

The issue with many believers, is that they do not believe that God intended us to understand the whole word of God / the Bible.

Much of that belief is built into the human religious systems they were originated into, after they were justified.

And being religiousized with a system of religious thought that's inconsistent with the words of scripture, they've been spoiled but aren't as much of the word of God, does not sync with their preconceived understanding.

They continually come across scriptures that don't jive with what they've already accepted to be true.

And so much of God's word becomes a huge daunting dark mystery that seemingly was never intended to be understood.

And that perhaps God one day will open their understanding when they go on to be with Him in eternity.

Many of us were religiousized into one of the many variations of the Paramental religious system.

It Is Written

1. The written text always trumps man's subjective opinion, even though they may be long-standing methods.

a. Satan is the father of human deceptive religion:

Matthew 4:1-11 (NAB)

1 Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil.
This is the same circumstance that the first man, Adam, faced.
Although Adam was created into a world without sin,
Jesus was born in to an environment saturated with sin.

We think of **temptation** in terms of the sinful fallen world that we were born into; that temptation is an internal attraction or desire, for something that is in contradiction to God.
And that's true for all children of Adam.

Jesus is the counterpart to Adam's testing:

Adam's testing was in relation to **authority orientation** when he had no sinful nature.

All of mankind being born in the death of the sinful nature, is a result of Adam failing that test!

1 Corinthians 15:22 (NAB)

22 For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ all shall be made alive.

1 Corinthians 15:47 (NAB)

47 As first seed is sown, "The first man Adam became a living being." The last Adam became a life-giving spirit.

1 Corinthians 15:47:48 (NAB)

47 The first man was of the earth, made of dust; the second Man is the Lord from heaven.

48 As was the man of dust, so also are those who are made of dust; and as is the heavenly Man, so also are those who are heavenly.

Galatians 4:4 (NAB)

4 But when the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law,

Jesus Christ being made perfectly righteous in the flesh, He became the spotless lamb of God, qualifying Him for our justification through faith.

Jesus was not born of the seed of Adam

Micah 5:2-3 (NAB)

2 "But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, Though you are little among the thousands of Judah, Yet out of you shall come forth to Me The One who is Ruler in Israel, Whose origin is from of old, From everlasting."

3 Therefore He shall give them up, Until the time that **she who is in labor has given birth** - then the remnant of His brethren shall return to the children of Israel.

4 And He shall stand and feed His flock in the strength of the Lord, In the majesty of the name of the Lord His God; And they shall abide, For now He shall be great To the end of the earth.

5 And this Lord shall be peace - When the Assyrian comes into our land, And when he treads in our palaces, Then we will utter against him-born slaughter and right princely wars.

2 And when He had fasted forty days and forty nights, afterward He was hungry.

3 Now when the tempter came to Him, he said, "If You are the Son of God, command that these stones become bread."

4 But He answered and said, "**It is written**," "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God."

Impressions and opinions are not spiritually life-sustaining.

But the objective verifiable word of God is.

He's saying there's more to life, than just the material life, and sustaining the immediate gratification of our needs when we are involved in testing.

What is more important is to do it the right way, to **learn to depend explicitly on God's word** to provide for us and sustain through life's difficulties and in the midst of testing.

There was clearly an objective verifiable truth made available **and known**.

Galatians 1:8-9 (NAB)

8 I marvel that you are turning away so soon from Him who called you in the grace of Christ, to a different gospel;
9 which is not another, but there are some who trouble you and want to pervert the gospel of Christ.

10 **if we, or an angel from heaven** preach any other gospel to you than **what we have preached to you**, let him be accursed.
11 **Who is no false and hollow, as many have signed, it agrees precisely any other gospel to you than what we have preached** let him be accursed.

Satan always promotes **religious mis-handling** God's word. As he did in the garden of Eden:

Genesis 3:1-6 (NAB)

1 Now the serpent was more cunning than any beast of the field which the Lord God had made. And he said to the woman, "Has God indeed said, 'You shall not eat of every tree of the garden?'"

2 And the woman said to the serpent, "He may not let you eat of the fruit of the garden;

3 but of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God has said, 'You shall not eat it, nor shall you touch it, lest you die.'"

4 Then the serpent said to the woman, "You will not surely die.

5 For God knows that in the day you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."

Eve being deceived she trusted in her senses, instead of what God said:

6 So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree desirable to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate. Her also gave to her husband with her, and he ate.

Satan did this to Jesus Christ, he did it at the beginning of the church age, and he does it today using the same deceptive methods.

Because it's religious, and it makes people feel good, and keeps them ignorant of God's truth.

8 Then the devil took Him up into the holy city, set Him on the pinnacle of the temple,

9 and said to Him, "If You are the Son of God, throw Yourself down. For it is written, 'He shall give His angels charge over you,' and, 'On their hands they shall bear you up, lest you dash your foot against a stone.'"

10 Jesus said to him, "**It is written**," "You shall not tempt the Lord your God."

Many ministers and laypeople treat God's word as if it were a bunch of good thoughts thrown into a hat, shaken up, and tossed into the Bible.

God's word has never been subjective; it was never intended to mean one thing to you, and something else to me.

But rather, **it has one meaning** and we are all to be united in our understanding, as it was intended to be understood in the original manuscript.

Deuteronomy 5:1-8 (NAB)

1 Every commandment which I command you today **you must be careful to observe** - that you may live and multiply, and go in and possess the land of which the Lord swore to your fathers.

2 And you shall remember that the Lord your God led you all the way these forty years in the wilderness, to humble you and test you, to know what was in your heart, whether you would keep His commandments or not.

3 So He humbled you, allowed you to hunger, and led you with manna which you did not know nor did your fathers know; that He might make you know that man shall not live by bread alone but man lives by every word that proceeds from the mouth of the Lord.

4 Your garments did not wear out on you, nor did your foot swell these forty years.

5 You should know in your heart that as a man chastens his son, so the Lord your God chastens you.

6 Therefore you shall keep the commandments of the Lord your God, to walk in His ways, and so live Him.

7 For the Lord your God is bringing you into a good land, a land of brooks of water, of fountains and springs, that flow out of valleys and hills.

8 A land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive oil and honey.

8 Again, the devil took Him up on an exceedingly high mountain, and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory.

9 And he said to Him, "All these things I will give You if You will fall down and worship me."

10 Then Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! For **It is written**," "You shall worship the Lord your God, and Him only you shall serve.""

11 Then the devil left Him, and behold, angels came and ministered to Him.

If God gave us the whole Bible, and all details written in each book of the Bible and then He said:

1 Timothy 3:16-17 (NAB)

16 All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness,

17 that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.

WHO ARE WE TO SAY TO GOD THAT ONLY WHAT I DECIDE YOU'RE GOING TO EXCEPT, IS WORTHY OF MY EFFORT

Ephesians 4:11-12 (NAB)

11 And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers,

12 for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ,

13 till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man.

TO THE MEASURE OF THE STATURE OF THE FULLNESS OF CHRIST;

God sets a high standard for children throughout Scripture

Deuteronomy 6:5-6 (NAB)

5 You shall **Love** the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength.

6 And these words which I command you today shall be in your heart.

7 You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up.

8 You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes.

9 You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

14 that we should no longer be children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, in the cunning craftiness of deceitful plotting.

15 But, spending the truth in love, may grow up in all things into Him who is the head... Christ...

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This is not a mediocre standard; keep any to yourself for