

Understanding the Holy Bible Part 1

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To understand what is written in the Holy Bible accurately; one needs the Author to explain it to them. Likewise, to understand technical drafting, engineering, in the most precise way, it is necessary to speak with the Designer, the Engineer directly. In the same way, many grope about and misunderstand the Holy Scriptures; likewise these same people without even understanding the many reasons why, grope about and misunderstand virtually all they perceive about the reality in which we exist; that is, the created universe. Without knowing God, you don't really even understand who you are, your purpose in life, or anything for that matter. Without communicating directly with our Creator, everything you think you know for certain is based upon assumptions and presumptions, conjectures, ideas, from other fallible beings. If you utter anything or know anything that is fundamentally true at all; it is because that knowledge originally came from our Creator. Like it or not, we exist presently in a world of vast multitudes of lies and deceptions of every kind. The entire world is so steeped in wicked imaginations, that when one finally has their personal breakthrough and encounters our Creator; they can sing with all the Redeemed such songs of Amazing Grace; "...I was blind; but now I see..."

<http://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=1+corinthians+2:6-16>

1 Corinthians 2:6-16

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6 Yet when we are among the full-grown (spiritually mature Christians who are ripe in understanding), we do impart a [higher] wisdom (the knowledge of the divine plan previously hidden); but it is indeed not a wisdom of this present age *or* of this world nor of the leaders *and* rulers of this age, who are being brought to nothing *and* are doomed to pass away.

7 But rather what we are setting forth is a wisdom of God once hidden [from the human understanding] and now revealed to us by God—[that wisdom] which God devised *and* decreed before the ages for our glorification [to lift us into the glory of His presence].

8 None of the rulers of this age *or* world perceived *and* recognized *and* understood this, for if they had, they would never have crucified the Lord of glory.

9 But, on the contrary, as the Scripture says, What eye has not seen and ear has not heard and has not entered into the heart of man, [all that] God has prepared (made and keeps ready) for those who love Him [[a]who hold Him in affectionate reverence, promptly obeying Him and gratefully recognizing the benefits He has bestowed].

10 Yet to us God has unveiled *and* revealed them by *and* through His Spirit, for the [Holy] Spirit searches diligently, exploring *and* examining everything, even sounding the profound and bottomless things of God [the [b]divine counsels and things hidden and beyond man's scrutiny].

11 For what person perceives (knows and understands) what passes through a man's thoughts except the man's own spirit within him? Just so no one discerns (comes to know and comprehend) the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God.

12 Now we have not received the spirit [that belongs to] the world, but the [Holy] Spirit Who is from God, [given to us] that we might realize *and* comprehend *and* appreciate the gifts [of divine favor and blessing so freely and lavishly] bestowed on us by God.

13 And we are setting these truths forth in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the [Holy] Spirit, combining *and* interpreting spiritual truths with spiritual language [to those who possess the Holy Spirit].

14 But the natural, nonspiritual man does not accept *or* welcome *or* admit into his heart the gifts *and* teachings *and* revelations of the Spirit of God, for they are folly (meaningless nonsense) to him; and he is incapable of knowing them [of progressively recognizing, understanding, and becoming better acquainted with them] because they are spiritually discerned *and* estimated *and* appreciated.

15 But the spiritual man tries all things [he [c]examines, investigates, inquires into, questions, and discerns all things], yet is himself to be put on trial and judged by no one [he can read the meaning of everything, but no one can properly discern *or* appraise *or* get an insight into him].

16 For who has known *or* understood the mind (the counsels and purposes) of the Lord so as to guide *and* instruct Him *and* give Him knowledge? But we have the mind of Christ (the Messiah) *and* do hold the thoughts (feelings and purposes) of His heart.

It is evident when our Creator inspired such words to be recorded, that He is telling us all plainly in order to understand His Words and His Creation accurately, we MUST have HIS HOLY SPIRIT! Otherwise, due to the darkened natural mind, who cannot understand His Words or Creation accurately, these truthful explanations seem foolish. (Worse than talking in a foreign language to someone who has no knowledge of that language). All my notes whether harsh rebuttals, or gentle pleas, are to bring souls to an understanding of their immediate and ongoing need to communicate directly with our Creator by receiving His Holy Spirit; in the Way He has Made for us all.

