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I recently picked up a copy of *102 Questions Children Ask about the Bible with answers for busy parents*, by David R. Veerman *et. al.* (The Livingston Corporation and Lightwave Publishing, 1994). I was amused by both the questions and the answers provided. After reading through it I thought it would be good to have some real answers to these questions, so I am providing my answers to the same 102 questions, which I believe are much more truthful and enlightening than those provided by the original authors.

However, I would ask the reader if the questions given are the ones that troubled him or her, or would have troubled him or her, as a young person reading the Bible. I didn't see the types of questions that troubled me when reading the Bible as a young person. Hence, I have also provided suggestions for more pertinent questions that a young person might ask.

#1: What is a Bible?

If spelled with a capital B, a Bible is a compilation of myth and superstition centered around the basic superstition that there is being called "God" who created the universe, including humankind, and is involved with humankind.

#2: Did the Bible stories really happen, or are they like fairy tales?

Definitely fairy tales, except that fairy tales often have some underlying moral. Bible stories rarely do.

#3: When was the Bible made?

Before we had scientific methods to look for real answers.

#4: How many people wrote the Bible?

We will never know. We have no idea who wrote much of it, especially the Old Testament. Do you think we should put confidence in a book when we don't even know who the authors are?

#5: What does inspired mean?

To inspire is to motivate or bring out a creative work. In the case of the Bible, the writers were inspired by the need to try to make sense of the world and universe when they had no means of figuring it out, so they created the superstition (among many) of the Bible.

When I was growing up I was told that the Bible was "verbally inspired", meaning that it is actually the words of god. On the other hand, they said that the writers were allowed to write in their own words. You get to decide!

#6: Why are there four books about Jesus in the Bible?

So that we can see all the contradictions between them all. See *Unholy Bible: The Unholy and Unreal Parts of the Bible* (Ward Ricker, 2019), available free at www.WardsBooks.com.

#7: Where did they get the scrolls from?

They didn't have paper in those days, but that didn't stop them from finding a way to write down their imaginations. They used materials such as papyrus, made from reeds, and parchment, dried animal skins similar to leather, to record their superstitions.

#8: If lots of different people in different places wrote the Bible, how did it get together in one big book?

In church councils, gatherings of church leaders of very questionable character and motives, such as the Council of Rome and the Council of Nicaea in the fourth century A.D. These were meetings run and decided by very human and fallible church leaders, much like the priests and cardinals that you hear about rather frequently on the news as having molested young children.

#9: Why can't we put new books in the Bible?

It would undoubtedly create even more contradictions than are already in the Bible.

#10: Will people write about us in a special Bible, too?

There will always be people who will write untruthful and ridiculous accounts of what has taken place in the world. It is unlikely, though, that future such accounts would be called the "Bible".

#11: Why do so many people keep translating the Bible?

It is a futile attempt at trying to come up with a version that actually makes sense.

#12: Why isn't there just one kind of Bible?

Same as answer #11.

#13: What is a Living Bible?

An attempt to make the Bible into a book palatable to decent people.

#14: Why did god put scary stories in the Bible?

The god of the Bible is a violent, vicious and vindictive creature. Hence, all the violent, gory and scary stories about all that he did.

Of course, the true answer is that he didn't, because the god of the Bible doesn't exist. In reality, people put the stories in there to try to scare us into behaving the way that they think we should behave.

#15: Is archaeology the study of Noah's ark?

No, or there would be nothing for archaeologists to study.

#16: Why do we study the Bible?

Those who study the Bible do so because it is easier to blindly follow myths than to dig in and search out real truth.

#17: How can kids study the Bible?

With a sense of humor and an open mind to see all its contradictions, immorality and stupidity. They should ask lots of questions to see if it stands up to hard questioning and should treat it as critically as they would any other book!

#18: What's a concordance?

An index to find your favorite myths in the Bible.

#19: Why do we memorize verses?

