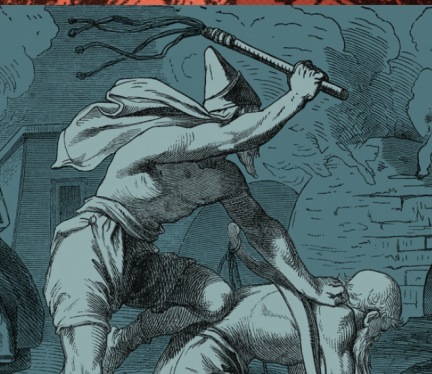


HOW (NOT) TO READ THE BIBLE

Making Sense of the
**ANTI-WOMEN, ANTI-SCIENCE,
PRO-VIOLENCE, PRO-SLAVERY**
and Other Crazy-Sounding
Parts of Scripture

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A **PDF** COMPANION TO THE AUDIOBOOK



P R E L U D E



BECOMING ATHEIST BY
READING THE BIBLE

0.1

'The road to
Atheism

is littered with
bibles that
have
been read
cover to cover.'

~Andrew L. Seidel



CHAPTER 1



Yes, There Are Unicorns in the Bible

1.1

**UNICORNS ARE MENTIONED
9X IN THE BIBLE. CATS ARE
MENTIONED ZERO TIMES.**



**AND THAT'S ALL YOU NEED TO
KNOW ABOUT THE BIBLE.**

1.2

Isaiah 34:7

"And the unicorns shall come down with them...and their
land shall be soaked with blood, and their dust
made fat with fatness."



Know your Bible.

1.3



BECAUSE THE BIBLE TELLS ME SO

Numbers 23:22/24:8, Deuteronomy 33:17, Job 39:9-12, Psalms
22:21/29:6/92:10, Isaiah 34:7

1.4



HUSH WOMEN

1 Corinthians 14:34-35: Let your women keep silence in the churches: for
it is not permitted unto them to speak ... If they will learn any thing, let
them ask their husbands at home

1.5

YES, THIS IS IN THE BIBLE!

David wanted to marry King Saul's daughter Michal. He demanded David brings him 100 foreskins to pay for her. David killed 200 men and brought Saul 200 of their foreskins instead.

1 Samuel 18:25-27

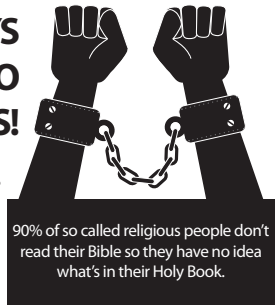


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GOD SAYS IT'S OK TO BUY SLAVES!

"You may purchase male and female slaves..."

- Leviticus 25:44



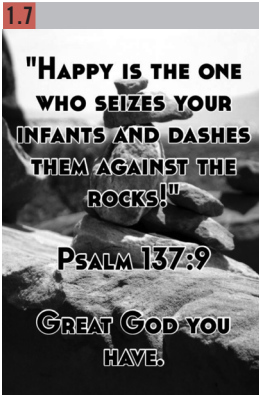
90% of so called religious people don't read their Bible so they have no idea what's in their Holy Book.

1.7

"HAPPY IS THE ONE WHO SEIZES YOUR INFANTS AND DASHES THEM AGAINST THE ROCKS!"

PSALM 137:9

GREAT GOD YOU HAVE



1.8

Things the Bible bans:

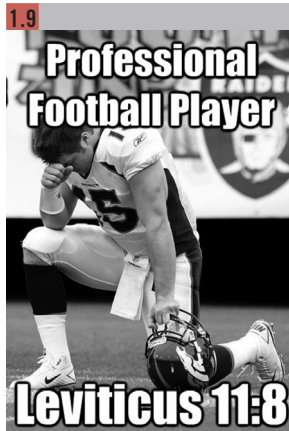
- shaving (Leviticus 19:27)
- cursing (Ephesians 5:4)
- gossip (Leviticus 19:16)
- football on Saturdays (Leviticus 20:8)
- eating shrimp (Leviticus 11:10)
- eating pork (Leviticus 11:7)
- cotton/polyester blends (Leviticus 19:19)
- associating with women who are having their periods (Leviticus 15:19-20)



