Bible Errors?

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Understand the Bible was written for man's point of view.

If the Bible tells of a "sunrise" or "sunset", it doesn't have to call it an "earth revolving"

The emphasis is on man's understanding and what God chooses to reveal to him.

If man desires more understanding God will give it to him.

If man is prideful and obstinate, God will shut his knowledge to understanding or knowing God.

The Bible becomes a trap to those of no faith and will lock them into greater darkness.

1) <u>Jesus said the end of the world would be in his generation</u>

Jesus is talking of signs that will happen before the end of the world to his disciples

(Notice: Jesus probably thought the stars were little lights attached to a solid rotating sky dome like everyone else at that time)

Jesus is God in the flesh.

The fullness of the Godhead became a human and became temporarily limited as a human yet remaining the God of the universe. The Holy Spirit is also the fullness of God.

God. As Jesus , was quite limited as a human and had to depend upon the God of heaven, the Holy spirit, and even the angels.

Jesus set examples for us. Remain humble and depend upon God and not your own strength.

The four gospels were written by four men with four different perspectives of Jesus.

Matthew wrote of Jesus as the King of the World and Universe. Ezekiel and Revelation reveal a Lion as Jesus

Mark wrote of Jesus the Servant of Man. Very humbling. Ezekiel and Revelation reveal an Ox as Jesus

Luke wrote of Jesus as a human, of male flesh. Ezekiel and Revelation reveal a Man as Jesus

John reveals Jesus as God in the flesh Ezekiel and Revelation reveal an Eagle as Jesus

If you were researching Jesus as God, you would not use the book of Luke, you would use John.

(Mat 24:29 NRSV) "Immediately after the suffering of those days the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; *the stars will fall from heaven*, and the powers of heaven will be shaken.

(Mat 24:30 NRSV) Then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in heaven, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see 'the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven' with power and great glory.

(Jesus now says to his disciples that their generation will not pass away before the end of the world)

(Mat 24:34 NRSV) Truly I tell you, *this generation will not pass away* until all these things have taken place.

(Their generation did pass away, but the world didn't end)

This generation refers to the generation that sees the signs, a future generation, not the generation present with Jesus.

(Muslims love to ignore syntax, grammer, terminology, and other references, in order to prove their very weak points.

Muslims are jealous of the free gift of salvation. They are taught to work for their God's acceptance.

Jesus said that believers could handle snakes and drink poison

Jesus tells his disciples that those "who believe" can heal, handle snakes, cast demons out, speak in tongues, and drink poison.

(Mark 16:17-18 NRSV) And these signs will accompany those who believe: by using my name they will cast out demons; they will speak in new tongues; they will pick up snakes in their hands, and if they drink any deadly thing, it will not hurt them; they will lay their hands on the sick, and they will recover."

Paul was bitten by a snake and lived.

Acts 28:3 After Paul had gathered some wood and had put it on the fire, the heat caused a snake to crawl out, and it bit him on the hand.
Acts 28:4 When the local people saw the snake hanging from Paul's hand, they said to each other, "This man must be a murderer! He didn't drown in the sea, but the goddess of justice will kill him anyway."
Acts 28:5 Paul shook the snake off into the fire and wasn't harmed.
Acts 28:6 The people kept thinking that Paul would either swell up or suddenly drop dead. They watched him for a long time, and when nothing happened to him, they changed their minds and said, "This man is a god."

If God is using you for His purpose you will not die, but you definitely do not put God to the test as they do in the crazy snake churches.

Jesus' primitive astronomy

Jesus was just a mortal man who had no special knowledge of modern cosmology. Here are some verses that indicate this:

Jesus was not sent to teach astronomy, he was sent to die for the sins of the world. When you look up and see God's cataclysm of the cosmos it will look to you as stars falling away.

(Jesus is talking about the end of the world) (Mat 24:29 NRSV) "Immediately after the suffering of those days the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; *the stars will fall* from heaven, and the powers of heaven will be shaken.

Jesus is obviously talking about stars (to him little lights) falling from the sky (to him just a few miles up) down to earth.

The stars do look light little lights from an earthly perspective. Al's comments are assuming what Jesus was thinking. No one can know what Jesus was thinking except for what is recorded in scripture.

This was entirely feasible to people of his time as they did not know that the stars are hugh celestial objects like our sun (many, many times larger than the earth) that were unimaginably distant.

Do they need to know that? Not for the purpose for what Jesus is revealing to them.

We know today that stars are suns that are at such distances that light takes dozens to hundreds of thousands of years to travel to us.

Even if they could travel instantaneously to earth, they could not "fall to earth" as they are up to millions of times larger than the earth.

Comets and Asteroids are included as stars from an earthly perspective and they fall to the earth.

Problems with the Jonah story

Here is the certainly mythical story of how Jonah lived inside of a fish for three days:

(Jonah 1:17 NRSV) But the LORD provided a large fish to swallow up Jonah; and Jonah was in the belly of the fish three days and three nights.

Lets assume that the story was talking about a whale which was incorrectly identified as a fish by this tale and that the whale would have some interest in swallowing a person whole, let's look at some of the other ways this is fiction:

a) No oxygen.

b) Lot of poisonous digestive juices.

c) No drinkable water.

d) A whale has an enormously fast digestive system.

The Bible goes on to tell of how God "talks" to the "fish" and the "fish" "spews" the man on to dry land.

Al assumes God cannot talk to a fish. Al assumes God cannot sustain or protect a man from snake bites or digestive juice.

What if Jonah died in the whale and God raised Jonah back to life like Lazarus?

Mat 12:39 But Jesus replied: You want a sign because you are evil and won't believe! But the only sign you will get is the sign of the prophet Jonah.
Mat 12:40 **He was in the stomach of a big fish for three days and nights, just as the Son of Man will be deep in the earth for three days and nights.**
Mat 12:41 On the day of judgment the people of Nineveh will stand there with you and condemn you. They turned to God when Jonah preached, and yet here is something far greater than Jonah.

Garden of Eden was not a fair test

The test in the Garden of Eden myth, was not a fair test considering it requires the knowledge of good and evil to not do something evil, yet this is what eating the fruit was supposed to give to the couple.

The test was to listen to God or the snake. It was a loyalty test. It produced idolatry.

Idolatry and disobedience is the first Sin.

They lost their covering protection. The Shekinah glory" Their eyes were "opened"

The punishment was for choosing the Snake over God.

(Gen 2:25 NRSV) And the man and his wife were both naked, and were not ashamed.

(After eating the forbidden fruit)

(Gen 3:10-11 NRSV) (Adam) He said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself."

(God) "Who told you that you were naked?

Not knowing good from evil (Gen 3:5), they did something evil so God punished them.

They knew to listen to God and chose to obey the serpent.

Joshua makes the Sun stand still in the sky

The bible's primitive astronomy provides a longer day to complete the killing of all the Amorite men, women, and children.

Joshua realized that he wasn't going to have enough time to completely slaughter all of the Amorites (even with God helping by throwing boulders from the sky to crush the people that were fleeing) so he commanded the Sun to stand still in the sky over Gibeon and the Moon to stand still over the valley of Aijalon.

The author of Joshua like everyone else in his day was unaware of the earth's rotation and thought the Sun went around the earth and that the Sun and Moon were only a few miles up in the sky, hence the command to make them stand still over certain topographic features of the earth.

These very verses were used by the Church against Galileo when he suggested that the earth turned instead:

These verses were misused by the Catholic church.

(Josh 10:12-13 NRSV) On the day when the LORD gave the Amorites over to the Israelites, Joshua spoke to the LORD; and he said in the sight of Israel, "Sun, stand still *at Gibeon*, and Moon, *in the valley of Aijalon*."

And the sun stood still, and the moon stopped, until the nation took vengeance on their enemies. Is this not written in the Book of Jashar? The sun stopped in midheaven, and did not hurry to set for about a whole day.

The earth did tilt that day. Hit by a meteor maybe? Calendars have been a bit off since that day.

The earth had stopped which would look like the sun stopped from the earth’s perspective.

Nebuchadnezzar has a flat earth dream

Here is the dream of Nebuchadnezzar as the author of the book of Daniel imagined it. The author imagined a tree growing from the center of a flat earth and it reached the sky which in his day was thought to be just a few miles high. The tree was visible to the "ends" of the flat earth.

(Dan 4:10 NRSV) Upon my bed this is what I saw; there was a tree at the center of the earth, and its height was great.

The word hebrew word for earth here is ara:

772. 'ara', (Chald.), ar-ah'; corresp. to H776; the earth; by impl. (fig.) low:--earth, inferior

(Dan 4:11 NRSV) The tree grew great and strong, its top reached to heaven, and it was visible to the ends of the whole earth.

God uses a parable to Neb to explain an event.

There is no mentioning of a flat earth. It mentions center and ends.

The scriptures also refer to the four corners of the earth. North, South, East, and West.

This is Neb's dream. He has the right to dream anything he wants. Notice Al uses the term "imagined". Are all your dreams scientific fact or are some imagination?

Al wants to assume the Bible's intention is to give you scientific facts. The scriptures do not contradict science but will mention facts that can contradict scientists because the scientists are wrong, not the scriptures.

The scriptures inspired Christopher Columbus to believe the earth is round and he chose to sail out and prove it.

Ahaziah was 2 years older than his father

According to the bible, Ahaziah was 2 years older than his father Jehoram.