For the same reason people study the Bible—it is easier than seeking out real answers. I memorized many passages from the Bible as a young person. How much better off would I be today if I had put those brain cells to a useful purpose!

#20: Why is the Bible in two parts, rather than in one part?

The first part is the myths and superstitions that both Christians and Jews believe in. Only Christians believe the malarky in the second part.

#21: What is the Bible's biggest story?

That of a god who fumbles and bumbles and grumbles and smites and strikes and wreaks havoc, and, no matter how he tries, just can't seem to get it right.

#22: How did god make people?

He didn't. People made god.

#23: If Adam and Eve hadn't sinned, would people sin today?

Hopefully.

#24: What made the garden of Eden prettier than other gardens today?

This is called "begging the question". What reason do we have to say that the garden of Eden was pretty? If it was at all in character with the god of the Bible, it was undoubtedly as ugly as hell.

#25: Why did Eve disobey god when she knew she would die?

Perhaps she wanted to be something more than god's clueless minion. Most of us want to improve ourselves, to gain more wisdom and knowledge to achieve some success in life. Why should Eve have been any different? (Unless, of course, you believe that a talking snake goaded her into it.)

#26: Why did Cain kill his brother?

Perhaps because Cain was made in the image of god.

#27: How did Noah build a boat that was so big?

If it was supposed to hold the thousands of species of mammals, thousands of species of birds, million or more species of insects and many other species of animals on earth, the 450-foot-long boat was not so big. It was far too tiny to even start to do the job.

#28: Why did god flood the whole earth?

Because:

The god of the Bible is violent.

The god of the Bible is fickle.

The god of the Bible didn't care about all the innocent babies and children on earth.

The god of the Bible was angry about the major mess that he had created.

The god of the Bible was ashamed of the major mess that he had created.

The god of the Bible can't control himself.

The god of the Bible didn't do any better job of communicating with people then than he does today.

#29: Why did god put a rainbow in the sky?

To remind him when he gets forgetful, since he has a hard time remembering things. "I do set my bow in the cloud, and it shall be for a token of a covenant between me and the earth. And it shall come to pass, when I bring a cloud over the earth, that the bow shall be seen in the cloud: And I will remember my covenant, which is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall no more become a flood to destroy all flesh." (Genesis 9:13-15)

#30: Why did god choose Abraham to go to the promised land, rather than someone else?

Perhaps Abraham was the only one with schizophrenia serious enough that he heard voices in his head that he attributed to god.

#31: Why was Abraham willing to kill his own son?

He believed god talked to him, like some religious quacks do today. The real question to ask is, "Why would god want to create his special nation from a man willing to kill his own son?"

#32: Why did Jacob trick his dad?

Because he was evil and selfish and thought that it was just fine to trick others out of what they had. The real question is why god said, "As it is written, Jacob have I loved, but Esau have I hated." (Romans 9:13) . How would you like to go before a judge that rewards the swindler and hates the victim? Is this a god who believes in justice?

It also shows that god is Machiavellian. That means that the means justifies the end. God wanted Jacob to be his special boy through whom the nation of Israel came, and, if that meant that Jacob had to blackmail his brother and lie to his father, so be it. As long as it is for god's purpose, it is okay in god's book. It's okay to do evil if it's for god's purposes. (Kind of like what the hijackers thought on 9/11.)

What do you think of a god who would create his special nation through a man as evil and selfish as Jacob?

#33: Why did Joseph's brothers sell him?

This was god's plan so that, while the rest of the world suffered and died from starvation in god's famine, Joseph would be in a position to save his blackmailing father Jacob, his

incestuous brother Reuben, and the rest of his gang who butchered all the men of the city of Shalem after tricking them into mutilating themselves (Genesis 34).

#34: Why didn't Joseph go back home?

Same as answer #33.

#35: Why didn't the bush burn up?

This refers to the story of Moses encountering a burning bush from which god called him to deliver the Israelites from bondage in Egypt. The bush didn't burn up because the fire was no more real than the god who presumedly spoke from it.