1.9

Professional Football Player

Leviticus 11:8

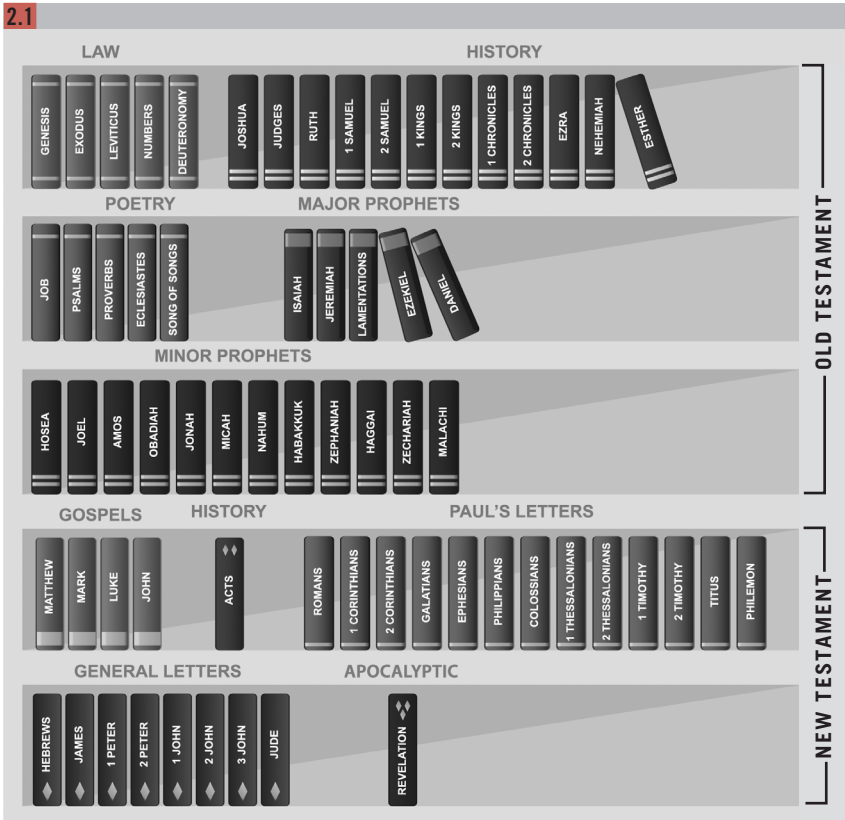




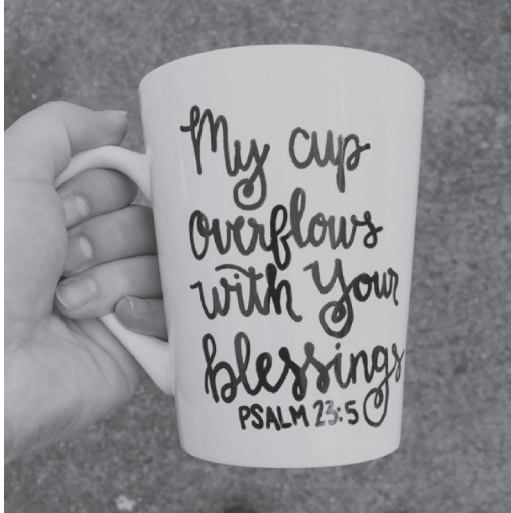
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The Bible Was Not Written to Us

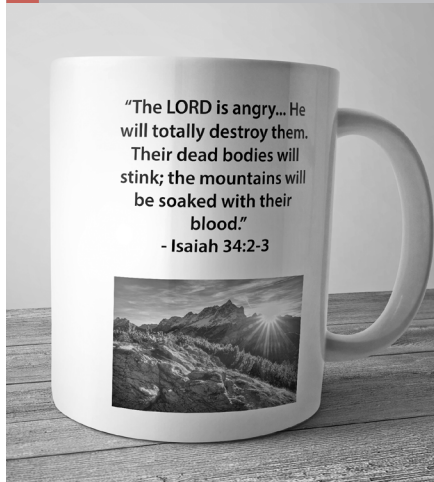
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2.3





CHAPTER 3



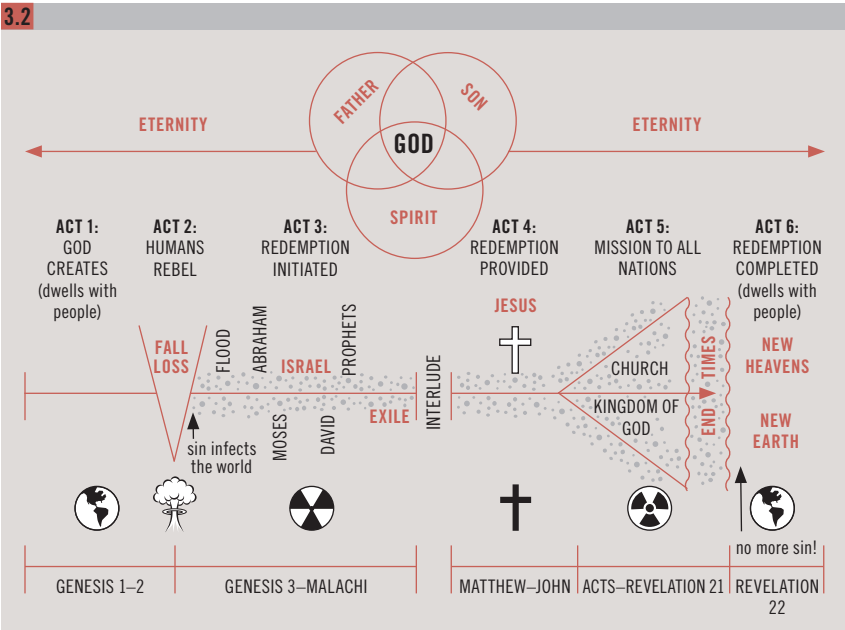
Never Read a Bible Verse

3.1

The Gospel of John
Chapter 1

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify concerning that light, so that through him all might believe. He himself





CHAPTER 4



Strange and Stranger Things in the Old Testament

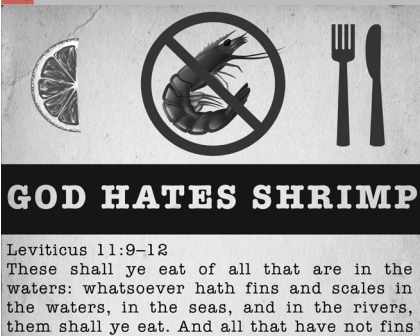
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CHAPTER 5