(Jehoram was inflicted with a disease by God that killed him after an eight year reign)

(2 Chr 21:20 NRSV) (Jehoram) He was *thirty-two* years old when he began to reign; he reigned *eight years* in Jerusalem. ... They buried him in the city of David...

So Jehoram died at the age of forty.

(2 Chr 22:1 NRSV) The inhabitants of Jerusalem made his *youngest* son Ahaziah king as his successor; for the troops who came with the Arabs to the camp had killed all the *older* sons. So Ahaziah son of Jehoram reigned as king of Judah.

(2 Chr 22:2 NRSV) Ahaziah was *forty-two* years old when he began to reign; he reigned one year in Jerusalem. ...

Many translations say Ahaziah was 22

(BBE) Ahaziah was twenty-two years old when he became king, and he was ruling in Jerusalem for one year. His mother's name was Athaliah, the daughter of Omri.

(CEV) He was twenty-two years old at the time, and he ruled only one year from Jerusalem. Ahaziah's mother was Athaliah, a granddaughter of King Omri of Israel,

(GNB) Ahaziah became king at the age of twenty-two, and he ruled in Jerusalem for one year. Ahaziah also followed the example of King Ahab's family, since his mother Athaliah---the daughter of King Ahab and granddaughter of King Omri of Israel---gave him advice that led him into evil.

(MSG) Ahaziah was twenty-two years old when he became king, but reigned only one year in Jerusalem. His mother was Athaliah, granddaughter of Omri.

(YLT) A son of twenty and two years *is* Ahaziah in his reigning, and one year he hath reigned in Jerusalem, and the name of his mother *is* Athaliah daughter of Omri;

The number 42 is an orthographical error for 22 (ב having been changed into)מ, 2Ki_8:26. As Joram was thirty-two years of age at his accession, and reigned eight years (2Ch_21:20 and 2Ch_21:5), at his death his youngest son could not be older than twenty-one or twenty-two years of age, and even then Joram must have begotten him in his eighteenth or nineteenth year. It is quite consistent with this that Joram had yet older sons; for in the East marriages are entered upon at a very early age, and the royal princes were wont to have several wives, or, besides their proper wives, concubines also. Certainly, had Ahaziah had forty-two older brothers, as Berth. and other critics conclude from 2Ki_10:13., then he could not possibly have been begotten, or been born, in his father's eighteenth year. But that idea rests merely upon an erroneous interpretation of the passage quoted; see on 2Ch_22:8. Ahaziah's mother Athaliah is called the daughter, i.e., granddaughter, of Omri, as in 2Ki_8:26, because he was the founder of the idolatrous dynasty of the kingdom of the ten tribes.

God draws a flat circle on the water to make the earth

Here again the bible seems to be saying that the earth is flat.

Here are more verses describing it as God "drawing" a flat 2 dimensional circle on the *face* of the waters to make the earth.

(Prov 8:26-27 NRSV) when he had not yet made earth and fields, or the world's first bits of soil. When he established the heavens, I was there, when he drew a circle on the face of the deep,

It is implying the earth is round or of carving the oceans

(Job 26:10 NRSV) He has described a circle on the face of the waters, at the boundary between light and darkness.

Earth is round.

(Isa 40:22 NRSV) It is he who sits above the *circle of the earth*, and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers; who stretches out the heavens like a curtain, and spreads them like a tent to live in;

The round earth.

The hebrew word for circle here is chuwg

2329. chuwg, khoog; from H2328; a circle:--circle, circuit, compass

We use a flat compass for earth directions. These scriptures helped Christopher Columbus gain faith that the earth is round.

Problems with the Tower of Babel story

Problems with the story of the tower of Babel (A myth to explain why there are different languages).

(Gen 11:4-7 NRSV) Then they said, "Come, let us build ourselves a city, and a tower with its top in the heavens,

(Like most people in their time, the authors of Genesis thought that the sky was a dome that was just a few miles up)

This depends upon where they define the heavens to begin. They were building a ziggurat skyscraper as an astrological observatory to study their zodiac religion.

and let us make a name for ourselves; otherwise we shall be scattered abroad upon the face of the whole earth."

(If they don't make a name for themselves they will be scattered, this sounds fairly contrived so far)

God told them to spread out and they decided to stay together in unity and build a government with one leader over them.

The LORD came down to see the city and the tower, which mortals had built.

The pre-incarnate Jesus.

Jesus also came down to inspect Sodom and Gomorrah just as he walked in the garden with Adam and Eve.

Many will be surprised to learn that Jesus has been around even before day one.

(The Lord had to "come down" cause he was "up" in heaven not omni- present, but imagined as anthropomorphic to this author. Also he had to come down because he *couldn't see the city and the tower* from where he was?)

And the LORD said, "Look, they are one people, and they have all one language; and this is only the beginning of what they will do; nothing that they propose to do will now be impossible for them.

The first one world government was beginning right after the flood of Noah. Jesus asked them to scatter to lessen the communication of sin. With today's internet, satellite, and cable, the communication of sin has rapidly increased which also marks a sign of the second coming.

Matthew 24:37 When the Son of Man appears, things will be just as they were when Noah lived.

(God is afraid of these people when all they are doing is building. Look at the pyramids in Egypt and Central America, and the structures *high* in the Andies mountains by the Incas, and the sky scrapers we build today. There hasn't been any apparent divine intervention to spoil these projects yet)

God is afraid or God is concerned for the rapid increase of sin and rebellion? God is not concerned with WHAT they are building but WHY they are building a structure symbolizing one world unity of sorcery in defiance of God's will.

Come, let us go down, and confuse their language there, so that they will not understand one another's speech."

Jesus incorrectly states that Moses wrote of him in his law

Jesus incorrectly said that he was mention by Moses in his law.

(Luke 24:44 NRSV) Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you--that everything written about me in the law of Moses,...

A lot of the old testament is full of references about Jesus and what God will do for mankind.
Luke 24:44 Jesus said to them, "While I was still with you, I told you that everything written about me in the Law of Moses, the Books of the Prophets, and in the Psalms had to happen."

Moses wrote:

Deuteronomy 18:15-19 The LORD will choose one of your own people to be a prophet just like me, and you must do what that prophet says.

Jesus incorrectly states that noone has ascended to heaven

Jesus incorrectly states that noone has ascended into heaven except the "Son of Man".

(John 3:13 NRSV) No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man.

No one has come from heaven to tell them about heaven except Jesus. This is revealing that Jesus existed before he was born in the flesh.

Thank you AL for a Trinity verse! Read all the verses to understand the full context.

Muslims love to pick and choose words out of scripture and ignore complete sentences to prove their weak points. They are Abraham's illegitimate children and very jealous of Jews and Christians.

(here is Elijah *ascending* to heaven)

(2 Ki 2:11 NRSV) As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah *ascended in a whirlwind into heaven*.

Author of Matthew miscounts his generations

The author of Matthew says there are 42 generations from Abraham to Jesus.

(Mat 1:17 NRSV) So all the generations from Abraham to David are fourteen generations; and from David to the deportation to Babylon, fourteen generations; and from the deportation to Babylon to the Messiah fourteen generations. (3 x 14 = 42)

The number of generations he actually lists is instead 41.

Matthew 1rst chapter:

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 Abraham Isaac Jacob Judah Perez Hezron Aram 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 Aminadab Nahshon Salmon Boaz Obed Jesse King David.

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 Solomon Rehoboam Abijah Asaph Jehoshaphat Joram Uzziah 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 Jotham Ahaz Hezekiah Manasseh Amos Josiah Jechoniah

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 Salathiel Zerubbabel Abiud Eliakim Azor Zadok Achim 8 9 10 11 12 13 Eliud Eleazar Matthan Jacob Joseph Jesus

14+14+13 = 41

Matthew counts Jesus as the 14th, Al leaves it out. Come on AL, does this help you prove the Bible is wrong so you can continue rejecting Jesus as your savior?

Jesus quotes a scripture that does not exist in canonized bible

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(John 7:38 NRSV) and let the one who believes in me drink. As the scripture has said, 'Out of the believer's heart shall flow rivers of living water.'"

Read ALL your Bible Al

John 7:39 Jesus was talking about the Holy Spirit, who would be given to everyone that had faith in him. The Spirit had not yet been given to anyone, since Jesus had not yet been given his full glory.

Joel 3:18 On that day, fruitful vineyards will cover the mountains. And your cattle and goats that graze on the hills will produce a lot of milk. Streams in Judah will never run dry; a stream from my house will flow in Acacia Valley.

Zechariah 13:1 In the future there will be a fountain, where David's descendants and the people of Jerusalem can wash away their sin and guilt.
Zechariah 14:8 In both summer and winter, life-giving streams will flow from Jerusalem, half of them to the Dead Sea in the east and half to the Mediterranean Sea in the west.
Isaiah 55:1 If you are thirsty, come and drink water! If you don't have any money, come, eat what you want! Drink wine and milk without paying a cent.
Isaiah 58:11 The LORD will always guide you and provide good things to eat when you are in the desert. He will make you healthy. You will be like a garden that has plenty of water or like a stream that never runs dry.

Problems with Paul's signs of the last days

Paul gives a list of things that supposedly indicate the "last days", but the things he listed are things that are continually going on all the time.

(2 Tim 3:1-5 NRSV) You must understand this, that in the last days distressing times will come.

For people will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boasters, arrogant, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy, inhuman, implacable, slanderers, profligates, brutes, haters of good, treacherous, reckless, swollen with conceit, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, holding to the outward form of godliness but denying its power. Avoid them!