#36: Why wasn't Moses afraid to go to Pharaoh?

He was under the delusion that there was a god who was going to help him.

#37: Why wouldn't Pharaoh let the people go?

God "hardened his heart" so that he wouldn't do so, so as to give god the excuse to kill a person in every house in Egypt.

"And I will harden Pharaoh's heart, and multiply my signs and my wonders in the land of Egypt. But Pharaoh shall not hearken unto you, that I may lay my hand upon Egypt, and bring forth mine armies, and my people the children of Israel, out of the land of Egypt by great judgments" (Exodus 7:3-4).

"And the LORD said unto Moses, Go in unto Pharaoh: for I have hardened his heart, and the heart of his servants, that I might shew these my signs before him" (Exodus 10:1).

"And the LORD said unto Moses, Pharaoh shall not hearken unto you; that my wonders may be multiplied in the land of Egypt. And Moses and Aaron did all these wonders before Pharaoh: and the LORD hardened Pharaoh's heart, so that he would not let the children of Israel go out of his land" (Exodus 11:9-10).

What do you think of someone who sets someone up just so that he can show off and have an excuse to kill lots of people?

#38: Why did god send plagues on Egypt?

Because he was violent and hateful. Being an omnipotent god, he could have brought the Israelites out without killing anyone, but that wouldn't have been as much fun for him.

More to the point, if people's gods were kind and friendly they wouldn't scare people. People create their gods to be vicious and mean so that people will be afraid and stay in line.

#39: Why did the Israelites smear blood on their doors?

Because they didn't want the bloodthirsty god who insisted on killing a person in every house in Egypt to kill them as well.

#40: How did Moses part the Red Sea?

By the power of god, of course. This is another example of god's hatefulness and butchery. Instead of closing the waters behind the Israelites before the Egyptians entered the sea, god waited until after the Egyptians were in the middle of the sea before he callously drowned them all.

#41: Why did god give Moses so many laws for the Israelites to obey?

So that he would have an excuse to send plagues and scourges to kill many of them when they didn't follow all the rules.

#42: Why did the Israelites who left Egypt have to wander in the wilderness until they died?

Because they weren't willing to butcher and kill innocent men, women, children and babies in the name of god when they came to the promised land.

#43: Did the Israelites have lawyers and courts for their judges?

Nope. God set up the judges to carry out "justice" without any accountability, such as Jephthah, who burnt his own innocent daughter to death.

#44: Was Samson a good guy or a bad guy?

He butchered and killed thirty innocent men just to steal their clothes to pay off a bet. What does that tell you? Of course, he was only able to do so because the "spirit of the lord came upon him" (Judges 14:19), so who was the real bad guy?

#45: Why did Samson tell Delilah his secret?

Because he was stupid, like most of god's "judges".

#46: Why did Hannah leave her son at the church?

So that he could grow up immersed in the superstitions of the high priest.

#47: Why did the people want to have a king?

Because god was doing such a crappy job.

#48: What did Goliath eat that made him so big?

Cheerios. We are not sure what the Bible writers ate that made their imaginations big enough to write tall tales like this.

#49: How did David fight Goliath if he was so small?

With a slingshot, we are told. The interesting thing is that prior to the story of Goliath, the Bible tells us that the Israelites had been beating the Philistines all over the place. The real question to ask here is, "Why did they stop doing so and become so afraid just because of one giant man?"

#50: Why was Saul jealous of David?

Because god's evil spirit came upon him.

"But the Spirit of the LORD departed from Saul, and an evil spirit from the LORD troubled him. (1 Samuel 16:14)

"And it came to pass on the morrow, that the evil spirit from God came upon Saul, and he prophesied in the midst of the house" (1 Samuel 18:10).

"And the evil spirit from the LORD was upon Saul, as he sat in his house with his javelin in his hand" (1 Samuel 19:9).

What do you think of a god who sends out his evil spirit to make a person try to kill an innocent man?

