## **God Wrote The Bible Confusing On Purpose**

Mark 4: 10-12 "And when he was alone, they asked about the parable. He said "to you it is given to know the mystery of the kingdom of God: but to them all these things are done in parables: so that seeing they may see, and not perceive; and hearing they may hear, and not understand; lest they should be converted, and their sins should be forgiven." This is similar to God's word to Isaiah 6:9-11.

What Jesus said is confusing!!! He said some things that are hard to take. The Bible has hard sayings. A lot of people think the Bible, Jesus, God are wrong. When we look at the world, all the evil, there are things that make it look like there is no god, or that he doesn't care. Many don't get what they pray for. Why bother?

That is how it can be from our human point of view. But all people know their own mind, their understanding, is limited, incomplete, defective. What we wanted, led to disaster and what we did not like, led to blessing.

Would God write the Bible confusing on purpose? Would Jesus, really say heartless words? If I was god, I would never do that in my "Good Book". The Bible is also full of wonderful words, promises of mercy, forgiveness. Savior, Redeemer, Love. In Love, God knows He cannot allow us to be fooled by Satan's lies. Jesus is my friend. God is my loving Father. He is Holy, Pure, Righteous. Nothing sinful, flawed, can exist in His presence. He is perfect, never does anything wrong or the wrong way.

Sometimes a truth can only be expressed by saying two opposite statements. The wave / particle nature of light, the deep truths of physics, are like that. "His ways are not like our ways, His thoughts are not like our thoughts." He wrote the Bible in such a way as to make clear our human understanding is defective. Because our evil minds twist everything, there are some things He can not say plainly.

We only begin to get a glimmer of God when we give up our own ways, thoughts and seek His way. Pray God would give you His Wisdom, that He would shape your mind to be His mind, your heart to be His heart. "

We can only understand a Spiritual Book spiritually, by God's Spirit, not by our human abilities. I know people who express the Spirit of Christ, but their understanding of certain Bible teachings is different from what the Lord has lead me to believe. I know others I am in full agreement with but in whom I see no sign or interest in the Spirit of Love, Truth, Peace.

Those the world calls religious leaders, have a hard time thinking they are flawed. They represent God, speak for God. From the beginning of the Bible to the end, God's biggest problems are not the "criminals" but the "good people", leaders who speak for God.

God is capable. The Bible is exactly what He wants. It is God's deliberate intention that we have 2 different versions of the 10 commandments, 2 of the Lord's Prayer, 4 of Jesus' words at the Last Supper, 4 of His death and resurrection. Those "variations" would have been eliminated by a human author. If we had the Lord's Prayer in Jesus' Aramaic words, we would be praying it in Aramaic! Jesus words were translated into Greek. The Old Testament is in Hebrew. Therefore there is nothing wrong by using English or Chinese.

Mt 5:17 records Jesus saying not the smallest letter or decorative corner of a letter would pass from the Law (Bible) until all is accomplished. 2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians 3:6 "ministers of a new covenant, not of the letter but of the Spirit. For the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life".

People argue, fight, kill over human opinions about the words of the Bible. The Spirit is about God's Love, salvation, worship, care for the brother, witness to the lost. No one can fight or kill over that. All who seek the Spirit of God, the Love of Christ are united in the Spiritual Body of the Church. All real Christians love God, love their brothers in the true faith, and as children of the Father even love as He does, the lost, the enemy.

There are Bible variations from Europe, Ethiopia, Babylon. There are no variations in meaning. Men hand copied the Bible for thousands of years. It was not possible for anyone, any group, to control what God says.

A few years after Mohammed, the leader ordered all variants destroyed and authorized one purified Quran. Mormons and Jehovah's Witnesses control the copyright, content, of their books and modify them from the originals.

God wrote the Bible in such a way to make sure we know salvation is by Faith in Christ, His Gift, Grace alone. It is not by our human understanding, knowledge.

## *To God alone be Glory*

He died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them. 2 Cor. 5:15

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