Don’t be a scoffer AL

2 Peter 3:3 knowing this first, that in the last days mockers shall come with mockery, walking after their own lusts,
2 Peter 3:4 and saying, Where is the promise of his coming? for, from the day that the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of the creation.
2 Peter 3:5 For this they willfully forget, that there were heavens from of old, and an earth
2 Timothy 3:1 You can be certain that in the last days there will be some very hard times.
2 Timothy 3:2 People will love only themselves and money. They will be proud, stuck-up, rude, and disobedient to their parents. They will also be ungrateful, godless,
2 Timothy 3:3 heartless, and hateful. Their words will be cruel, and they will have no self-control or pity. These people will hate everything that is good.
2 Timothy 3:4 They will be sneaky, reckless, and puffed up with pride. Instead of loving God, they will love pleasure.
2Timothy 3:5 Even though they will make a show of being religious, their religion won't be real. Don't have anything to do with such people.

Problems with Jesus' signs of the last days

Jesus lists things that supposedly indicate the "last days", but his list is of things that are continually going on throughout history..

(Matthew 24:3-14)

When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to him privately, saying, "Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign of your coming and of the end of the age?"

Jesus answered them, "Beware that no one leads you astray. For many will come in my name, saying, 'I am the Messiah!' and they will lead many astray. And you will hear of wars and rumors of wars; see that you are not alarmed; for this must take place, but the end is not yet. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom, and there will be famines and earthquakes in various places: all this is but the beginning of the birth pangs. "Then they will hand you over to be tortured and will put you to death, and you will be hated by all nations because of my name. Then many will fall away, and they will betray one another and hate one another. And many false prophets will arise and lead many astray. And because of the increase of lawlessness, the love of many will grow cold. But the one who endures to the end will be saved. And this good news of the kingdom will be proclaimed throughout the world, as a testimony to all the nations; and then the end will come. ...

(Here is the only specific thing Jesus says and it is right before the specific "coming on the clouds of heaven")

(Matthew 24:29) "Immediately after the suffering of those days the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; the stars will fall from heaven, and the powers of heaven will be shaken.

(Again vauge nonspecific things that have been going on throughout all history (except for the Messiah statement which has only been going on since the Babylonian Exile ~2500 years ago)

Preachers have been using vauge "signs" ever since Jesus to claim that their generation will be the last one. This has been going on for centuries and is being claimed today.

Do this argument prove anything wrong?

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Problems with Satan tempting Jesus

Here is Satan telling Jesus (who was supposed to be God and owner of the world according to christian religions) to worship him and he will "give" him the world?

(Mat 4:8 NRSV) Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor;

(Only possible on a flat earth, which the authors of the synoptic Gospels must have imagined)

(Mat 4:9 NRSV) and he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me."

Even on a high mountain on a flat earth could you not see all the kingdoms as Al is teaching.

The Bible does not say 'How" Satan and Jesus understood this vision

Adam was given the right to rule the earth. He handed it over to Satan when he chose to obey Him rather than God. Jesus won the right back when he obeyed God to the cross and died sinless.

Al should study Romans concerning the Second Man –Last Adam, but that teaching is only for those desiring the truth of God.

Sorcery forbidden and yet practiced in the Bible

The Deuteronomist outlaws foreign sorcery, but the bible authors use a multitude of their own sorcerers (called prophets) to contact a supernatural power (their god) and to attempt to determine the future.

(Deu 18:10 NRSV) No one shall be found among you who makes a son or daughter pass through fire, or who *practices divination*, or is a soothsayer, or an augur, or a *sorcerer*,

"Sorcerer practices" or "Divination and Magic" From Holman's Bible Dictionary:

An attempt to contact supernatural powers to determine answers to questions hidden to humans and usually involving the future.

The prophets reveal the first and second coming of Jesus

Sorcery attempts to determine events for an individual which is quite different.

Even Muslims believe in prophecies of Mohammed and worship a big rock of their moon god Allah

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Jesus incorrectly states no man can serve two masters

Jesus here is simply wrong, a man can serve several masters and hate all of them or love all of them.

Even though this is just an analogy, an analogy is suppose to draw a parallel from something that makes sense.

(Mat 6:24 NRSV) "No one can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. ...

(Mat 6:24 NRSV) ..You cannot serve God and wealth.

Jesus is implying you cannot serve God and the pursuit of wealth at the same time

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Peter misquotes an Old Testament verse

The Apostle Peter (like the author of Matthew does many times) takes an Old Testament verse out of it's context to try to make it seem as though it was forecasting a future event.

Some observers see people acting funny, speaking in tongues that they are not capable of (this feat is never duplicated in modern day Assembly of God churches) during their "filling of the Holy Spirit" at the "Pentecost".

They then conclude they are all drunk.

Peter tells them that they aren't drunk, but they are filled with the Holy Spirit, that is why they are acting strange.

(Acts 2:15-16 NRSV) Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

(Peter then goes on to quote the prophet Joel, claiming that this filling of the spirit means they are in the "last days" before the coming of the "great day of the Lord".

A) The prophet Joel was making another vauge prediction about how Judah and Israel are going to get back together and of a great war that the Jews would have with many nations of which only they will survive (this is Joel's "Lord's great and glorious day"). Of course this prophecy failed because it never happened. (Joel 2:28 - 3:21)

Yet

B) Peter was wrong as this has nothing to do with the Pentecost or Jesus.

C) Peter takes this prediction and turns it into a validation that they were in the last days before Jesus was to come back which was his "Lord's great and glorious day" (because it mentions a "filling of a spirit" and "prophesying".

How many days does it take to be considered last days?

D) It was natural for Peter and the Apostle Paul in his letters to assume this because Jesus himself said he would come back before all of the disciples had died. (Mat 16:28)

He did come back, Jesus brought the invisible kingdom with the resurrection and the resurrection began the last days.

E) Jesus never came back, not then, and not in the almost 2000 years since, so Peter was wrong about them being in the "last days".

Jesus returned to his disciples and will return again to bring victory to the Christian and Jewish remnant for the 1000 year reign

(Acts 2:17 NRSV) 'In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall ...

(Acts 2:19-20 NRSV) And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.

These are all events culminating the Second Coming and are not yet proven wrong.

Now, Big Al, answer me this:

1. Muslims claim proof that the Koran is from God is that it contains scientifically accurate information about Embryology, yet in 86:6-7 the Koran says, "man was created from ejected liquid- Proceeding from between the backbone and the ribs". This echoes the scientific error of Hippocrates who believed semen originates, from the brain down the spinal chord, before passing through the kidneys and finally out of the body. (Hippocratic Writings, Penguin Classics, 1983, p. 317) **My question is: do you reject modern science and believe the Koran when it says sperm originates from the mid-gut section of a man's body**.

2. Muslims quote an article written in 1957 by the Jehovah's Witnesses who stated there were 50,000 errors in the translation of the King James Version. **My question is: How does this prove there is corruption in the original Greek MSS from which the King James Version was translated especially is light of the dead sea scrolls?**

3. Muslims claim, that the many different translations of the English Bible will render a single text with many different words and phrases. You said this was proof the Bible is corrupted and that the Koran reads exactly the same way everywhere in the world in Arabic. **My question is: Since the many English translations of the Koran also render a single text with many different words, does that show that the Koran is corrupted? Doesn't the**

Koran teach if it is translated out of it's original language it loses its meaning? How can you trust your English copy?

4. Muslims believe the word Allah was used by Jesus when he hung on the cross. The Bible records that Jesus said "Eli Eli lama sabachthani", but you say Jesus really cried out to Allah and said "Allah, Allah lama sabachthani" **My question is: Since Jesus was quoting Ps 22:1 on the cross, isn't it rather unlikely that both the Hebrew Old Testament and the Greek New Testament are wrong using Eli, a Hebrew word, rather than Allah, an Arab word? Since Jesus was in prayer quoting verses from Psalms, how can you say He was speaking freely to God asking why he is forsaken when He was just reciting Psalms?**

Psalms 22:1 (A Psalm by David for the music leader. To the tune "A Deer at Dawn.") My God, my God, why have you deserted me? Why are you so far away? Won't you listen to my groans and come to my rescue?
Psalms 22:2 I cry out day and night, but you don't answer, and I can never rest.
Psalms 22:3 Yet you are the holy God, ruling from your throne and praised by Israel.
Psalms 22:4 Our ancestors trusted you, and you rescued them.
Psalms 22:5 When they cried out for help, you saved them, and you did not let them down when they depended on you.
Psalms 22:6 But I am merely a worm, far less than human, and I am hated and rejected by people everywhere.
Psalms 22:7 Everyone who sees me makes fun and sneers. They shake their heads,
Psalms 22:8 and say, "Trust the LORD! If you are his favorite, let him protect you and keep you safe."
Psalms 22:9 You, LORD, brought me safely through birth, and you protected me when I was a baby at my mother's breast.
Psalms 22:10 From the day I was born, I have been in your care, and from the time of my birth, you have been my God.
Psalms 22:11 Don't stay far off when I am in trouble with no one to help me.
Psalms 22:12 Enemies are all around like a herd of wild bulls. Powerful bulls from Bashan are everywhere.
Psalms 22:13 My enemies are like lions roaring and attacking with jaws open wide.
Psalms 22:14 I have no more strength than a few drops of water. All my bones are out of joint; my heart is like melted wax.
Psalms 22:15 My strength has dried up like a broken clay pot, and my tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth. You, God, have left me to die in the dirt.
Psalms 22:16 Brutal enemies attack me like a pack of dogs, tearing at my hands and my feet.
Psalms 22:17 I can count all my bones, and my enemies just stare and sneer at me.
Psalms 22:18 They took my clothes and gambled for them.
Psalms 22:19 Don't stay far away, LORD! My strength comes from you, so hurry and help.
Psalms 22:20 Rescue me from enemy swords and save me from those dogs.