#51: Why did Solomon want to cut the baby in half?

To demonstrate how clever he was to find a woman stupid enough to fall for this stunt. Two women came to him, both claiming that the child was hers. He ordered the baby cut in half and half given to each, whereupon the real mother cried, “No, don’t kill him”, and the other woman said, “Yes, that is fair.” Do you think you could find a woman as stupid as this other woman?

#52: Were the prophets the people in Bible days who made lots of money?

No. Prophets didn’t make profits in terms of money. They got their rewards by creating misery for the people.

#53: Why did Elijah go up to heaven so early?

We aren’t told how old Elijah was when he went to heaven; he could have been very old, so the question is not valid. If the author of the original book can’t get the questions right, how much can we say for his answers?

Also, why is it claimed that Elijah went up to heaven? Jesus himself said that no one has ascended to heaven. (John 3:13)

#54: Why did god send the Jews to Babylon?

To put an end to his failed experiment.

#55: Whose hand made the writing on the wall?

Budweiser.

It isn’t known if drunkenness is one reason behind the ridiculousness of the Bible authors’ writings, but it could well have been.

#56: How did Daniel sleep with the lions without being afraid?

The Bible says nothing about whether Daniel was afraid, , so like #53, it is an invalid question. If Daniel was a true man of god, though, then perhaps he was so mean and snarly that the lions were afraid of him!

#57: Why didn’t the Jews ever change their clothes while they were rebuilding the walls?

They rather liked that hearty bodily aroma that results after a few days of working in the same clothes.

#58: What’s a Maccabee?

Something that doesn’t occur anywhere in the Protestant version of the Bible—only in the Catholic one. How much confidence do you have in “god’s word” if people can’t even decide what it includes?

#59: Why was Jesus born in a stinky stable?

Because that’s where his mother stopped for the night when she went into labor. Besides, a stinky stable is an appropriate enough place for a story that stinks as bad as this one.

#60: Did people in the Bible have Christmas?

No. Christmas wasn't recognized as a holiday until centuries later. Before it was, though, the Roman Empire celebrated the rebirth of the Unconquered Sun (Sol Invictus) on December 25th. Why do you think that Christians stole this pagan holiday to claim as their own?

#61: Why do angels light up and get bright?

I don't know. I haven't seen one. Have you?

#62: How come Zacharias couldn't talk until his son was born?

God made Zacharias unable to talk because he laughed when god told him that his rather aged wife would have a child. This is why he had to write down that the child was to be named John. The interesting thing here, though, is that the people around him had to sign to him to ask him the child's name. Why do you think they would have to sign to him just because he was unable to speak?

#63: Why did John the Baptist live in the desert?

He was sent from god. Therefore, he wasn't fit to be around civilized people.

#64: Why did the holy spirit come down on Jesus like a dove?

Of course, he didn't, because, like most of the stories in the Bible, this is a fable. It we presume that it really happened, though, perhaps it was to recognize that the teachings of Jesus amounted to what you find on the ground underneath where a bunch of doves are nesting.

#65: How did Jesus do miracles?

By the imagination of the Bible authors.

#66: Are the beatitudes short for bad attitudes?

No. The beatitudes are one passage of the Bible which contains good, morally uplifting messages. (Although not too realistic: The meek shall inherit the earth?) Not all of the Bible is violent, immoral or reprehensible.

#67: If Jesus doesn't want us to be hurt, why did he tell us to chop our hands off and poke our eyes out?

It is incorrect to say that Jesus doesn't want us to be hurt. After all, Jesus gladly sends anyone to hell to suffer in agony forever and ever if they commit even the tiniest sin or dare to follow any other belief than his own. How can anyone say that Jesus doesn't want us to be hurt when he does such a violent and hateful thing? Consider the next question and quotation.

#68: What is a parable?

A story that Jesus told with a meaning that he hid from people so that they would go to hell. "And he said unto them, Unto you it is given to know the mystery of the kingdom of God: but unto them that are without, all these things are done in parables: That seeing they may see, and not perceive; and hearing they may hear, and not understand; lest at any time they should be converted, and their sins should be forgiven them" (Mark 4:11-12).