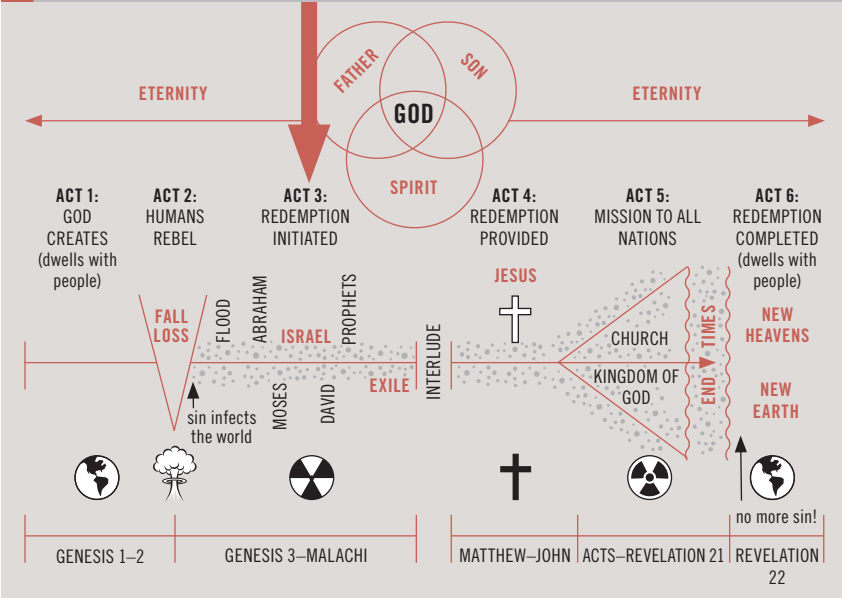
The Art of (Not) Cherry-Picking Bible Verses

5.1

I've studied the
Bible.
That's why I'm an
Atheist.

Brought to you by the Don't Cherry Pick the Bible Society.

5.2



5.3

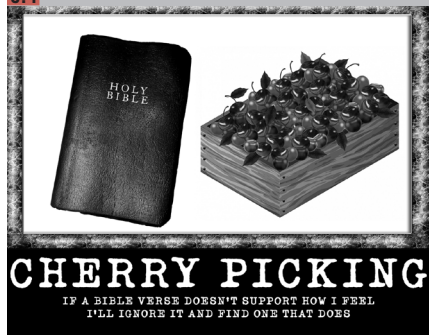
AMAZING NONSENSE IN THE BIBLE



**"Do not cook a young goat
in its mother's milk!"**

- Exodus 23:19

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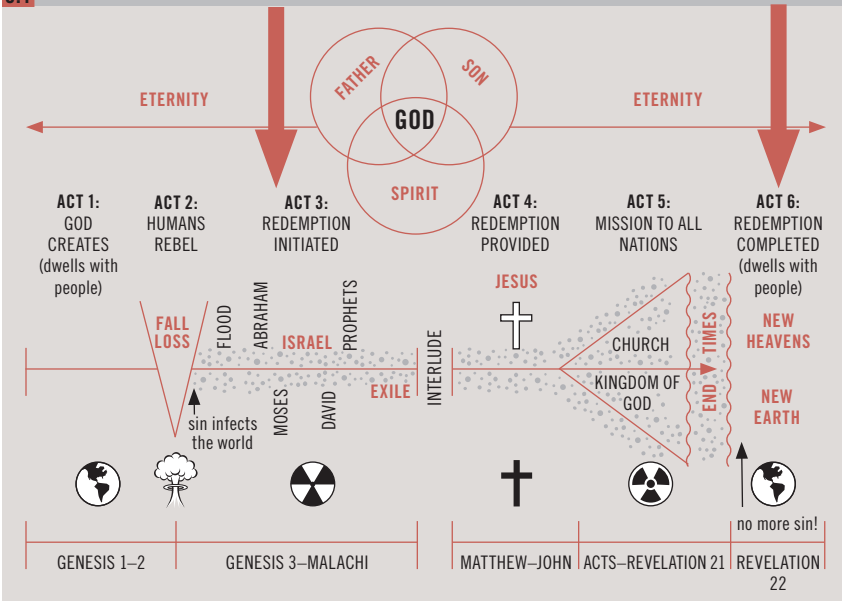




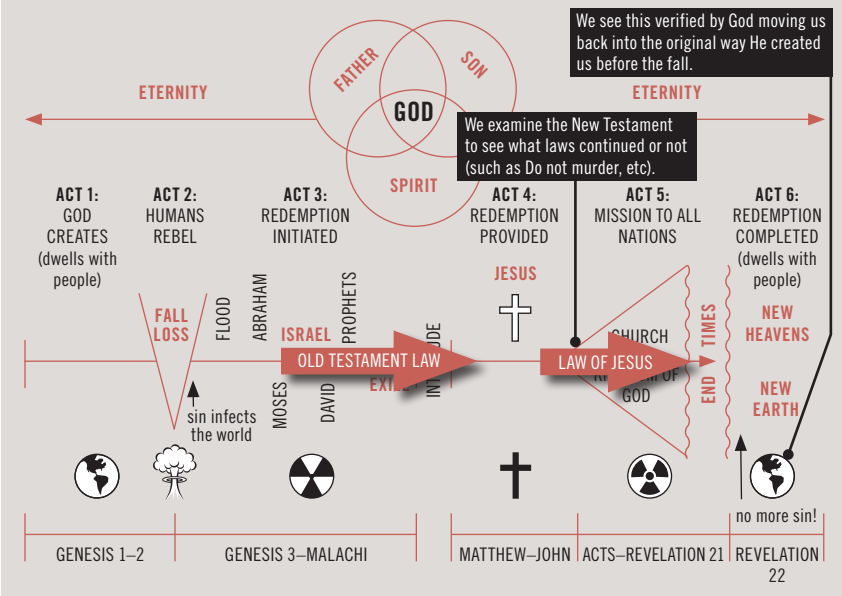
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Making Sense of Shrimp, the Skin of a Dead Pig, and Slavery