5. Muslims believe the earliest complete copies of the Bible were written 300 years after the originals of the first century. Yet Muslim scholars state the earliest copy of the Koran was written no earlier than 150 years after Muhammad died. **My question is: How could the Koran possibly be better than the Bible if both were written over 100 years later?**

6. Both the Samarqand MSS is in Tashkent, and the MSS housed in the Topkapi Museum in Istanbul are written in the script style called "Kufic". And not the earlier style known as *Ma'il* or *Mashq*. This fact is the reason Muslim scholars date these manuscripts no earlier than 200 years after Muhammad died. **My question is: What evidence can anyone supply that these MSS were written any earlier?**

7. The British Museum in London has an ancient copy of the Koran written in the Ma'il style of script, but practicing Muslim scholar Martin Lings, who is the former curator for the manuscripts of the British Museum, dates this manuscript at 790 AD. **My question is: What evidence can anyone supply that this MSS were written any earlier**?

8. The text of the Koran in 37:103 reads "they had both submitted their wills (became Muslims)" while the Arabic text of the Tashkent MSS gives the exact opposite meaning, "they did not submit their wills" (they did NOT become Muslims.) **My question is: have you actually read the Tashkent MSS for yourself in this passage and how do you explain this textual variation given your comments on the miracles of the perfect Koran**?

9. Koran 5:116, represents Christians as worshipping Mary. Catholics worship Mary, not born again Christians. Given the fact that many Arabs did worship Mary's idol in the Kaba, **my**

question is: How do you explain both groups believing in Mary worship yet ignore the many Christians today that understand it is wrong?

10. Muslim's reject the doctrine of inherited sin of Adam but teach the Immaculate Conception of Mary. The reason the doctrine of the Immaculate Conception wasinvented was to remove inherited sin. **My question is: since you reject the doctrine of inherited sin and believe all men are born without sin, why do Muslim's teach the doctrine of the Immaculate Conception of Mary?**

11. In Koran 7:125, death by crucifixion is stated to exist at the time of Moses in 1500BC. Yet Encyclopedia Britannica, in harmony with all records of history, reports that crucifixion did not exist any earlier than 500 BC. **My question is: How do you explain this historical error, and do you just disregard the history of the world merely because the Koran says otherwise**?

12. Muslim scholar, Tabbarah, said in his book, *The Spirit of Islam*, "Moslems do not worship the Black Stone, but only show special **reverence and veneration** for its dignity and they kiss it only after the example of the Prophet and to keep their Covenant with God to obey His Will and avoid His disobedience." (Tabbarah, *The Spirit of Islam*, p. 173, Muslim). Focusing on Tabbarah's key phrase of **showing reverence and veneration** to the Black Stone, **My question is do you see any difference between the Muslim practice of kissing showing reverence and venerating the Black Stone and the Catholic practice of kissing the statute of the Virgin Mary with reverence and veneration**? **How does the dictionary define worship?**

13. The Koran that says the Bible is lost altered or corrupted. **My question is would you please list all the passages you know where the Qur'an says the Bible that was in the hands of the Christians at the time of Muhammad had been corrupted**?

14. Muslims quote Quran 2:79 as a verse where the Koran says the canon of the Bible is corrupted, "Then woe to those who write the Book with their own hands, and then say: "This is from God," to traffic with it for miserable price!" **My question is: If this verse refers to the corruption of the Bible, then why did Muhammad command Christians to follow the Bible they possessed in 600 AD in Quran 2:89; 7:157? And is this the only verse in the Koran that says the Bible is corrupt**? (see also Quran 2:40-42,126,136,285; 3:3,71,93; 4:47,136; 5:47-51, 69,71-72; 6:91; 10:37,94; 21:7; 29:45,46; 35:31; 46:11)

15. Muslims quote Jeremiah 8:8 as a proof that the Old Testament canon is corrupt, "How can you say, ‘We are wise, And the law of the Lord is with us’? But behold, the lying pen of the scribes Has made *it* into a lie" Yet this verse is clearly speaking of the written scribal interpretations of the Bible as Jesus condemned in Matthew 15:1-14. Here Jesus accused the Scribes of the same thing regarding washing of hands and Corban, "you invalidate the written word of God for the sake of your tradition." **My question is: is this the only text in the Bible where you claim the canon was corrupted? If not, list other texts. Believe All of it or NONE of it.**

16. How can Muslims claim there are no textual variations in the Koran, when the Tashkent MSS differs from the modern Egyptian Qur’an in 5 passages: 2:284, 2:283, 3:37, 3:109 and 5:119. The Tashkent MSS uses the word 'Allah' while the modern Egyptian Qur'an, uses the word 'huwa' (the pronoun 'he'). My question is: **Which word do you believe are in the "preserved master tablet" and "mother of all books" in heaven?**

17. The yearly Passover ritual began the same year it was initiated in the 10th plague and continued uninterrupted for 1500 years. The weekly Lord's Supper ritual began the same week that Jesus Christ was crucified and has continued ever since for 2000 years. The Islamic rituals just come out of nowhere, 2600 years after Abraham lived. **My question is: are not the Jewish and Christian rituals more likely to be based on real history since the rituals of Islam that just pops out of nowhere 2600 years later? How can you trust it?**

18. The "Throw" is a reenactment ritual based upon Abraham and the "Run" is a reenactment ritual based upon Hagar. **My question is: Did Adam perform the throw and the Run, and if not exactly when did they become part of Islamic ritual and do you have historical evidence to support such**?

19. Given the fact that Isaac Watt, said in his book, Islam and Christianity Today, "By the standards of modern historiography, the crucifixion of Jesus is one of the most certain events in past history" (Watt, Islam and Christianity Today, p. 144). **My question is: What historical evidence do you give outside of the Qur'an that Jesus did not die on the Cross**?

20. If all Muslim's must reject the crucifixion of Jesus Christ based upon the Koran and all Christians must reject Muhammad as a prophet based upon the Bible, **my question is: on exactly what basis do you believe Christianity and Islam are compatible religions**?

21. Given the fact that the gospel of Barnabas is actually a 15th century forgery by Muslims, **my question is: why do you quote this document as proof that early Christians denied the crucifixion of Christ and what proof do you offer that it is not a Muslim forgery**?

22. Muslim's will quote Yusuf Ali's comment in footnote 663, as proof that the three early Christian sects of Marcion, Docetism, Basilides, denied the crucifixion of Jesus Christ. Given the fact the three sects are condemned as false teachers, deceivers and the anti-Christ in six Bible passages (1 John 1:1,14; 2:22; 4:1-3; 5:6; 2 John 7) **My question is: on what basis do you claim they are Christian sects and isn't it as much of a misrepresentation for you to quote these Gnostic sects as Christians who deny the crucifixion, as it would be a misrepresentation for Christians to quote the Baha'i faith as proof Muhammad was not the final Prophet**? (The holy Qur'an, text, translation and commentary by Abdullah Yusuf Ali. 1872-1952, First published in 1938, 1973 ed., p. 230, footnote 663, commenting on 4:157)

23. The Koran says in 4:157, that God causes someone who looked like Jesus to die on the cross in his place, therefore tricking the apostles of Jesus Christ into thinking he was crucified. **My question is: What happened to the man Allah used to trick the apostles? How can you escape the fact that the rise of Christianity to the largest religion in the world is ultimately the result of the divine action of Allah? Why did Allah trick so many people? How was Jesus able to show the holes in his body where he was nailed to the cross and stabbed by the guard?**

John 20:27 and said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and look at my hands! **Put your hand into my side.** Stop doubting and have faith!"
John 20:28 Thomas replied, "You are my Lord and my God!"
John 20:29 Jesus said, "Thomas, do you have faith because you have seen me? The people who have faith in me without seeing me are the ones who are really blessed!"

24. The deity of Jesus is affirmed four times in Hebrews chapter 1. Jesus Christ is called the son of God, worshiped by Angels, called God by the Father and stated to be the creator. Given the fact that you would say that this is a textual corruption of the original gospel message, **my question is would you not agree that this corrupted text does indeed call Jesus God**?

Hebrews 1:1 Long ago in many ways and at many times God's prophets spoke his message to our ancestors.

Heb 1:2 God sent his Son to bring his message to us. God created the universe by His Son, and everything will someday belong to His Son.
Heb 1:3 God's Son has all the brightness of God's own glory and is like him in every way. By his own mighty word, he holds the universe together. After the Son had washed away our sins, he sat down at the right side of the glorious God in heaven.
Heb 1:4 He had become much greater than the angels, and the name he was given is far greater than any of theirs.
Heb 1:5 God has never said to any of the angels, "You are my Son, because today I have become your Father!" Neither has God said to any of them, "I will be his Father, and he will be my Son!"
Heb 1:6 When God brings his first-born Son into the world, he commands all of his angels to worship him.
Heb 1:7 And when God speaks about the angels, he says, "I change my angels into wind and my servants into flaming fire."
Heb 1:8 **But God says about his Son, "You are God, and you will rule as King forever**! Your royal power brings about justice.
Heb 1:9 You loved justice and hated evil, and so I, your God, have chosen you. I appointed you and made you happier than any of your friends."
Heb 1:10 The Scriptures also say, "In the beginning, Lord, you were the one who laid the foundation of the earth and created the heavens.
Heb 1:11 They will all disappear and wear out like clothes, but you will last forever.
Heb 1:12 You will roll them up like a robe and change them like a garment. But you are always the same, and you will live forever."
Heb 1:13 God never said to any of the angels, "**Sit at my right side until I make your enemies into a footstool for you!"**
Heb 1:14 Angels are merely spirits sent to serve people who are going to be saved.