#69: Why did the disciples tell the people Jesus was too busy to see the kids?
They didn't realize that Jesus was a pedophile. (Or perhaps they did!)

#70: What does Passover mean?

It means that god passed over the Israelites' houses when he was on his mad killing spree back in Exodus. He went on this killing spree because he had "hardened Pharaoh's heart" to give him the excuse to kill one person in every innocent Egyptian's household.

#71: Why did Judas betray Jesus?

Probably because he finally realized what a shyster he was.

#72: Why were the Roman soldiers so mean?

Sometimes when people have power it goes to their heads, and they think they can get away with doing horrible things to other people. Just look at all the horrible things that god did in the Bible.

#73: Why did the people say, "Come down off the cross if you are the son of god?"

Because they realized what a fake he was.

#74: Did Jesus know that he would come to life again?

Yes. So why was it such a big sacrifice that he "died"? Wouldn't you be willing to "die" if it was only for three days and it would save the lives of people all over the earth?

#75: Why did Jesus go up to heaven instead of staying here on earth?

He was too ashamed of himself to hang around.

#76: Didn't the tongues of fire on the apostles' heads burn them?

No. They just made them go crazy.

#77: How could the angel unlock Peter out of jail without keys?

By the imagination of the writer of the book of Acts in the Bible.

#78: How big were the worms that ate King Herod?

No bigger than the ones that will eat you when you are dead, and not nearly as big as the sinuous and twisted lies that you read in the Bible.

#79: How could Peter kill and eat animals that were in a vision?

Another invalid question, like #53 and #56. Peter didn't kill or eat any animals in his vision. However, there is no reason that Peter couldn't have had a dream ("vision") in which he killed them with a spear or arrow and eat them with his mouth.

#80: Why was it against the law to make friends with a Gentile?

It is just part of the rank racism that runs through the Bible.

#81: Why was Saul blinded by a bright light?

Because god cared enough about this vicious Christian-killer to convert him. When god shines a bright light on you that blinds you, then you should believe in him, too.

#82: Why did Paul want to tell the Romans about Jesus?

There is no reason to believe that the people of Rome were any less inclined to accept such superstition than any other people.

#83: How did Paul send letters to churches if they didn't have mailboxes?

Messengers had to hand carry letters back in those days. That made it a bit more difficult to spread their religious superstition, but it still managed to get around.

#84: Why hasn't god told us when Jesus is coming back?

He did. Jesus said clearly, "Verily I say unto you, There be some standing here, which shall not taste of death, till they see the Son of man coming in his kingdom" (Matthew 16:28). Did what Jesus said come true?

#85: Is there church in heaven?

It can be arranged if you wish to spend your eternity listening to boring sermons.

#86: Will I have a bedroom up in heaven?

Sure. With nothing to do but walk on golden streets and kiss Jesus' feet all the time, you might as well just go to sleep. What do you think you might do to entertain yourself in such a place as heaven?

#87: When did all this happen?

Most of it—never.

#88: How did the people travel?

They travelled on horses, donkeys or on foot. On the water they travelled in boats. They didn't have gasoline or electricity to power things like cars or planes, so they generally travelled much slower than today. That didn't stop their superstitions about god and gods from travelling around and convincing people to believe in their lies, though.

#89: Did children in Bible times color?

We don't know for sure. They didn't have crayons, but they might have used other substances to color, such as colored earth or dyes. Like kids today, they could be quite imaginative. When they got to be adults their imaginations led them to believe in things like god, angels, devils, etc.

#90: Do people live in the land of Israel today?

Yes, and they still can't stop fighting and killing each other over religion.

#91: Why did people in Bible times bow down to welcome each other?