<http://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Acts+2:38-39>

Acts 2:38-39

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38 And Peter answered them, Repent (change your views and purpose to accept the will of God in your inner selves instead of rejecting it) and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of *and* release from your sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

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If you are wondering who God has invited to come to Himself:

<http://biblehub.com/john/12-32.htm>

Jesus Predicts His Death ...31"Now judgment is upon this world; now the ruler of this world will be cast out. 32"And I, if I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all men to Myself." 33But He was saying this to indicate the kind of death by which He was to die....

It is the destiny of all Creation, every man, woman and child to KNOW our Creator personally(and all of us who already know Him long for that moment to come sooner than later):

<http://biblehub.com/jeremiah/31-34.htm>

A New Covenant ...33"But this is the covenant which I will make with the house of Israel after those days," declares the LORD, "I will put My law within them and on their heart I will write it; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people. 34"They will not teach again, each man his neighbor and each man his brother, saying, 'Know the LORD,' for they will all know Me, from the least of them to the greatest of them," declares the LORD, "for I will forgive their iniquity, and their sin I will remember no more."

We come to the sound conclusion that we MUST have the SPIRIT OF GOD, our CREATOR, in order to accurately understand the things of GOD, the Holy Bible and all Creation. The natural man, the carnal man, cannot please GOD because he cannot understand what is pleasing to GOD or how to do that which is pleasing to GOD.

<http://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Romans+8%3A6-8&version=AMP>

Romans 8:6-8

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6 Now the mind of the flesh [which is sense and reason without the Holy Spirit] is death [death that [a]comprises all the miseries arising from sin, both here and hereafter]. But the mind of the [Holy] Spirit is life and [soul] peace [both now and forever].

7 [That is] because the mind of the flesh [with its carnal thoughts and purposes] is hostile to God, for it does not submit itself to God's Law; indeed it cannot.

8 So then those who are living the life of the flesh [catering to the appetites and impulses of their carnal nature] cannot please *or* satisfy God, *or* be acceptable to Him.

Feel free to read the cited scriptures in as many versions and languages as you can; but I also strongly encourage each to click the "interlinear" tab and look at the original text from the many original manuscripts still in existence today.

For example:

<http://biblehub.com/romans/8-28.htm> you can see many English versions; and by clicking the Interlinear tab: <http://biblehub.com/interlinear/romans/8-28.htm>

You can see the original Greek the text is translated from and also look up the definitions of each word and its roots to gain a better understanding of the intent of the text (I mention this because even in the natural sense, many need to hone their reading comprehension skills; and because of how many deceptions can be swept away, just by at least showing the original definitions of the words used in the text). Each word has been numerically coded to the Strong's Exhaustive Concordance. For those who want a printed Interlinear Version; the one I have used and recommend is: <http://www.christianbook.com/interlinear-hebrew-english-bible-volume-edition/9781565639775/pd/639774> For serious students of Divine Wisdom, Knowledge and Understanding, I recommend getting a page magnifier and/or whatever the largest print version

is: http://www.barnesandnoble.com/w/larger-print-interlinear-hebrew-greek-english-bible-volume-2-of-4-volumes-sr-jay-p-green/1028963286?cm_mmc=googlepla-_book_45up_-_q000000633--

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[magnifier+fresnel+lens&rlz=1C1G1GM_enUS535US535&oq=large+page+mag&aqs=chrome.3.69i57j0l3.7721j0j8&sourceid=chrome&espm=93&ie=UTF-8](https://www.google.com/search?q=a+large+plastic+page-magnifier+fresnel+lens&rlz=1C1G1GM_enUS535US535&oq=large+page+mag&aqs=chrome.3.69i57j0l3.7721j0j8&sourceid=chrome&espm=93&ie=UTF-8)

As disciples of Christ we are instructed to study and become skilled in the use of God's Words; but not to participate in endless debates over semantics with other believers:

http://biblehub.com/2_timothy/2-15.htm

The Lord's Approved Workman 14Remind them of these things, and solemnly charge them in the presence of God not to wrangle about words, which is useless and leads to the ruin of the hearers.15Be diligent to present yourself approved to God as a workman who does not need to be ashamed, accurately handling the word of truth. 16But avoid worldly and empty chatter, for it will lead to further ungodliness,...