25. Muslim's claim that Isaiah 42 is a prophecy of Muhammad. Yet Isaiah 53 is one of the foremost prophecies of the crucifixion of Christ in the entire Old Testament. **My question is: on what basis do you feel Isaiah 42 is uncorrupted which prophecies Muhammad, but Isaiah 53 is corrupted that prophesies the crucifixion of Christ**? **Believe All or NONE**.

Isa 53:3 He was hated and rejected; his life was filled with sorrow and terrible suffering. No one wanted to look at him. We despised him and said, "He is a nobody!"
Isa 53:4 He suffered and endured great pain for us, but we thought his suffering was punishment from God.
Isa 53:5 He was wounded and crushed because of our sins; by taking our punishment, he made us completely well.
Isa 53:6 All of us were like sheep that had wandered off. We had each gone our own way, but the LORD gave him the punishment we deserved.
Isa 53:7 He was painfully abused, but he did not complain. He was silent like a lamb being led to the butcher, as quiet as a sheep having its wool cut off.
Isa 53:8 He was condemned to death without a fair trial. Who could have imagined what would happen to him? His life was taken away because of the sinful things my people had done.
Isa 53:9 He wasn't dishonest or violent, but he was buried in a tomb of cruel and rich people.

Isa 53:10 The LORD decided his servant would suffer as a sacrifice to take away the sin and guilt of others. Now the servant will live to see his own descendants. He did everything the LORD had planned.
Isa 53:11 By suffering, the servant will learn the true meaning of obeying the LORD. Although he is innocent, he will take the punishment for the sins of others, so that many of them will no longer be guilty.
Isa 53:12 The LORD will reward him with honor and power for sacrificing his life. Others thought he was a sinner, but he suffered for our sins and asked God to forgive us.

26. **My question is:** If you believe the Bible is so corrupted, why do you quote Deut 18:18 and John 16:13 as uncorrupted prophecies of Muhammad's comment in the sixth century AD.

27. Acts 19:23-41 mentions a religion that worshipped the great goddess Artemis and her meteorite that fell down from heaven. Taking note that this religion centered around a meteorite, **my question is: is it possible that this is the Black Stone and meteorite that fell at the foot of Adam and that at the time of Jesus Christ the Black Stone was actually in Ephesus Asia minor**?

28. Galatians 1:6-9 Apostle Paul says "I am amazed that you are so quickly deserting Jesus Christ for a different religion. But even if an angel from heaven should preach to you a different religion, let him be accursed." **My question is: Do you think it possible that this is a genuine text from God and he foresaw that both Muhammad and Joseph Smith would be taught a new religion by an Angel**?

29. Before the discovery of the dead sea scrolls in 1947 the earliest copy of the Old Testament was the Hebrew Massoretic Text dated at 1000 AD. The dead sea scrolls are dated at 100 B.C. contain 19 copies of Isaiah, 25 copies of Deuteronomy and 30 copies of Psalms that are identical to what we have in our Bible's today. **My question is: since you believe the Old Testament was corrupted long before the dead sea scrolls were written in 100 B.C.,**

explain how there has been no further corruption of the Old Testament since 100 B.C. right down to the present?

30. In Jude 3; 2 Peter 1:3; John 16:13 and 2 Tim 3:16 the Bible is called an all sufficient book with no need for anything else in regards to how we live our lives or worship God. You claim the same thing for the Qur'an. **My question is: how can the Qur'an be all sufficient in our worship of Allah, if it does not even mention something as important as praying five times a day and does this not prove that the Koran without the Hadith is like a car without an engine**?

31. The Huleatt Manuscript was written in 50 AD and is actually a prayer addressed to Jesus and calls Jesus "God". Therefore, Christians have in their possession archeological inscriptions within 20 years of Jesus Christ's resurrection says He is God in the flesh. **My question is: Do you know of any archeological inscription dated within 100 years of Muhammad's death where he is called a prophet?**

32. The Bible contains over 60 distinct prophecies of Jesus Christ 1000 years before hand. **My question is: what is the single most remarkable prophecy that Muhammad made that was fulfilled**?

33. Muslim's believe the Bible is corrupted. Yet in Isa 40:22 and three other passages. (Prov 8:27; Amos 9:6 Job 26:10) it says the earth is round and not flat. Job 26:7 says the earth is free-floating in space: "he hangs the earth upon nothing." Both these facts are scientifically accurate, and revealed in the Bible long before man discovered it for himself. **My question is: Are these passages scientifically accurate or corruptions?**

34. Muslims quote several passages in the Koran 30:48; 24:43, as scientifically accurate explanations of the hydrologic water cycle. **My question is: given the fact the Bible had already fully documented the hydrologic water cycle 1600 before the Koran in Job 36:27-28, and 3 other passages (Eccl 11:3; Job 26:8; Eccl 1:6-7), doesn't this proof Muhammad merely copied the scientific facts of the hydrologic water cycle directly from the Bible?** (Clouds hold water: Eccl 11:3; Job 26:8; Rivers recycle water: Eccl 1:6-7; Evaporation: Amos 9:6)

35. The 66 books of the Bible were written by 40 different men over a period of 1600 years with multiple threads of unified themes that span cover to cover. **My question is: would you not agree that in contrast to the Bible, that the Qur'an is disjointed material, without order, continuity or unity of any kind**?

36. Muslims authorities refuse to release photographs of the ancient Topkapi manuscript in Istanbul, one of the three oldest Korans in existence. **My question is: do you have any idea why Muslim authorities refuse to release documentary photographs of the Topkapi manuscript in Istanbul and what they don't want the world to see**?

37. Muslims have repeatedly claimed that Muslim women have more rights in Islam then Western women do in the civilized world. The proof you supplied with the fact that Islam gave women the right to vote 1400 years ago but women in the West only got the right to vote 100 years ago. **My question is: would you please name one country in the world today that is ruled by a Islamic "Shariah" law where women are permitted to vote?**

38. Muslim's claim that their growth rate is 235 percent and 47 percent for Christianity. This statistic came from the Readers Digest Almanac and Yearbook 1983, and represents 235 percent increase over 50 years. A simple review of the readers Digest study shows that the

growth rate of Islam and Christianity is directly linked to the birth rate in Third World countries where Islam dominates and not actual conversions to each religion. **My question is: How can this prove growth**?

39. Muslims claim that Jesus prayed using the Muslim prayer posture, along with all the prophets. Yet Jesus instructed his disciples to pray while standing up. (Mark 11:25), King David prayed while sitting in (2 Sam 7:18), and Paul instructed prayer in church with hands lifted up in the air. (1 Tim 2:8) **My question is: If Jesus was a Muslim, why would he instruct his disciples to pray standing up? And when it says Jesus fell on his face and prayed, how do you know he was not fully prostrate?**

40. Muslims claim that Muhammad always worshipped Allah in a 100% correct way, without the need for any restoral. **My question is: If this is true, then why did Muhammad pray towards Jerusalem for the first 5 years of his prophet hood, and later redirected his prays towards Mecca? And did Jesus pray towards Mecca 5 times a day and/or towards Jerusalem or Mecca**?

41. The Bible defines a miracle as something that defies the laws of nature. Muslims claim the Koran is a miracle merely because it was allegedly transmitted perfectly without alteration and flaw till the second coming. Since the Harry Potter books will certainly transmit perfectly without alteration or flaw, and be around until the second coming, **my question is: does this make the Harry Potter books a miracle like the Koran?**

42. Muslims claim that in Isa 42:1 Muhammad fulfilled the expression "bring forth justice to the nations" indicating that the immoral pagan Arabs before Muhammad’s time were reformed into a just moral society. **My question is: Even though you believe the New Testament is corrupt, had the Immoral Pagan Arabs all become Christians and followed the moral**

standards revealed in the corrupted New Testament, would they not have also transformed into a just moral society? If no why not? And how is the moral standard in the Koran superior to the moral standard of the Bible?

43. Muslims claim that the Angel Gabriel is the Holy Spirit who came upon Mary and caused her to conceive based upon Luke 1:26:38. **My question is: If this is true, then why did Gabriel say to Mary in verse 35, "the power of the Holy Spirit will come upon you" rather than "my power will come upon you"? and are you saying they had sex?**

44. Muslims quote Luke 22:43 as proof that when Jesus cried out to God not to be crucified, that an angel came and saved him from crucifixion. However the next verses says that Jesus was arrested by the mob for crucifixion. **My Question is: on what basis do you accept the first passage as uncorrupted scripture, but reject the next verse as corrupted scripture**?

45. Muslims claim it was medically impossible for blood and water to come out of Jesus when his side was pierced with spear because all the blood in Jesus body would have been clotted. The universal opinion of forensic scientists say that blood takes many days to clot. **My question is: Is this another example of where you reject all known science simply because Islam says different**?