6.1



6.2



6.3





CHAPTER 7



The Boys' Club Bible

7.1



shouldn't you be home in the kitchen?

1 Corinthians 14:34-35

(34) "Let your women keep silence in the churches:
for it is not permitted unto them to speak; but they are commanded
to be under obedience as also saith the law.
(35) And if they will learn any thing, let them ask their husbands at
home: for it is a shame for women to speak in the church."

Know Your Bible

7.2



7.3





CHAPTER 8



Can't Keep a Good Woman Down

8.1

In the beginning
(Genesis 1–2)



harmony with
God and
each other

8.2

In the beginning
(Genesis 1–2)



harmony with
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sin alters
God's original
design

8.3

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(Genesis 1–2)

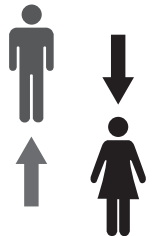


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(Genesis 3)



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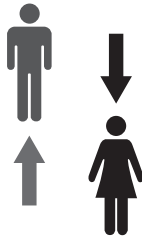
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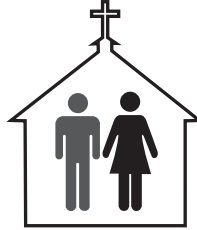


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trajectory of Jesus



community changing through
Jesus to be what God
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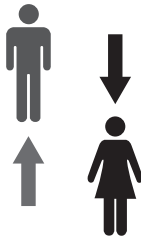
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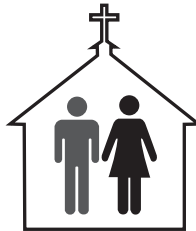


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New Earth:
back to the
beginning
(Revelation 21–22)



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CHAPTER 9



Making Sense of Inequality in the Bible

9.1

RAPE IN THE BIBLE



If a man happens to meet a virgin who is not pledged to be married and rapes her and they are discovered, he shall pay her father fifty shekels of silver. He must marry the young woman, for he has violated her. He can never divorce her as long as he lives.

Deuteronomy 22:28-29 (NIV)

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Nonsense from the Bible

9.2 I believe in biblical marriage



Man and multiple wives: (Abraham, Jacob, Solomon, David etc.)

Man and concubines: (2 Chronicles 11:21)

Man and his brother's wife: (Genesis 38:6-10)

Man and the woman he rapes: (Deuteronomy 22:28-29)

Man and women he captures in war: (Numbers 31:1-18)

9.3

Bible Verses Most Christians Ignore



"The women should keep quiet in the meetings. They are not allowed to speak; as the Jewish Law says, they must not be in charge. If they want to find out about something, they should ask their husbands at home. It is a disgraceful thing for a woman to speak in a church meeting."

1 Corinthians 14:34-35



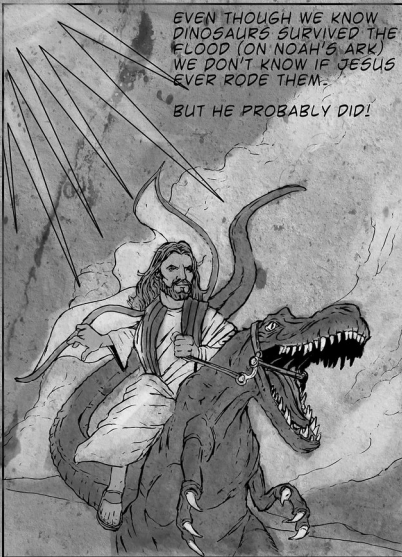
CHAPTER 10



Jesus Riding a Dinosaur

10.1

Page 8 - Jesus and the Dinosaurs! Beginner's Bible Coloring Book



EVEN THOUGH WE KNOW
DINOSAURS SURVIVED THE
FLOOD (ON NOAH'S ARK)
WE DON'T KNOW IF JESUS
EVER RODE THEM...
BUT HE PROBABLY DID!

COLORING HINTS!

RAPTUROUS RED
PERFECT WHITE
BEHEMOTH BLUE

LEVIATHAN GREEN
OMNIPOTENT YELLOW
FLESH OF CHRIST

10.2



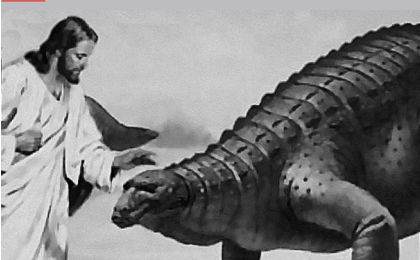
10.4

CHRISTIANITY:

The belief that some cosmic Jewish Zombie can make you live forever if you symbolically eat his flesh and telepathically tell him that you accept him as your master, so he can remove an evil source from your soul that is present in humanity because a rib-woman was convinced by a talking snake to eat from a magical tree.

