologists speak of "sunrise" and
"sunset."**



**No scientist says: *"Honey, look at the beautiful
earth rotation!"***

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Error # 7: Forgetting That Only the Original Text, Not Every Copy of Scripture, is Without Error

- Ahaziah was 42.

(2 Chrn. 22:2)

- Solomon had 40,000 stalls.

(1 Kings 4:26)

- Ahaziah was 22.

(2 Kings 8:26 KJV)

- Solomon had 4,000 stalls.

(2 Chrn. 9:25)

Note Several Important Things:

- 1. These errors are found only in copies, not in the originals.**
- 2. They are rare.**
- 3. They affect no doctrine of Scripture.**
- 4. We usually know which one is correct by the context.**

What if you received this message?

"Y#U HAVE WON TEN MILLION DOLLARS"

Would you collect the money?

What if you received this message?

"Y#U HAVE WON TEN MILLION DOLLARS"

"YO# HAVE WON TEN MILLION DOLLARS"

And if you received this message, you would have no doubt!

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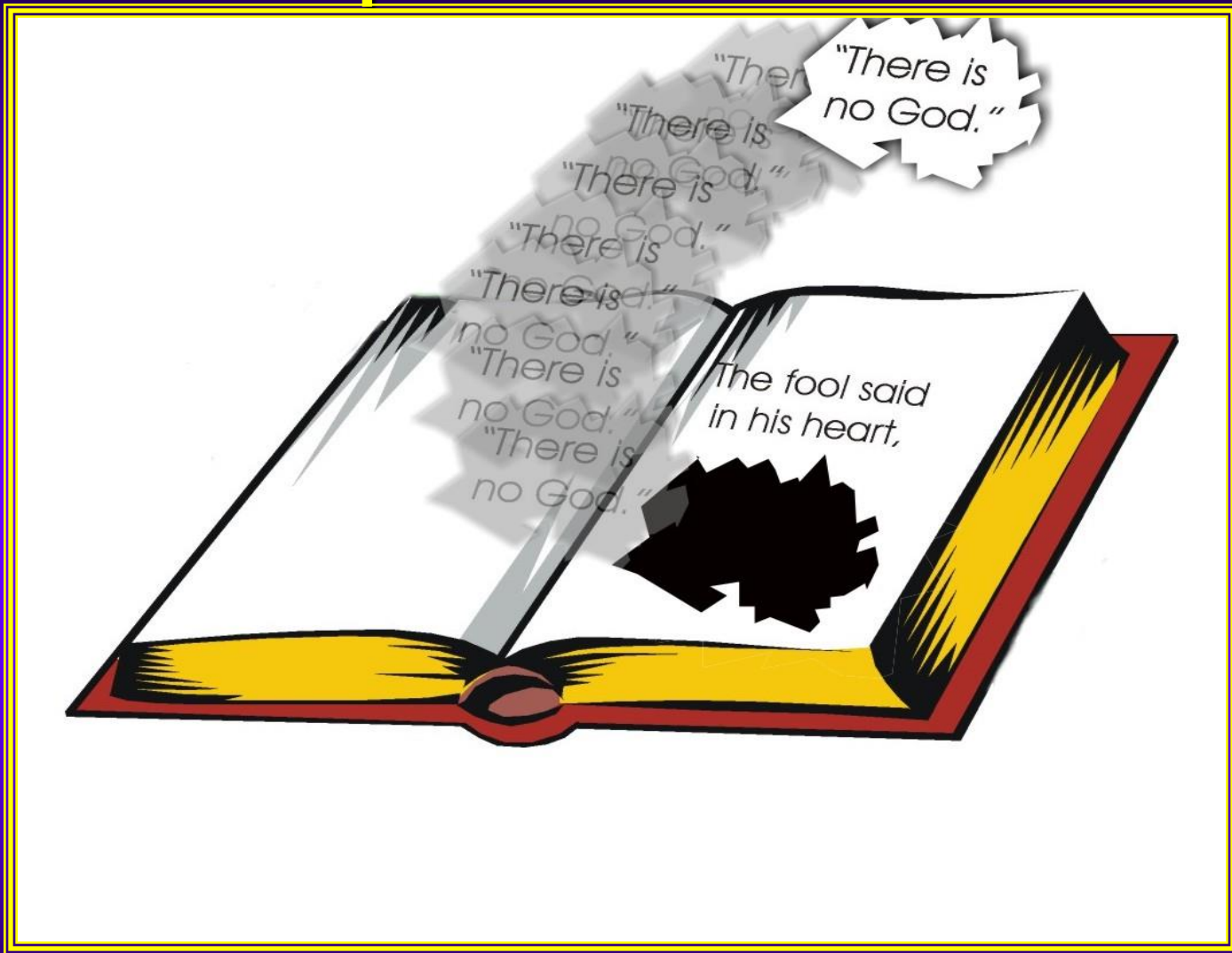
Note:

- 1. Even with mistakes, 100% of the message comes through.**
- 2. The more errors, the more sure you are of the message.**
- 3. The Bible has many less errors in the copies than this message has.**

Error # 8 of the Critics: Failing to Understand the Context of the Passage

An old adage: "A text out of context is a pretext."

For Example



The Bible says "there is no God." (Psa. 14:1)

The Context: The "fool" said this.

Other Examples of a text out of context:

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But science says it is the orchid seed.

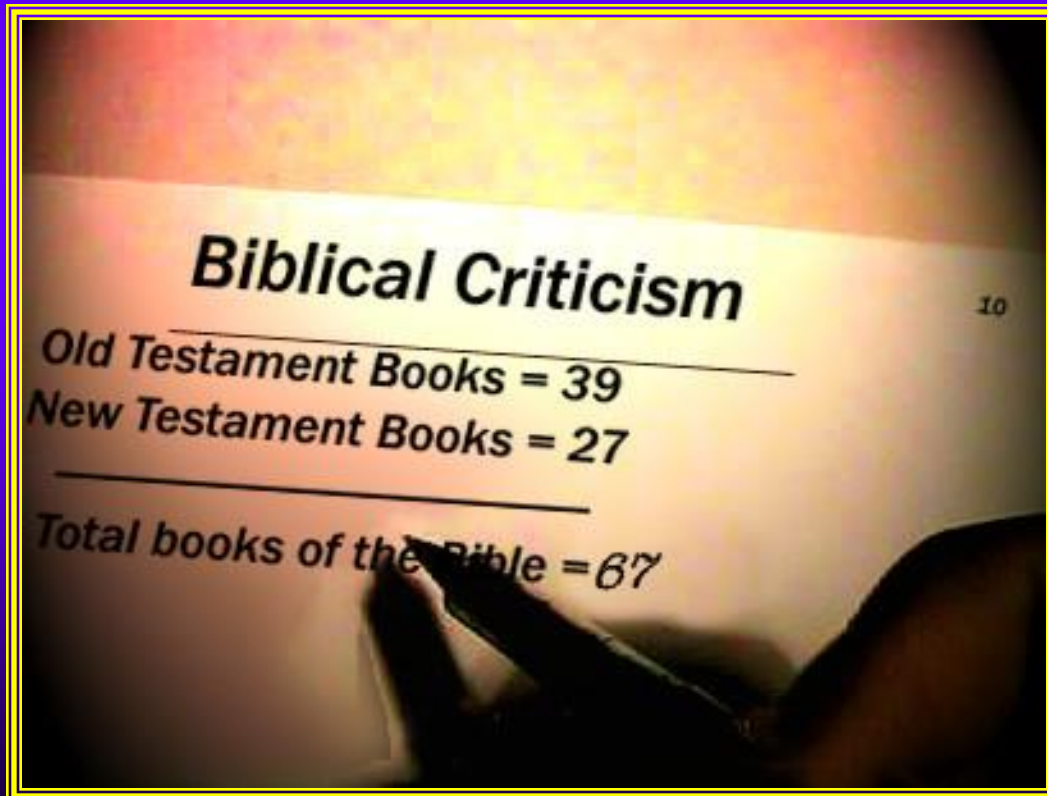
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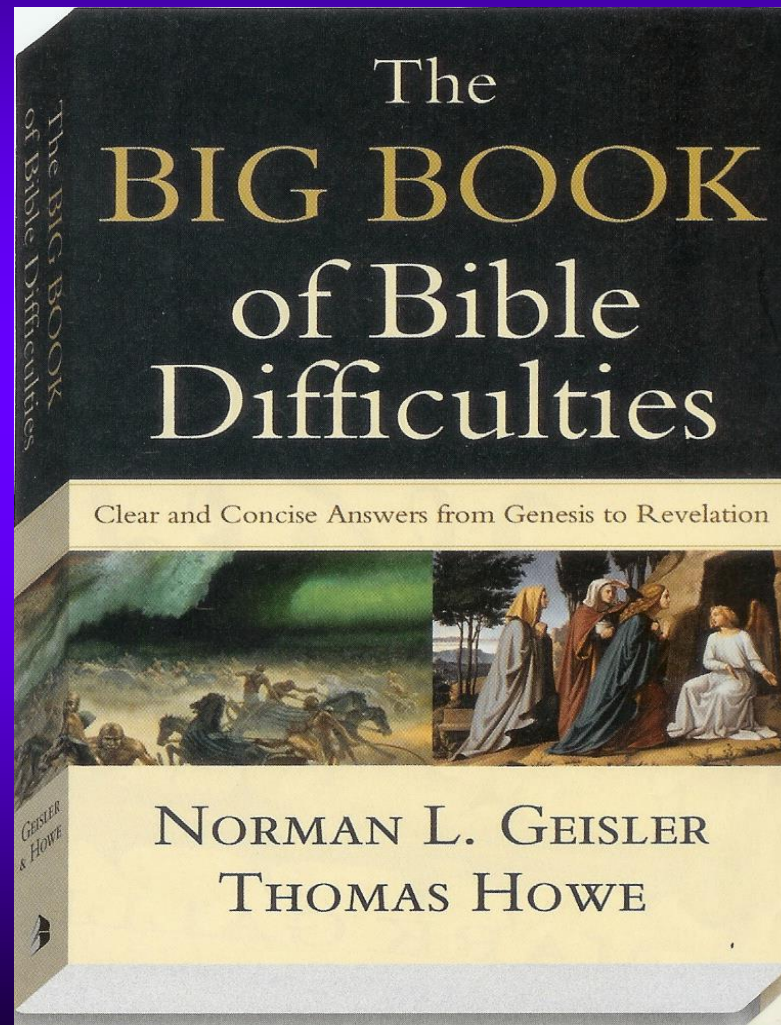
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The Context: However, the mustard seed was the smallest one "which a man took and **sowed in his field**" (Mt. 13:31), not the smallest in the world.

**No one has ever demonstrated an error in the Bible, but—
We have seen that there are many errors in the critics.**



For 800 More Errors of the Critics,
See *The Big Book of Bible Difficulties*.



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"For **the word of God is** alive, and powerful, and sharper than any two edged sword...and is **a discerner (Lt. critic) of the thoughts and intents of the heart.**" (Heb. 4:12)

Other Alleged Bible Contradictions

Problem: In Matt. 10:9-10 says "Do not take...a staff [for your journey]" but Mark 6:8 says to "take nothing for their journey, except a mere staff...."

Answer: Mark declares that should take nothing except a staff which a traveler would normally have. Whereas, Matthew says they are not to acquire an **extra** staff. In short, travel light. Don't even take "two tunics" (Mt. 10:10).

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- 1. Adam was created from dust and he returned to it (2:7,19).**
- 2. Eve was made from Adam's rib (2:21-24).**
- 3. God created every living thing (1:21).**
- 4. God created new forms of life (1:24).**
- 5. Each form of life produced its own kind (1:21, 22, 24).**
- 6. God made man in His image and likeness (1:27).**
- 7. God told them to have children (1:28) and they did (Gen 4).***
- 7. Man could speak a language from the beginning (3:3,10).**
- 8. Man had intellectual ability to name things from the very beginning (2:19-20).**
- 9. Man had moral capacity and responsibility from the very beginning (2:16-17).**
- 10. Man had the ability to reproduce from the beginning (1:28).**

***This is contrary to some theistic evolutionist's claim that Adam and Eve were names to represent a collective group.**

Are the Two Compatible?