Bowing is a show of respect. If the person you met was someone who you were supposed to show respect to, then you would be expected to bow. People were also expected to

bow when coming before god, even though the insecure, jealous, arrogant, mean, hateful, vindictive, violent control freak depicted as god in the Bible wouldn't deserve it.

#92: Why did people go to wells instead of using the water at home?

They didn't have water at home, because there was no plumbing for running water in those days. People had to dig wells into the ground, because god made most of the water on the surface of the earth undrinkable. Why do you think he did this?

#93: Did people have shoes in Bible days?

Sure. They needed something to protect their feet that god had so poorly designed.

#94: How come there are no Bible stories that take place in winter?

The date of December 25 has been settled on as the day to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ. Of course, no one knows for sure if there truly was such a person as Jesus Christ, since he hasn't been mentioned in any writings of the time outside of Christian writings, but if there was, he may well have been born in winter.

#95: Did people have ice cream in Bible times?

Nope. It would have held up in the Palestine heat no better than the Bible's malarky holds up in light of today's science.

#96: How come the husbands could have so many wives?

Most people didn't. Only some of the best of god's men were polygamous, such as Abraham, Jacob, Moses, David and Solomon. You could only be polygamous if you were really "holy".

#97: Why did people kill animals for church?

To remind them that they served a violent and brutal god.

#98: Did people in Bible times have music?

Yup. No rock-n-roll, though. Poor souls!

#99: Were there any crimes in the Bible?

Lots of them—mostly committed by god or in god's name.

#100: What language did they speak in Bible days?

There were many—far too many to try to name here--but they were different than today's languages. Like species of animals, languages also evolve. There was no English in Bible days, but English evolved out of other languages such as Latin and early Germanic languages. Languages evolve faster than animals, though. The animal species on earth have taken many millions of years to evolve into what they are. Languages have had only some thousands of years to evolve.

#101: Does god have things to do at nighttime?

One could be excused for thinking that the whole world experiences nighttime at the same time if that person reads the Bible. The Bible assumes the earth to be flat, referring, for

instance, to the “ends” of the earth. It tells about a mountain that fills the whole earth. How could a mountain fill the whole earth if it is a sphere? It also says that when Jesus comes back that every eye shall see him. How could that happen unless the earth were flat? Why do you think that god didn’t tell us that the earth was round and that, therefore, if it is nighttime in one place it is daytime in another?

#102: Does god have a sense of humor?

If he expects intelligent people to actually believe in “his book” he sure does!

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However, I would ask the reader if these are really representative of the questions that they had about the Bible if they read it when they were young. I seem to recall a little more serious questioning when I was a child. Why does the author only address the easy or silly questions? How about the following questions?

Why did god make 97 percent of water on earth full of salt so that you can’t drink it?

Why did god create earthquakes, volcanoes, tornados and other “acts of god”?

Why did god put most of the stars so far away that we cannot even see them?

Did god create malaria?

What was wrong with god’s design so that dinosaurs died out?

If Adam and Eve hadn’t sinned by beating the fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, but one of their descendants did, would we be living in a world where some of the people are condemned for their sin and others have no knowledge of good and evil? How would the sinners keep this a secret from the non sinful ones?

If Cain was the third person to live on the earth, who was it that lived in the city that he built (Genesis 4:17)?

Who were the “sons of god” who came down and got women pregnant in the book of Genesis? How many sons do you think god has?

How did Noah get the polar bears and penguins to bring onto the ark? Did he swim to Antarctica for the penguins?

Why was god so threatened by people building a tower that he had to confound their language? Is he truly that insecure?

What kind of god would drown every baby in the entire world?

What kind of god would burn to death every baby in Sodom and Gomorrah?

What kind of god would order the Israelites to commit genocide in the promised land?

Why did god approve of Abraham kicking out his own child, Ishmael, to likely starve to death? Doesn't god believe men should take care of their own children?

If Abraham was willing to kill his child in the name of god, what kind of person does that make him? Is he any different than terrorists who kill for religious reasons today?

Why does the Bible refer to Lot as a righteous man when he offered his daughters to be raped?