46. Muslims quote Bible deceivers who claim that the four gospels were copied from a lost original gospel known as the "Q document". This is a mythological document invented by these skeptics who reject Christianity, because they simply cannot accept the Bible is a book inspired from God. **My question is: are you aware that the "Q Document" is a purely theoretical document that has never been found and is a complete fabrication and invention of the mind? And what is the value of quoting those who reject Christianity and Islam equally**?

47. Muslims claim that the heading at the beginning of the four gospels "Gospel according to John", for example indicated the words came from John alone and prove the Bible to be a book of human authorship? In fact, this text, like chapter and verse numbers, were added much later and are not part of the Bible? **My question is: where did you learn that this text was part of the Bible? If God usd Muhammed to write the Koran why can't the Holy Spirit use John to write the Gospel of John?**

48. Muslims state that they believe that the Bible is a book filled with pornography, and quoted Gen 19:32 where Lot made his two daughters pregnant. **My Question is: Do you feel that the Bible should be removed from every library? And are you comfortable with the fact that Muhammad married a six year old child, when he was 55 years old?**

49. Muslims teach Muhammad was sinless. However the Koran specifically limits the number of wives a Muslim man can marry to 4. Yet Muhammad married at least 12 women. **My question is: Is Muhammad above the very law he gave in the Koran and isn't the definition of sin violating the Laws of God**?

Muslims quote Isa 42 as a prophecy of Muhammad and say that Christians teach it is a prophecy of the Holy Spirit. (In fact Christians apply this text to Jesus Christ.) You also said that Isa 42 can only be fulfilled by Muhammad because Jesus is never called "my servant". **My question is: why did Matthew quote Isa 42 and apply the whole text to Jesus in Matthew 12:18**?

Mat 12:17 So God's promise came true, just as Isaiah the prophet had said,
Mat 12:18 "Here is my chosen servant! I love him, and he pleases me. I will give him my Spirit, and he will bring justice to the nations.
Mat 12:19 He won't shout or yell or call out in the streets.
Mat 12:20 He won't break off a bent reed or put out a dying flame, but he will make sure that justice is done.
Mat 12:21 All nations will place their hope in him."

50. Muslims claim that the prophecy of the coming prophet in Deut 18:18 cannot be fulfilled by Jesus but could be fulfilled by Muhammad because the text says the prophet must arise from among their own brethren. Muslims say that if a Hebrew was intended, that the Bible would have said, "from among yourselves" rather than the expression "from among their own brethren". Hence Muslims claim the expression, "from among their own brethren" excludes all Hebrews and specifically Jesus. **My question is: Since Deut 17:15 uses exactly the same expression, when it said, "you shall surely set a king over you whom the Lord your God chooses, one from among your own brethren" why did God appoint Saul and David as King and not an Ishmaelite? And in Deut 18:2 it says, "The Levites shall have no inheritance from among their brethren." Did the Ishmaelites share the inheritance of the promised land of Palestine with the Hebrews?**

51. The Koran says in 4:157, that God causes someone who looked like Jesus to die on the cross in his place, therefore tricking the apostles of Christ into thinking he was crucified. Apostle John wrote in1 John 1:1 concerning the crucifixion: "What we have heard, what we have seen with our own eyes and what we have looked at and touched with our own hands, concerning the Word of Life". **My question is: Was not John accurately reporting the things he actually saw, things that Allah made appear to happen**?

52. Muslims claim that the New Testament story of Jesus dying on the cross is a corruption of the truth and that Allah made it appear that Jesus died on the cross, as per Q4:157. **My question is: How can Muslims claim that they believe any of the New Testament was originally revealed by God, since the corruption and trickery must have begun at the cross**?

53. Muslims believe that the whole concept of blood atonement is an invention of the Christian church. **My question is: What were the Jews doing since 1500 BC on the "day of atonement**"?

54. Muslims reject the gospel story of Jesus being a substitute for our sins, the just for the unjust. They use the illustration of a man having to pay for a speeding ticket he did not commit**. My question is: How do you explain that in the Muslim view of the cross, someone completely innocent died in Jesus place, after God made him appear to be Jesus? Was not this a Substitution sacrifice?**

1. Does the Qur'an define the word "Allah"? No.
2. Was the name "Allah" revealed for the first time in the Qur'an? No
3. Does the Qur'an assume that its readers have already heard of "Allah"? Yes
4. Should we look into pre-Islamic Arabian history to see who "Allah" was before Muhammad? Yes.
5. According to Muslim tradition, was Muhammad born into a Christian family and tribe? No
6. Was he born into a Jewish family or tribe? No
7. What religion was his family and tribe? Pagan Worship of the Moon god
8. What was the name of his pagan father? Abdullah (Abd + Allah)
9. Did Muhammad participate in the pagan ceremonies of Mecca? Yes
10. Did the Arabs in pre-Islamic times worship 360 gods? Yes
11. Did the pagan Arabs worship the sun, moon and the stars? Yes
12. Did the Arabs build temples to the Moon-god? Yes
13. Did different Arab tribes give the Moon-god different names/titles? Yes
14. What were some of the names/titles? Sin, Hubul, Ilumquh, Al-ilah.
15. Was the title "al-ilah" (the god) used of the Moon-god? Yes
16. Was the word "Allah" derived from "al-ilah?" Yes
17. Was the pagan "Allah" a high god in a pantheon of deities? Yes.
18. Was he worshipped at the Kabah? Yes.
19. Was Allah only one of many Meccan gods? Yes
20. Did they place a statue of Hubul on top of the Kabah? Yes.
21. At that time was Hubul considered the Moon-god? Yes.
22. Was the Kabah thus the "house of the Moon-god"? Yes.
23. Did the name "Allah" eventually replace that of Hubul as the name of the Moon god? Yes.
24. Did they call the Kabah the "house of Allah"? Yes
25. Did the pagans develop religious rites in connection with the worship of their gods? Yes.

26. Did the pagans practice the Pilgrimage, the Fast of Ramadan, running around the Kabah seven times, kissing the black stone, shaving the head, animal sacrifices, running up and down two hills, throwing stones at the devil, snorting water in and out the nose, praying several times a day toward Mecca, giving alms, Friday prayers, etc.? Yes.
27. Did Muhammad command his followers to participate in these pagan ceremonies while the pagans were still in control of Mecca? Yes (Yusuf Ali, fn. 214, pg. 78).
28. Did Islam go on to adopt these pagan religious rites? Yes. (Yusuf Ali: fn. 223 pg. 80).
29. Were al-Lat, al-Uzza and Manat called "the daughters of Allah"? Yes.
30. Did the Qur'an at one point tell Muslims to worship al-Lat, al-Uzza and Manat? Yes. In Surah 53:19-20.
31. Have those verses been "abrogated" out of the present Qur'an? Yes.
32. Were they called "The Satanic Verses." Yes.
33. Was the crescent moon an ancient pagan symbol of the Moon-god throughout the ancient world? Yes.
34. Was it the religious symbol of the Moon-god in Arabia? Yes
35. Were stars used as pagan symbols of the daughters of Allah? Yes
36. Did the Jews or the Christians of Arabia use the crescent moon with several stars next to it as symbols of their faith? No
37. Did Islam adopt the pagan crescent moon and stars as it religious symbol? Yes.
38. As Islam developed over the centuries, did it adopt pagan names, pagan ceremonies, pagan temples and pagan symbols? Yes
39. Is it possible that most Muslims do not know the pagan sources of the symbols and rites of their own religion? Yes.
40. Are they shocked to find out the true sources of their ceremonies and stories? Yes
41. Can Islam be the religion of Abraham if it derives from paganism? No
42. Is Islam modern version of one of the ancient fertility cults of the Moon God? Yes.
43. Is the "Allah" of the Qur'an, the Christian God of Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit? No
44. Do the Jews say that the Muslim "Allah" is their God too? No Way
45. Then who is the god Allah? The Pagan Fertility Moon god Cult

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The miraculous and reliable Word of God gives us prophecies to build our Faith upon and point the way to His Son, and our redeemer, Jesus Christ.

Romans 10:17 No one can have faith without hearing the Word of God.

Galatians 3:2 I want to know how you were given God's Holy Spirit? Was it by obeying the Law of Moses or by hearing about Jesus Christ and having Faith in him?

Believing and understanding is not easy for some.

There are 3 types of Faith: (1) Natural, (2) Spiritual, and (3) Scriptural

1) Natural Faith – Natural Faith is the belief in natural possibilities. The belief the elevator can take you up to the next floor. The belief you can make the sports team or ace the test.

2) Spiritual Faith – Spiritual Faith is the belief in the 'supernatural'. The belief in an afterlife, God, angels, spirits. Belief in a religion, rituals, horoscopes, etc.

3) Scriptural Faith – Scriptural Faith, also known as Bible Faith, is the belief in God's Word as presented through the Bible and spoken by Jesus Christ. Just like the people who walked and spoke with Jesus during his days on earth, Scriptural Faith takes the literal words of Jesus and Scripture as solid fact.

Scriptural Faith takes the scriptures as a historical record and account.

Scriptural Faith interprets scripture as meaning for life and not allegory and mythology.

Although there are several parables and allegories in scripture, the Bible as a whole is historical truth used for teaching about God and His ways. The Bible is a filter to analyze right and wrong.

Second Timothy 3:16 All Scripture is God's Word. All of it is useful for teaching, helping, correcting, and showing us how to live righteously.