Makes perfect sense.

10.3



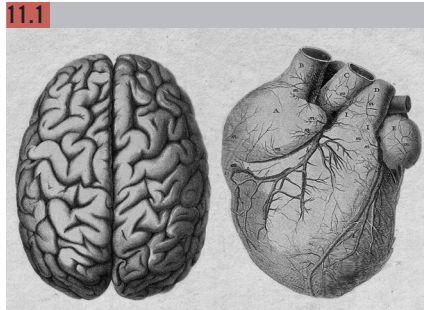


CHAPTER 11



In the Beginning We Misunderstood

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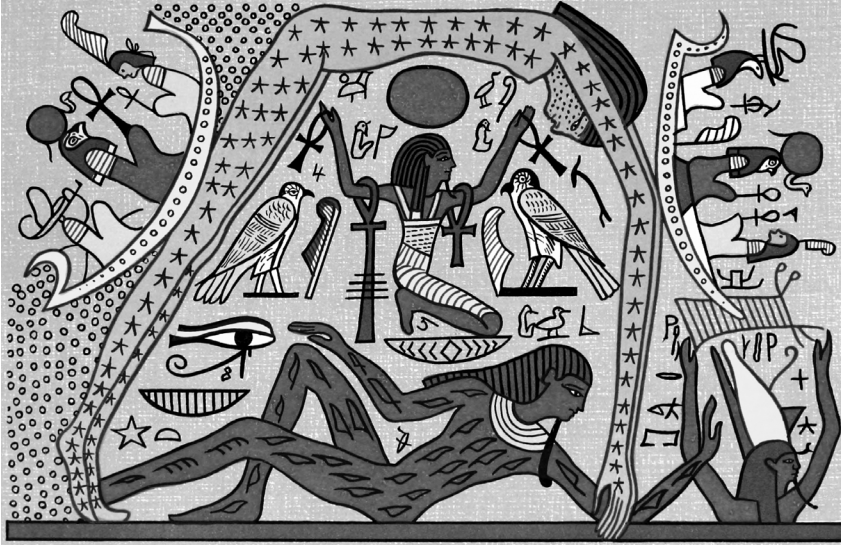


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A drawing of the separation of sky from earth in Egyptian creation mythology

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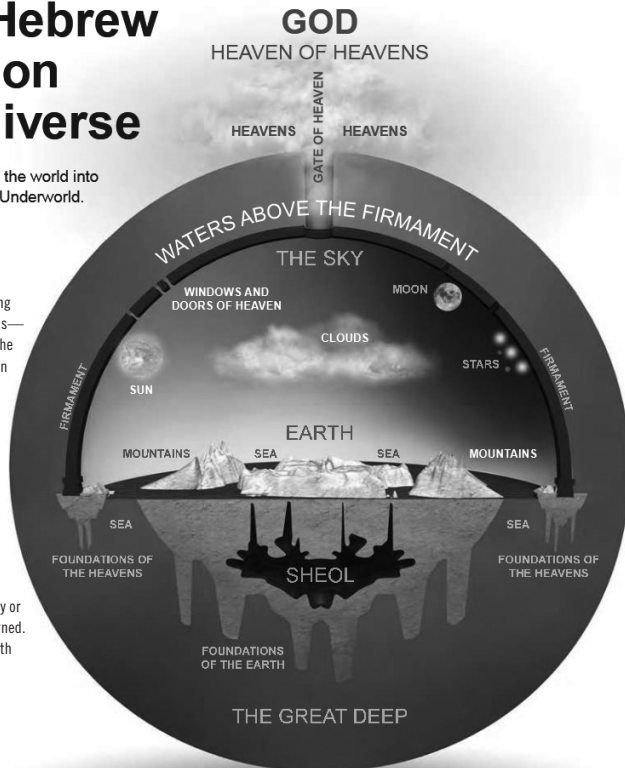
Ancient Hebrew Conception of the Universe

The ancient Israelites divided the world into Heaven, Earth, Sea, and the Underworld.

They viewed the sky as a vault resting on foundations—perhaps mountains—with doors and windows that let in the rain. God dwelt above the sky, hidden in cloud and majesty.

The world was viewed as a disk floating on the waters, secured or moored by pillars. The earth was the only known domain—the realm beyond it was considered unknowable.