Why couldn't god help Judah take over the lowlands just because the people had chariots of iron? Isn't god strong enough to deal with chariots of iron?

Why did god send plagues on Pharaoh's household when it was Abraham that lied about his wife?

Why did god "harden Pharaoh's heart" so that he wouldn't do what god wanted? Did he just want the excuse to kill people? Couldn't he have brought them out peacefully if he wanted to? Why didn't he?

What kind of god approves of slavery?

Why did god hold children responsible for their parents' sins down to the third and fourth generations?

Why did god order so many type of people to be killed, such as gays, children who curse their parents, people who chose their own religion and even people who picked up sticks on the Sabbath? How can he be so cruel?

Does god believe in freedom of religion? Should we?

Why would god make a woman eat dirt from the tabernacle floor just because her husband was jealous?

Why would god command to cut off a woman's hand if she grabbed a man by the balls to try to protect her husband? Shouldn't a woman try to protect her own family?

Why did god force women to marry the men who raped them?

Why would god empower Samson to kill thirty men just so that he could steal their clothes to pay off a bet?

Why did the first man that god picked to be king over Israel turn out so bad? Why did the man that god gave the ten tribes to turn out so bad? Why did every king that god set up in this kingdom turn out so bad? Can't god do a better job of picking leaders?

Why does the Bible say that David did “that which was right in the eyes of the lord... all the days of his life”, except in the case of Bathsheba (1 Kings 15:5), when he spent his days in Philistia raiding neighboring towns and slaughtering everybody in them? Was this doing right?

Why did god kill David’s and Bathsheba’s innocent child when David was the one who sinned?

Why did god kill 70,000 Israelites when only David sinned?

Why did god kill Uzzah, who was kind enough to save the ark of god from falling over?

What kind of a god would send lying spirits to his prophets to entice a king (Ahab) to get himself killed? Should we serve a god who propagates lies?

Where did they get the barrels of water up on top of a mountain to dump over Elijah’s offering when he challenged the prophets of Baal, if it was in the middle of a drought?

What kind of god would send bears to rip up children just because they laughed at a man’s bald head?

Was it right for Ezra to command the Israelites to dump their wives and children if they weren’t pure Israelites? Would it be right for a person today to refuse to take care of his own children because of their race?

Why would god allow a such righteous man as Job to suffer and his children to be killed just to win a bet with the devil?

How was a person “saved” in the Old Testament, anyway? If it was by offering sacrifices, would a man be saved if he offered a sacrifice and his wife not be saved if she didn’t?

Did god tell the people of the Old testament that torment in a lake of fire awaited them if they didn’t do whatever it was they were supposed to do in the last question? Why not? Didn’t he care enough to warn them?

If Jesus said praying with “faith as a grain of mustard seed” would result in moving a mountain, why has no mountain ever, as far as we know, been moved out of its place in 2000 years?

What kind of a man was Jesus if he encouraged men to forsake their wives and children (Matthew 19:29; Luke 14:26)?

Why did god want to have his own son killed? Why is he so intent on killing? How can this make anything right?

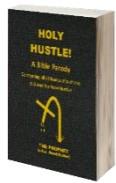
Why did the disciples mourn Stephen’s and Dorcas’ deaths? Did they not believe that they were better off being with the lord?

What kind of god would send people “a strong delusion, that they should believe a lie: that they all might be damned” (2 Thessalonians 2:11-12)? Is this a god who is “not willing that any should perish”?

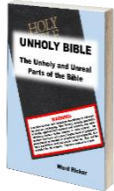
Is it just to send someone to suffer in agony for all eternity because they committed one small “sin”, such as telling a little lie? Would a judge in our society be considered just if he ordered such a penalty for a small crime, such as running a stop sign? Is a god who would do this a loving god?

Why doesn't god show himself to us today? Why is he hiding?

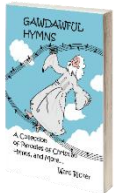
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