A. Scriptural Faith (Belief in God's Word - The Bible) is attacked by Satan.

Genesis 3:1 Now the serpent was more cunning than any beast of the field which God had made. And he said to the woman, Is it so that God has said, You shall not eat of every tree of the garden?

Satan's goal is to make us doubt God's Word and doubt ourselves. (Luke 4:3-12)

(Physical Body Temptation of the flesh – Food)

Luke 4:3-12 The devil said to Jesus, "If you are God's Son, tell this stone to turn into bread."

Jesus answered, "The Scriptures say, 'No one can live on food alone but by every Word of God

(See if your Bible version altered Luke 4:4)

(Soulish Temptation of the Psyche- Power and Honor)

Then the devil led Jesus up to a high place and quickly showed him all the nations on earth and said, "I will give all this power and glory to you. It is given to me, and I can give it to anyone I want to. Just worship me, and you can have it all."

Jesus answered, "The Scriptures say: 'Worship the Lord your God and serve only him!' "

(Character Temptation of the Spirit – Is Jesus Really from God?)

The devil took Jesus to Jerusalem, had him stand on top of the temple, and said, "If you are God's Son, jump off for Scriptures say: 'God will tell his angels to take care of you. They will catch you in their arms, and you will not hurt your feet on the stones.'

(Satan quotes the fourth Prophecy (see IV. The Messiah Will Be Protected By God)

Psalm 91:1-16 Live under the protection of God Most High and stay in the shadow of God All-Powerful and you will say to the LORD, "You are my fortress, my place of safety; you are my God, and I trust you."

The Lord will keep you safe from secret traps and deadly diseases. He will spread his wings over you and keep you secure. His faithfulness is like a shield or a city wall.

You won't need to worry about dangers at night or arrows during the day and you won't fear diseases that strike in the dark or sudden disaster at noon.

You will not be harmed, though thousands fall all around you and with your own eyes you will see the punishment of the wicked.

The LORD Most High is your fortress. Run to him for safety and no terrible disasters will strike you or your home.

God will command his angels to protect you wherever you go. They will carry you in their arms, and you won't hurt your feet on the stones. You will overpower the strongest lions and the most deadly snakes.

The Lord says, "If you love me and truly know who I am, I will rescue you and keep you safe.

When you are in trouble, call out to me. I will answer and be there to protect and honor you.

You will live a long life and see my saving power."

Jesus answered, "The Scriptures also say, 'Do not test the Lord your God!' "

Genesis 3:6 When Eve saw that the tree was good for food (Body), pleasing to the eyes (Soul), and a tree to be desired to make wise (Character), she took of its fruit, and ate. She also gave to her husband with her, and he ate.

B. Scriptural FAITH comes from God and written or spoken to others.

SCRIPTURAL FAITH is the “God given” ability to Hear, Trust, Learn, and Believe God.

Proverbs 3:5 Trust in the Lord with all your heart and not upon your own understanding.

2 Corinthians 5:7 We live by Faith, not by what we see.

John 6:28 "What exactly does God want us to do?" the people asked.

John 6:29 Jesus answered, "God wants you to place your Faith in the One He sent."

John 6:30 They replied, "What miracle will you work, so that we can have Faith in you? What will you do?”

John 6:31 “When our ancestors were in the desert, they were given manna to eat. It happened just as the Scriptures say, 'God gave them bread from heaven to eat.”

Comment; (The people want an external, visible, physical action to place their faith upon. They don’t expect faith to come from within and revealing belief in the invisible attributes of God that will be manifested later.)

John 6:32 Jesus then told them, "I tell you for certain that Moses wasn't the one who gave you bread from heaven. My Father is the one who gives you the true bread from heaven.

John 6:33 And the bread that God gives is the one (Jesus) who came down from heaven to give life to the world."

John 6:34 The people said, "Lord, give us this bread and don't ever stop!"

John 6:35 Jesus replied: I am the bread that gives life! No one who comes to Me will ever be hungry. No one who has Faith in Me will ever be thirsty.

John 6:36 I have told you already that you have seen me and still do not have Faith in me.

(They want earthly bread of flour and water that sustains their physical life, Jesus is referring to himself, the spiritual bread that sustains spiritual life.)

C. Scriptural FAITH is an active verb and it's object is God's work climaxing with the work of Jesus Christ on the Cross and His Resurrection.

John 6:28 They asked Jesus, What shall we do that we might work the works of God?

John 6:29 Jesus answered them, This is the work of God, that you Believe upon Him whom He has sent.

John 14:1 Jesus said to his disciples, "Don't be worried! Have Faith in God and have Faith in Me.

Mark 1:15 John said, "The time has come! God's kingdom will soon be here. Turn to God and believe the Good News!"

Romans 5:1 Therefore, we are accepted by God by Faith, and we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Romans 5:2 Through Jesus we have access by Faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in the hope of the glory of our God.

D. Scriptural FAITH is created and completed by Jesus

Hebrews 12:2a looking to Jesus who is the Author and Finisher of our Faith…..

E. Scriptural FAITH is a "Spiritual Knowing" of God's ways and desires

John 6:40 My Father wants everyone who sees the Son to have Faith in Him and have eternal life. Then I will raise them to life on the last day.

John 6:41 The people started grumbling because Jesus had said he was the bread that had come down from heaven.

John 6:42 They were asking each other, "Isn't he Jesus, the son of Joseph? Don't we know his father and mother? How can he say that he has come down from heaven?"

John 6:43 Jesus answered: Stop grumbling!

John 6:44 No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me makes them want to come. But if they do come, I will raise them to life on the last day.

John 6:45 One of the prophets wrote, "God will teach all of them." And so everyone who listens to the Father and learns of Him will come to me.

John 6:46 The only one who has seen the Father is the one who has come from him. No one else has ever seen the Father.

John 6:47 I tell you for certain that anyone who has Faith in me has eternal life.

F. Scriptural FAITH is a Free Gift from God and shared with others.

James 2:5 God has given a lot of faith to the poor people in this world. He has also promised them a share in his kingdom that he will give to everyone who loves him.

1Timothy 6:12 Fight the good fight of Faith that claims eternal life. God offered it to you and you clearly tell about your Faith to others.

Philemon 1:5-6 I hear about your Faith in our Lord Jesus and about your love for all of God's people. As you share your Faith with others, I pray that they may come to know all the blessings Jesus Christ has given us.

Without Scriptural FAITH you cannot believe in God’s Promises, you cannot please God, believe or understand the Bible, or accept what Jesus did for you for salvation as total redemption.

G. Scriptural FAITH arrives in different quantities of strengths and sizes.

Luke 7:9 When Jesus heard this, he was so surprised that he turned and said to the crowd following him, "In all of Israel I've never found anyone with this much Faith!"

Matthew 15:28 Jesus answered, "Woman, you really do have a lot of faith, and so you will be given what you want." At that moment her daughter was healed.

Mathew 6:30b God will surely do even more for you! Why do you have such little faith?

Luke 17:5 The apostles said to the Lord, "Make our Faith stronger!"

Luke 17:6 Jesus replied: If you had faith no bigger than a tiny mustard seed, you could tell this mulberry tree to pull itself up, roots and all, and to plant itself in the ocean. And it would!

Luke 18:8 He will surely hurry and help them. But when the Son of Man returns, will he find anyone upon this earth with Faith?

H. Scriptural FAITH is a free gift from God, passed through the Bible, that can be blocked, ignored, denied, and rejected.

John 6:64 But some of you refuse to have Faith in me." Jesus said this, because from the beginning he knew who would have faith in him. He also knew which one would betray him.

John 6:65 Then Jesus said, "You cannot come to me, unless the Father makes you want to come. That is why I have told these things to all of you."

John 6:66 Because of what Jesus said, many of his disciples turned their backs on him and stopped following him.

Romans 1:8 I thank God in the name of Jesus Christ for all of you. I do this because people everywhere in the world are talking about your great faith.

Romans 1:11 I want to see you and share with you the same blessings that God's Holy Spirit has given me so that you will grow stronger in your faith.

Romans 1:12 What I am saying is that we can encourage each other by the Faith within us.

Romans 1:14 It doesn't matter if people are civilized and educated, or uncivilized and uneducated. I must tell the Good News of Jesus Christ to everyone.

Romans 1:16 I am proud of the Good News of Jesus Christ’s Resurrection because it is God's powerful way of saving all people who have Faith, no matter who they are.

Romans 1:17 The Good News tells us how God accepts only those who have Faith, as Habakkuk 2:4 says, "The people God accepts, because of their Faith, will live forever."

Romans 1:18 God shows how angry He is with all the wicked and evil things that sinful people do to Suppress the Truth.

Romans 1:19 They know everything that people can know about God, because God has shown it all to them.

Romans 1:20 God's eternal power and character cannot be seen. But from the beginning of creation, God has shown what these things are like by all He has made. That's why those people do not have any excuses.

I. Rejecting Scriptural FAITH is an insult to God and leads to "blasphemy of the Holy Spirit"

Hebrews 11:6 Without Faith no one can please God. We must believe that God is real and He rewards everyone who searches for Him.

Matthew 12:31-32 I tell you that any sinful thing you do or say can be forgiven. Even if you speak against the Son of Man, you can be forgiven. But if you speak against the Holy Spirit, you can never be forgiven, either in this life or in the life to come.

Blasphemy of the Holy Spirit is the deliberate rejection of Jesus Christ and His free offer of salvation. It attributes God's work as coming from another source, such as Creation attributed to Evolution, the Resurrection as Mythology. It is the ultimate sin that by its very nature places a person beyond the opportunity of salvation. It is the one sin that Jesus did not pay for on the cross.

