

My point is that nothing is wrong with the Bible but, if it is intended to instruct and edify us – give us God’s words – then it is imperative that we understand it, that we get to the message. In other words, I think *some* kind of interpretation beyond the mere words is absolutely necessary.

The Answers in Genesis people tell me that I’m probably damned because I believe in evolution and, therefore, must not believe in God. Why must they be exclusive? Why can’t we have both? Couldn’t God have created natural law then let it operate, under His supervision, until the first humans finally appeared when He could then breathe a soul into them?

(Did you know that orthodox Muslims do not even try to understand the Koran? To do so is to try to understand the mind of Allah, which is to make oneself equal with him, which is THE WORST kind of sin.)

So, here are some of my questions.

How do you reconcile the following two passages?

On the first day:

Genesis 1:3 through Genesis 1:5 (KJV) ³And God said, Let there be light: and there was light. ⁴And God saw the light, that *it was* good: and God divided the light from the darkness. ⁵And God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And the evening and the morning were the first day.

But not until the fourth day did He create the sun:

Genesis 1:14 through Genesis 1:19 (KJV) ¹⁴And God said, Let there be lights in the firmament of the heaven to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs, and for seasons, and for days, and years: ¹⁵And let them be for lights in the firmament of the heaven to give light upon the earth: and it was so. ¹⁶And God made two great lights; the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night: *he made* the stars also. ¹⁷And God set them in the firmament of the heaven to give light upon the earth, ¹⁸And to rule over the day and over the night, and to divide the light from the darkness: and God saw that *it was* good. ¹⁹And the evening and the morning were the fourth day.

I’m not convinced that even a literal interpretation rules out evolution. What, in your mind, does “bring forth” mean?

Genesis 1:20 through Genesis 1:22 and 1:24 through 1:25(KJV) ²⁰And God said, Let the **waters bring forth** abundantly the moving creature that hath life, and fowl *that* may fly above the earth in the open firmament of heaven. ²¹And God created great whales, and every living creature that moveth, which **the waters brought forth abundantly**, after their kind, and every winged fowl after his kind: and God saw that *it was* good. ²²And God blessed them, saying, Be fruitful, and multiply, and fill the waters in the seas, and let fowl multiply in the earth. [**red** text for emphasis is mine]

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And God said, Let the **earth bring forth** the living creature after his kind, cattle, and creeping thing, and beast of the earth after his kind: and it was so. ²⁵And God made the

beast of the earth after his kind, and cattle after their kind, and every thing that creepeth upon the earth after his kind: and God saw that *it was* good. [red text for emphasis is mine]

Luke 3:23-31 and Matthew 1:6-16 give two vastly different genealogies for Christ. Without explanation (interpretation) from historical tradition, how are we to understand the difference? (There are explanations but they aren't from scripture.)

The three synoptic Gospels list some Commandments. They are never the same as those given to Moses. What, then, are The Commandments?

While we're talking about Commandments, what does this mean? Once again, it seems some interpretation is necessary.

Matthew 5:17 through Matthew 5:19 (KJV) ¹⁷Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil. ¹⁸For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled. ¹⁹Whosoever therefore shall break one of these least commandments, and shall teach men so, he shall be called the least in the kingdom of heaven: but whosoever shall do and teach *them*, the same shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven.

Why are Protestants upset with the Catholic belief in transubstantiation?

John 6:51 through John 6:58 (KJV) ⁵¹I am the living bread which came down from heaven: if any man eat of this bread, he shall live for ever: and the bread that I will give is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world. ⁵²The Jews therefore strove among themselves, saying, How can this man give us *his* flesh to eat? ⁵³Then Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except ye eat the flesh of the Son of man, and drink his blood, ye have no life in you. ⁵⁴Whoso eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, hath eternal life; and I will raise him up at the last day. ⁵⁵For my flesh is meat indeed, and my blood is drink indeed. ⁵⁶He that eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, dwelleth in me, and I in him. ⁵⁷As the living Father hath sent me, and I live by the Father: so he that eateth me, even he shall live by me. ⁵⁸This is that bread which came down from heaven: not as your fathers did eat manna, and are dead: he that eateth of this bread shall live for ever.

If Genesis is correct about creation in 6 days, what does this mean?

2 Peter 3:8 (KJV) ⁸But, beloved, be not ignorant of this one thing, that one day *is* with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day.

There are hundreds of other examples and I won't even start with Revelations! It's just that I have all these questions. Curiosity has been my blessing (or curse) all my life.