- A. Basic Evangelical Doctrines are based on a Literal Interpretation of Scripture, e.g.,--**
 - 1. The Fall of Man (Rom. 5)**
 - 2. The Virgin Birth (Mt. 1)**
 - 3. The Death of Christ (Mk. 15)**
 - 4. The Resurrection of Christ (Lk. 24)**
- B. The Literal Interpretation demands the historicity of Genesis 1-3 (shown above).**
- C. But theistic evolution is contrary to a literal interpretation of Genesis 1-3 (shown above).**
- D. Therefore, theistic evolution is inconsistent with an evangelical understanding of Scripture.**

Other Alleged Bible Contradictions

Problem: Genesis says the sun was not made until the fourth day (Gen. 1:14-19). Yet there was “evening and morning [light]” from the first day (1:2-5) on.

Answer: First, there was light from the first day when God said, “Let there be light” (1:3) and there was “morning.” Second, there was light from the first day, but the light holders (sun, moon, and stars) did not become visible until the fourth day (just as we can see that it is light on a foggy day but can not see the sun).

Other Alleged Bible Contradictions

Problem: Genesis 1 and 2 give two contradictory creation accounts.

Answer: First, they are not contradictory but complementary. Genesis one give the outline and chronological order, showing the **creation** of animals. Genesis 2 give a more topical and detailed account leading up to the **naming** of the animals. Second, in Genesis 1 the animals are **created** before man. But in Genesis 2 they are **named** after man is created. It does not say they were created after man was. It simply says Adam named the animals which God had already created (Gen 2:19).

Other Alleged Bible Contradictions

Problem: Genesis 4:16-17 says Cain had a wife and children. But there was no one else to marry, since there was only Adam, Eve, and Cain left (after he killed Abel).

Answer: First, Adam and Eve had “other sons and daughters” (Gen. 5:4). Second, Adam lived for 800 years after he started to have children. You can have a lot of children in 800 years! So, there were many other women to marry. Third, it was not yet forbidden to marry one’s sister or cousin—a law that came much later because of possible genetic deformities.

Other Alleged Bible Contradictions

Problem: Biblical authors held the false view of ancient times that the atmosphere was not basically empty but was a solid dome. Job says God “spread out the skies” like “a cast metal mirror” (37:18). Indeed, the Hebrew word for “firmament” (*raqia*) (Gen. 1:16) is defined in Hebrew dictionary as a solid object.

Answer: First, the root meaning (etymology) of *raqia* was solid object, but meaning is not determined by *origin* but by *usage*. For example, “board” was originally a solid plank but now can refer to a non-physical unity among a group of persons—a board of Elders.

Second, *raqia* means to beat out or spread out, as metal is thinned out when beaten. It is correctly rendered "expanse" (cf. Ex. 39:3; Is. 40:19 NIV, NASB). Second, Isaiah 42:22 says God "stretched out the heavens like a curtain" which fits with the idea of an expanding universe. Third, the Bible speaks of rain as falling through the sky (Job. 36:27-28) which is not possible through a solid object. Fourth, birds are said to fly "above" the earth and across the face of firmament (Gen. 1:20) which is not possible if the sky is solid. Finally, Job does not say the skies *are* a metal mirror, but only *like* one in their strength (endurance). This should not be taken any more literally than saying God is like a strong tower (Prov. 18:12).

Second, the Bible does not use modern technical categories but those useful for an average observer who could see by this chewing motion whether it was an unclean animal or not. The Bible employs the same observational language when it speaks of "sun rise" and "sun set."

Other Alleged Bible Contradictions

Problem: Matt. 8:5 says the “centurion came to Him entreating Him....” But Luke 7:6 says “the centurion sent friends” to speak to Jesus.