Luke 12:10 If you speak against the Son of Man, you can be forgiven, but if you speak against the Holy Spirit, you cannot be forgiven.

If it is possible for one to reconsider his position and turn to Jesus for salvation, this sin is covered. The Holy Spirit brings the offer of Salvation to everyone. Salvation is completed upon a positive response to His prompting. Rejecting the Holy Spirit's offer is acting presumptuously and blaspheming God. Those who reject God's free offer of salvation is blaspheming the very nature of God Himself and the genuineness of His grace. The rejecter lifts himself up as his own God and is deceived into believing his good works are acceptable to God. Cain's example brought his good works of fruit from his labor but is rejected by God. Abel's sacrificial offering was accepted by God, (Genesis 4). God accepted the animal blood sacrifice for Sin and ultimately the Blood sacrifice of Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God, on the Cross. God provides clues and hints

within the Old Testament that not good works, anyone, or thing, but God's work, the person of Jesus Christ, is acceptable for salvation.

J. Rejecting Scriptural FAITH brings darkness (blindness), and lack of understanding.

Hebrews 4:2 We have heard the message, just as they did. But they failed to believe what they heard, and so the message did not do them any good.

Romans 1:21 They knew about God, but they do not honor Him or even thank Him. Their thoughts are useless, and their foolish minds fall into darkness.

Romans 1:22 They claim to be wise, but are foolish.

Romans 1:23 They don't worship the glorious and eternal God. Instead, they worship idols made to look like humans who cannot live forever, and like birds, animals, and reptiles.

Romans 1:24 So God let these people go their own foolish way to follow their desires and their filthy thoughts made them do shameful things with their bodies.

Romans 1:25 They gave up the Truth about God for a lie, and now worship God's creation instead of God.

1Timothy 1:19 You will be Faithful and have a clear conscience. Some people have made a mess of their faith because they did not listen to their conscience.

K. Scriptural FAITH brings Light to Darkness. (Understanding to Misunderstanding, Belief to Unbelief)

Hebrews 11:3 Because of our Faith, we know that the world was made at God's command and what can be seen was made out of what cannot be seen.

Act 26:18 (Jesus said) I want you to open their eyes, so that they will turn from darkness to light and from the power of Satan to God. Then their sins will be forgiven, and by Faith in Me they will become part of God's holy people."

2 Corinthians 5:7 We live by Faith, not by what we see.

Hebrews 11:6 Without Faith no one can please God. We must believe that God is real and He rewards everyone who searches for him.

Hebrews 11:8 Abraham had faith and obeyed God. He was told to go to the land that God had said would be his, and he left for a country he had never seen.

1Peter 1:8-9 You have never seen Jesus, and you don't see him now. But you love him and have Faith in him, and no words can tell how happy you are to be saved. That is why you have Faith.

John 20:29 Jesus said to Thomas, "Because you have seen Me, you have believed. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet still believe."

L. Scriptural FAITH allows people to approach God without the works of keeping the Law (The 10 Commandments and other religious laws).

Romans 3:28 We see that people are acceptable to God because they have Faith, and not because they obey the Law.

Ephesians 2:8 You were saved by Faith in God, who treats us much better than we deserve. This is God's gift to you, and not anything you have done on your own.

Hebrews 11:4 Because Abel had Faith, he offered God a better sacrifice than Cain did. God was pleased with him and his gift, and even though Abel is now dead, his Faith still speaks for him.

Galatians 2:16 We know that God accepts only those who place their Faith in Jesus Christ. No one can please God through obedience to the Law. So we place our Faith in Jesus Christ, and God accepts us because of our Faith.

Galatians 3:8 Long ago the Scriptures said that God would accept Gentiles because of their Faith. That's why God told Abraham the good news that all nations would be blessed because of him.

Galatians 3:24 The Law was our teacher until we received Faith in Jesus Christ and were acceptable to God.

M. Scriptural FAITH leads us to right standing with God through Jesus Christ, not the Law.

Romans 3:22 God treats everyone alike and accepts only those who place their Faith in Jesus Christ.

Philemon 3:9 I know that I belong to God and I could not make myself acceptable to God by obeying the Law of Moses. God accepts me because of my Faith in Jesus Christ.

N. Scriptural FAITH leads us into God's family.

Act 14:27 After arriving and gathering the church of Antioch they related all that God had done with them, and how He had opened the door of Faith to all the nations.

Galatians 3:26 You are in God's family because of your Faith in Christ Jesus.

Hebrews 11:24 When Moses grew up, his Faith made him refuse to be called Pharaoh's grandson.

Hebrews 11:25 and He chose to be mistreated with God's people instead of having the good time that sin can bring for a little while.

Hebrews 11:26 Moses knew the treasures of Egypt were not as wonderful as what he would receive from suffering for the Messiah, and he looked forward to his reward.

Hebrews 11:31 Rahab, the prostitute, had Faith. She welcomed the spies and wasn't killed with the people who disobeyed.

O. Scriptural FAITH trusts God to deliver and fulfill His promises.

Hebrews 11:7 Noah had Faith when he was warned about something that had not yet happened. (rain and flood) He obeyed God and built a boat that saved him and his family while the

people of the world were judged. Noah received the blessings that come to everyone who pleases God. (Noah pleased God by showing his faith)

Hebrews 11:9 Because Abraham had Faith, he lived as a stranger in the promised land. He lived there in a tent, and so did Isaac and Jacob, who recieved the same promise.

Hebrews 11:10 Abraham did this because he was waiting for the eternal city that God had planned and built.

Hebrews 11:11 Even when Sarah was too old to have children, she had Faith that God would fulfill His promise, and she had a son. (Isaac)

1Peter 1:5 You have Faith in God, whose power will protect you until the last day. Then he will save you, just as he has always planned to do.

P. Scriptural FAITH produces a humble attitude of rejecting Good Works and receiving God's free gift of Eternal Life.

Habakkuk 2:4 "I, the LORD, refuse the proud. Only those who live by Faith are acceptable to me."

James 2:1 My friends, if you have faith in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ, you won't treat some people better than others.

Q. Scriptural FAITH produces Boldness

Hebrews 11:27 Because of his Faith, Moses left Egypt. Moses had seen the invisible God and wasn't afraid of the king's anger.

Hebrews 11:29 Because of their Faith, the people walked through the Red Sea on dry land. But when the Egyptians tried to do it, they were drowned.

Hebrews 11:33 Their Faith helped them conquer kingdoms, and because they did right, God made promises to them. They closed the jaws of lions

R. Scriptural FAITH leads to Christian Service. (Good Deeds AFTER Salvation, not for Salvation)

James 2:14 What good is it to say you have faith, when you don't do anything to show that you really do have faith? Can that kind of faith save you?

James 2:15 If you know someone who doesn't have any clothes or food,

James 2:16 you shouldn't just say, "I hope all goes well for you. I hope you will be warm and have plenty to eat." What good is it to say this, unless you do something to help?

James 2:17 Faith that doesn't lead us to do good deeds is all alone and dead!

James 2:18 Suppose someone disagrees and says, "It is possible to have faith without doing kind deeds." I would answer, "Prove that you have faith without doing kind deeds, and I will prove that I have faith by doing them."

James 2:19 You believe there is only one God but even the demons believe this, and it makes them shake with fear.

James 2:21 Well, our ancestor Abraham pleased God by putting his son Isaac on the altar to sacrifice him.

James 2:22 Now you see how Abraham's Faith and deeds worked together. He proved that his faith was real by what he did.

James 2:23 This is what the Scriptures mean by saying, "Abraham had Faith in God, and God was pleased with him." That's how Abraham became God's friend.

James 2:24 You can now see that we please God by what we do and not only by what we believe.

James 2:25 For example, Rahab had been a prostitute. But she pleased God when she welcomed the spies and sent them home by another way.

James 2:26 Anyone who doesn't breathe is dead, and Faith that doesn't do anything is just as dead!

S. Scriptural FAITH provides Spiritual Protection like a Shield of Armor.

Ephesians 6:16 Let your Faith be like a shield, and you will be able to stop all the flaming arrows of the evil one.

1 Thessalonians 5:8 But we belong to the day. So we must stay sober and let our Faith and love be like a suit of armor. Our firm hope that we will be saved is our helmet.

1 Peter 1:5 Your Faith is in God and His power will protect you until the last day and He will save you, just as He has always planned to do.

The objections to the fact that Jesus is indeed God who became a human being is based upon misunderstandings. It is revealed that this important Christian doctrine of Bible Faith is not outside the realm of logic. Moreover, the Bible clearly teaches the profound truth that God entered humanity. Jesus said:

Matthew 11:28-30 If you are tired from carrying your heavy burden, come to Me and I will give you rest. Take the weight I give you. Put it on your shoulders and learn from me for I am gentle and humble, and you will find rest. My weight is easy to bear, and my burden is light

1 John 1:1-3 The Word that gives life was from the beginning, and this is the one our message is about. Our ears have heard, our own eyes have seen, and our hands touched this Word.

The one who gives life appeared! We saw it happen, and we are witnesses to what we have seen. Now we are telling you about this eternal life that was with the Father and appeared to us.

We are telling you what we have seen and heard, so that you may share in this life with us. And we share in it with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ.

Jesus Christ is indeed the Lamb of God, slain before the foundation of the world.

1 John 2:2 Jesus Christ is the sacrifice that takes away our sins and the sins of all people.