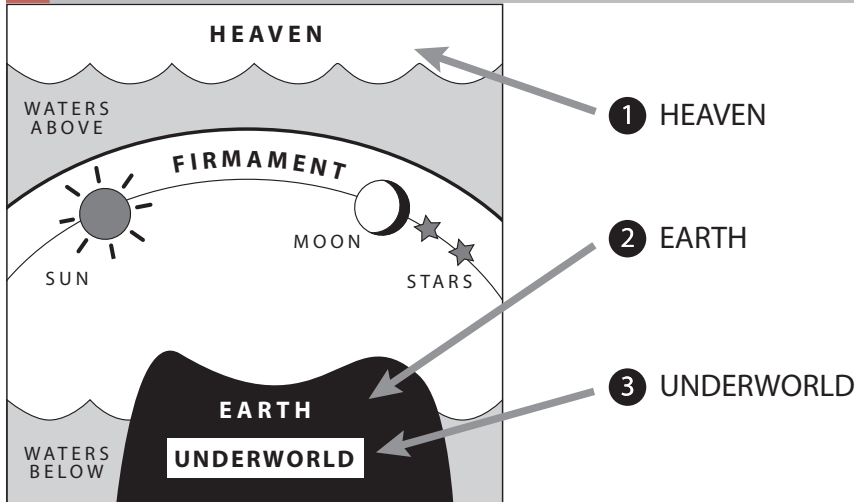
The Underworld (Sheol) was a watery or dusty prison from which no one returned. Regarded as a physical place beneath the earth, it could be reached only through death.



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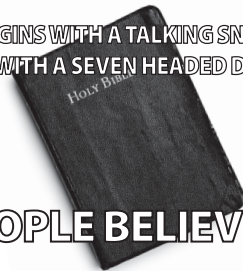


Another simple diagram of the Three-Tier universe that the Israelites would have imagined as how their world functioned. The solid dome (firmament) held up the waters above; the sun, moon, and stars went up and down under that firmament.

11.6

BEGINS WITH A TALKING SNAKE
ENDS WITH A SEVEN HEADED DRAGON

PEOPLE BELIEVE IT





CHAPTER 12



Making Sense of the Bible- versus-Science Conflict



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12.2



12.3



Table 12.1		
God's Work	Problem: Creation is “formless and empty” (1:2).	
	Forming	Filling
	Day 1: light and darkness	Day 4: the lights of day and night
	Day 2: sky and sea	Day 5: birds and fish
	Day 3: fertile earth	Day 6: land animals, including man
Result: The work of creation is finished, and God can rest (2:1).		

Table 12.2				
	Atheistic Evolution	Young Earth Creation	Old Earth Creation	Evolutionary Creation
God created earth and all life	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Earth is billions of years old	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
Evolution describes how life developed	Yes	No	No	Yes

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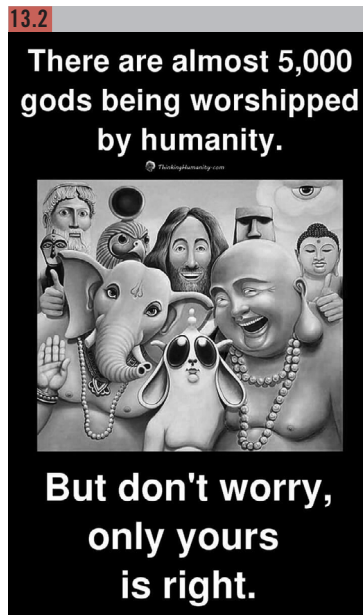




CHAPTER 13



My God Can Beat Up Your God





CHAPTER 14



Love Is the Way, the Truth, and the Life

14.1

In the beginning
(Genesis 1–2)



harmony with
God and
each other

14.2

In the beginning
(Genesis 1–2)



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sin alters
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design

14.3



**Creation of
human beings**

In the beginning, people worshiped one God
and had a relationship with the Creator

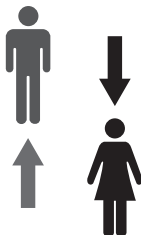
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After “the fall”
(Genesis 3)



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patriarchal
culture, slavery,
worship of other
gods

14.5



Tower of Babel

People dispersed across the world
and had a diversity of languages

14.6



Hinduism
1500 BC

Developing out of India
around 1500 BC

Yet even as Hinduism was beginning in India, the one true God had not forgotten his promise to Adam and Eve.

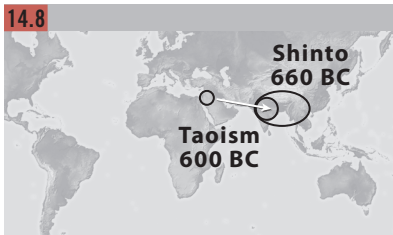
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Judaism
1440 BC

Abraham was called out by God to have in his lineage someone who would save the world

14.8



Shinto
660 BC

Taoism
600 BC

14.9



Buddhism
563 BC

14.10



**Christianity
30 AD**

Christianity was not a new faith, but a continuation of what God said in the beginning would happen

14.11



The message of Jesus as the way to God spread as churches were established in Europe and in North and South America

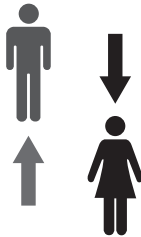
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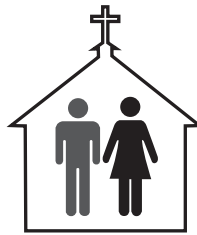


