The Fellowship Room

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All Scriptures and comments are based on the New King James Version, unless otherwise noted.

4-25-2016 Contradictions #1

Paul's first recorded sermon was successfully delivered in the Jewish synagogue in Antioch of Pisidia.

But when the Jews saw the multitudes, they were filled with envy; and contradicting and blaspheming, they opposed the things spoken by Paul (Acts 13:45).

They refused God's truth because they were envious of the crowd listening to Paul. "Contradicting" means they face-to-face objected to Paul's preaching, and "blaspheming" means they said hurtful things about Bible truth. They tried silencing Paul with their "PC" objections, not unlike today's Muslims, LGBT's, some denominational preachers, and Catholic Apologists! Holy Spirit-inspired Bible truth, however, came with:

... A mouth and wisdom which all your adversaries will not be able to contradict or resist (Luke 21:14-15).

Oh, they'll speak up, but nothing they say will prove the Bible message wrong! The Bible contains NO contradictions with itself!

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4-26-2016 Contradictions #2

People try to avoid obeying God by pointing out where God's Word contradicts itself.

But Jesus knew their thoughts, and said to them: 'Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation, and every city or house divided against itself will not stand' (Matthew 12:25).

If God's Kingdom and Bible are "divided against itself," they "will not stand." The Creation of the "heavens and the earth" in Genesis 1 & 2 are said to be contradictory.

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth (Genesis 1:1).

"Created" means all matter used came from nothing. Then what God did to rearrange this "matter" in seven 24-hour days is in **Genesis 1:2-31**. Then details about the 6th day are given in Genesis 2. There is no contradiction, only further detailed facts. Truth does not contradict itself.

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4-27-2016 Contradictions #3

If the Bible contradicts itself, infidels think they're free from religion! One writes:

The flood story is really two interwoven stories that contradict each other on how many of each kind of animal are to be brought into the Ark— is it one pair each or seven pairs each of the "clean" ones? (Jim Meritt, "A List of Biblical Contradictions, 1992, http://infidels.org/library/modern/jim_meritt/bible-contradictions.html).

Since God drew a line between "clean" and "unclean" animals, and determined a different total for each, where is the "contradiction?" The Bible clearly says the animals were brought into the ark by twos, "male and female" (**Genesis 6:19**), specifying Noah should:

Take with you seven each of every clean animal, a male and his female; two each of animals that are unclean, a male and his female (**Genesis 7:2**).

That's seven pairs of clean and one pair of unclean animals. Maybe infidels simply can't count!

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Contradictions #4

But if any lasting harm follows, then you shall give life for life, eye for eye, tooth for tooth, hand for hand, foot for foot, burn for burn, wound for wound, stripe for stripe (**Exodus 21:23-25**).

[Jesus taught,] "You have heard that it was said, 'An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.' But I tell you not to resist an evil person. But whoever slaps you on your right cheek, turn the other to him also" (Matthew 5:38-39).

Did God contradict Himself? No. In Exodus, Moses was giving "the judgments which you shall set before them" (**Exodus 21:1**). This predetermined legal justice. Jesus, however, was giving His New Law for personal retaliation. There is a difference in what a court should do and what individuals may do. Revenge belongs to God! Christians and Muslims are different!

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4-29-2016 Contradictions #5

An example of a Bible contradiction is on The Thinking Atheist, and asked:

Who Did the Angel Speak to Regarding the Birth of Jesus? In Matthew 1:20, "An angel of the Lord appeared to him [Joseph] in a dream, saying... 'That which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit'" (Matthew 1:20), concluding, "The angel appeared to Joseph." But in Luke 1:28, "The angel Gabriel was sent by God... to a virgin... [whose] name was Mary" (Luke 1:26-27), concluding, "The angel spoke to Mary."

Are you serious? How about, God spoke to the two people through two angels on two separate occasions? You mean Atheists are so busy "reasoning," they can't even count to two? Truly, atheists:

Walk, in the futility of their mind... because of the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart (**Ephesians 4:17-18**).

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