Answer: Both are true; the centurion spoke through his representatives just as the Secretary of State speaks for the president as his official representative.

Problem: Leviticus 11:5-6 says the rabbit chews the cud, when science has proven it does not.

Answer: First, rabbits do not chew the cud in the modern technical sense (of ruminants which usually have four stomachs), but they do have a chewing action that looks similar. They practiced refection (chewing their droppings). Even the famous scientist Linnaeus originally classed rabbits as ruminants because of their similar chewing motion.

Problem: Mark 2:26 says Abiathar was high priest instead of Ahimelech who was the high priest at the time of David (1 Samuel 21:1–6).

Response: First, a few early manuscripts omit the phrase “in the days of Abiathar” which would resolve the problem.

Second, Mark may have given the name of the more famous of the two, who, may have been an assistant to his father at the time, as Eli’s sons were to him (1 Sam. 4:4).

Third, it only says “in the *days* of Abiathar” (v. 26), which need not imply he was high priest at the time. So, it may have been during his *time* but not during his *tenure*.

Fourth, Greek scholar A.T. Robertson said that "It is possible that both father and son bore both names as was not uncommon (1 Sam. 22:20; 2 Sam. 8:17; 1 Chrn. 18:16).

Fifth, the word "time" or "days" is not in the Greek. It is literally *epi Abiathar*, "upon Abaiathar" and could be a Greek idiom meaning "in the passage about Abiathar, the high priest" (cf. Mark 12:26). This was a customary Jewish way of indicating the section of the Old Testament where a desired incident could be found" (see *Bible Knowledge Commentary*, 114) since there were no chapter divisions at that time.

Further Problem: Jairus told Jesus in Matthews 9:18 that his daughter was dead. But in Mark and Luke Jairus told Jesus that she was only “at the point of death” (Mk 5:23 cf. Lk. 8:42).

Response: 1) First, there is no contradiction here since while he “was still speaking, someone from Jairus’s house came and said, “Your daughter is dead”” (Lk. 8:49). 2) After that it was correct to say, as Jairus did (Mt. 9:18) that “my daughter has just died.” Matthew did not say Jarius said anything that he did not say. He merely combines the two parts of the conversation, thus stressing the point that the girl had actually died by that time. This is an acceptable literary practice called collation.

2. Jesus (and his apostles) confirmed Genesis 1-11

- 1. Creation of the universe (Gen. 1)—Mk. 13:19; John 1:3; Col. 1:16**
- 2. Creation of Adam and Eve (Gen. 1-2)—Mk. 10:6; Mk. 13:19; 1 Tim. 2:13; 1 Cor. 11:8-9; 1 Cor. 15:45**
- 3. God resting on the seventh day (Gen. 1)—Heb. 4:3-4**
- 4. The marriage of Adam and Eve (Gen. 2)—Mt. 19:4-6; Mk. 10:7-8; Eph. 5:31; 1 Cor. 6:16**
- 5. The temptation of Eve (Gen. 3)—1 Tim. 2:14; 2 Cor. 11:3**
- 6. The disobedience of Adam (Gen. 3)—Rom. 5:12, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19**
- 7. The sacrifices of Abel and Cain (Gen. 4)—Heb. 11:4**
- 8. The murder of Abel by Cain (Gen. 4)—Mt. 23:35; 1 Jn. 3:12; Jude 11**
- 9. The birth of Seth (Gen. 4)—Lk. 3:38**
- 10. The translation of Enoch to heaven (Gen. 5)—Heb. 11:5**
- 11. Marriage before the flood (Gen. 6)—Lk. 17:27**
- 12. The Flood and destruction of mankind (Gen. 7)—Mt. 24:39**
- 13. The Preservation of Noah and his family (Gen. 8-9)—1 Pet. 3:20; 2 Pet. 2:5**
- 14. Noah's son Shem and his descendants (Gen. 10)—Lk. 3:35-36**
- 15. The Birth of Abram (Abraham) (Gen. 11)—Lk. 3:34**