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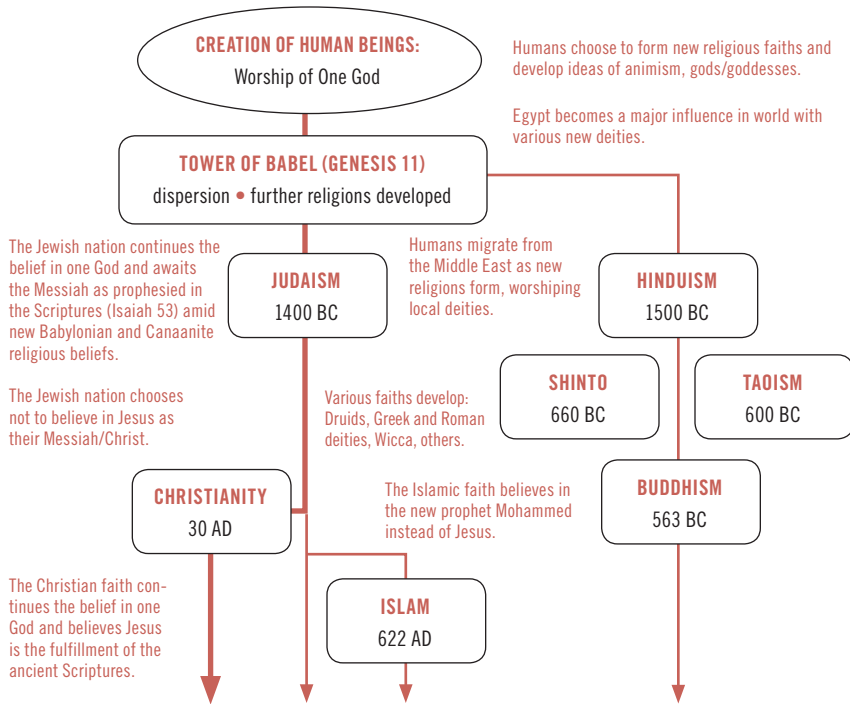
**Islam
622 AD**

Muhammad claimed to have a new revelation from God and started Islam

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Many other sects of faith developed over time, each claiming to know “God” or “gods” or create a deity or deities or believe there is no deity at all (atheist)



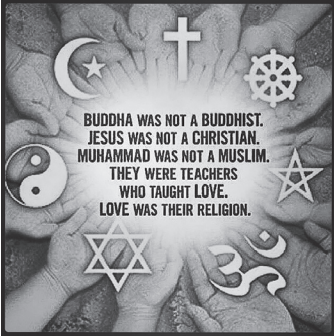


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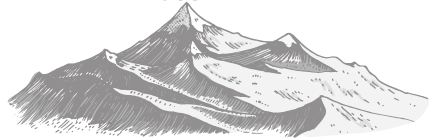
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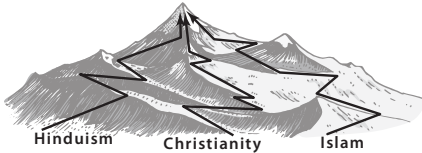
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Do all paths lead to God?

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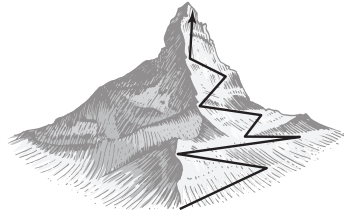
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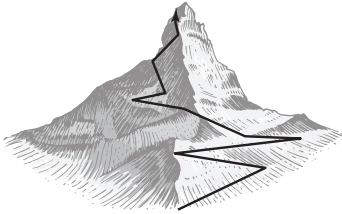
MANY GODS



HINDUISM

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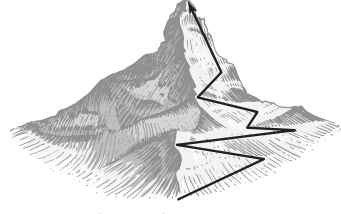
ONE GOD
Jesus NOT God's Son



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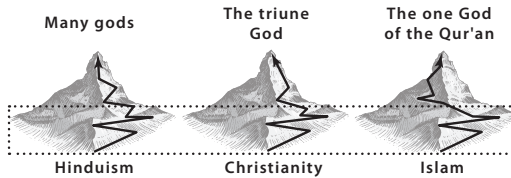
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ONE TRIUNE GOD
Jesus God's Son



CHRISTIANITY

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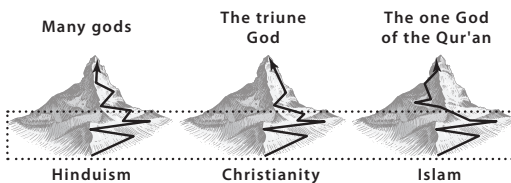
... the paths lead to entirely
different mountaintops

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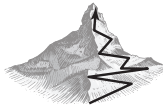
At the base level there is
common truth among faiths

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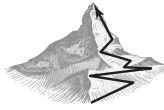
When you go beyond a base level
see where the paths keep going to ...

Many gods



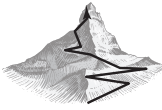
Hinduism

The triune God



Christianity

The one God of the Qur'an



Islam

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CHAPTER 16



The TV-MA, NC-17 Bible

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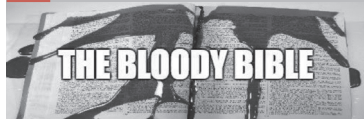
Bible Verses you don't hear about in church



Samaria shall become desolate; for she hath rebelled against her God: they shall fall by the sword: their infants shall be dashed in pieces, and their women with child shall be ripped up

Hosea 13:16 (KJV)

16.2



Every one that is found shall be thrust through; and every one that is joined unto them shall fall by the sword. Their children also shall be dashed to pieces before their eyes; their houses shall be spoiled, and their wives ravished. (KJV)

Isaiah 13:15-16

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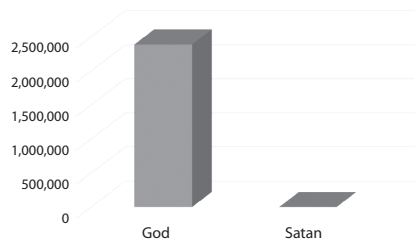
"I Hate Babies!"

Exodus 21:22-25, Leviticus 27:7-9, Hosea 9:11-16, Numbers 8:11-21, Numbers 31:17, Numbers 32:16, 2 Kings 15:18, 1 Samuel 15:3, Psalms 135:8 & 136:10, Psalms 137:9, Leviticus 20:16, Judges 11:30-40, Psalms 137:9-10, 2 Kings 6:26-29, Deuteronomy 21:18-21, 2 Kings 14:25, Judges 11:32, Exodus 20:7-10, 2 Kings 7:27, Leviticus 26:30, 1 Samuel 15:11-18, 1 Kings 16:34, Isaiah 13:15-18, Jeremiah 11:22-23, Jeremiah 18:7, Lamentations 2:20-22, Genesis 22:9 & 10, 1 Kings 3:24-25, Proverbs 13:24, 19:18, 22:15, 23:13-14 & 20:15, Matthew 19:28, Mark 7:9

16.4

Bible Kill Count

Note: margin of error is equal to that of the Bible; numbers of Flood deaths not included;
if Satan created by God, cumulative count does not change but Satan's count may
become Null and kills can be statistically assigned to God indirectly



God = 2,391,421; Satan = 10; Cumulative = 2,391,431

16.5

PARENTAL ADVISORY

Contains scenes of
violence, sex, the occult,
immorality, genocide.

NOT SUITABLE FOR CHILDREN

16.6

CONTENT ADVISORY

This is a work of fiction and
SHOULD NOT be interpreted literally.

Contains material advocating murder, racism, genocide, rape,
pedophilia, infanticide, theft, and verses descriptive of incest,
self-mutilation, human sacrifice, and psychopathic behavior.

Exposure to contents, especially during formative years, has been
shown to cause delusions, hallucinations, impaired cognitive
function, psycho-pathological and emotional disorders,
and violent behavior.

**THIS BOOK SHOULD NOT BE
READ BY CHILDREN UNDER
14 YEARS OF AGE**



CHAPTER 17



The God of Compassion, Slow to Anger and Forgiving

17.1

Old Testament God



"Kill them" (Num. 25:16)
"Show them no mercy"
(Deut. 7:2)

New Testament Jesus



"Love them" (Matt. 22:39)
"Forgive them" (Luke 23:34)



CHAPTER 18



Making Sense of the Texts of Terror

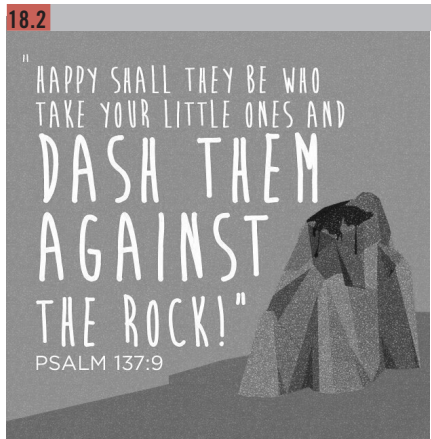
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Table 18.1*

“Extermination”	“No Extermination”
Joshua 10:20a: “It came about when Joshua and the sons of Israel had finished slaying them with a very great slaughter until they were destroyed.”	Joshua 10:20b “and the survivors who remained of them had entered the fortified cities.”
Joshua 10:39: “every person” in Debir was “utterly destroyed.”	Joshua 11:21: Later Joshua “utterly destroyed” Anakites in Debir.
Joshua 11:21: The Anakites were “cut off” and “utterly destroyed” in Hebron—as well as from Debir, Anab, and “all the hill country of Judah.” There were “no Anakim left in the land of the sons of Israel.”	Joshua 15:13–14: Caleb “drove out” the Anakites from Hebron; cf. Judges 1:20, where Caleb “drove out” the Anakites from Hebron.
Judges 1:8: “Then the sons of Judah fought against Jerusalem and captured it and struck it with the edge of the sword and set the city on fire.”	Judges 1:21: “But the sons of Benjamin did not drive out the Jebusites who lived in Jerusalem; so the Jebusites have lived with the sons of Benjamin in Jerusalem to this day.”
Joshua: 11:23: “So Joshua took the whole land, according to all that the LORD had spoken to Moses, and Joshua gave it for an inheritance to Israel according to their divisions by their tribes. Thus the land had rest from war.”	Judges 2:21, 23: “I also will no longer drive out before them any of the nations which Joshua left when he died. . . . So the LORD allowed those nations to remain, not driving them out quickly; and he did not give them into the hand of Joshua.”

* Scripture quotations are from the New American Standard Bible.



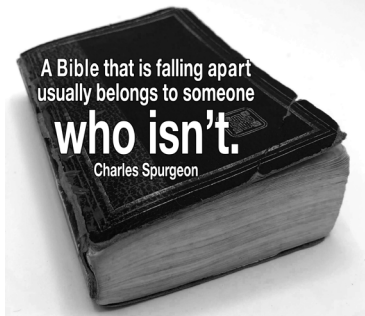


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