The reason for this is that God wants us out in the world, leading others to Him, telling them plainly how to KNOW the ONE TRUE GOD, CREATOR of the Universe. (Prioritize your time and energy during your journey of incarnation.)

<http://biblehub.com/luke/15-7.htm>

"I tell you that in the same way, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance."

and <http://biblehub.com/luke/10-2.htm>

And He was saying to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore beseech the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest."

This absolutely is the highest priority of every believer! If you really want to PLEASE GOD, to SERVE GOD, to make the greatest impact for GOOD and RIGHTEOUSNESS you can in this world; you will go about telling others HOW TO KNOW GOD OUR CREATOR

PERSONALLY! <http://www.facebook.com/notes/michael-swenson/soldiers-of-christ-your-first-general-order/525156304230000>

and <http://www.facebook.com/notes/michael-swenson/dont-fail-to-savor-the-best-part/510740005671630>

Long ago, before I walked with our Lord and was anointed with His Holy Spirit, I had prayed for Him to Save my soul and make sure I went to Heaven when I died. At that point I had assurances from the preacher that I was "saved"; but not God's witness of His Holy Spirit in my soul. I did not KNOW our Creator; I had only been told by another person that because I had asked Jesus the Christ to save my soul and make sure I went to Heaven when I died, that I was "saved". But had no confirmation in my own soul of that Truth. From that frame of mind though, I wanted to be a "good" person, I wanted to please God, and do "good" things for others in this world. As a person of this world, I saw that money enabled all kinds of charitable causes in helping the poor, needy, hungry and suffering; so without reading the Holy Bible or praying or hearing from our Creator, I thought I should strive to get rich so I can help as many as possible. (It seemed logical to a carnal, natural mind, that this surely would please God) But without knowing GOD, the dark rulers of this world that covet money make the game and odds of becoming rich ever harder against the poor. Such that you can strive your whole life away in that goal, only to be murdered for what little you have. (I speak from experience: <http://www.facebook.com/notes/michael-swenson/what-happened-to-me/546254465453517>) Take it from one who has learned the hard way; God owns the universe, everything in it belongs to Him; if he wants you to be wealthy in temporal things, He will bring it to pass, your only and chief priority moment by moment; needs to be: "not my will, but Thine be done!" When you realize how much more knowledge of all things He has: <http://www.facebook.com/notes/michael-swenson/the-omniscience-of-our-creator/603749679703995> AND how much HE LOVES YOU:

<http://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Romans+8:38-39>

Romans 8:38-39

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38 For I am persuaded beyond doubt (am sure) that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities, nor things [a]impending *and* threatening nor things to come, nor powers,

39 Nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

then you will understand that HIS PLANS are not only for the GOOD of all His Creation; but for your own soul! (more than anything you could plan or devise on your own)!

<http://biblehub.com/jeremiah/29-11.htm>

Jeremiah 29:11-13

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11 For I know the thoughts *and* plans that I have for you, says the Lord, thoughts *and* plans for welfare *and* peace and not for evil, to give you hope in your final outcome.

12 Then you will call upon Me, and you will come and pray to Me, and I will hear *and* heed you.

13 Then you will seek Me, inquire for, *and* require Me [as a vital necessity] and find Me when you search for Me with all your heart.

Those who become true Disciples and God's Greatest Messengers; moment by moment, learn to listen to His Voice, the Voice of the Holy Spirit and be guided all their days directly by our Creator:

<http://biblehub.com/john/16-13.htm>

The Holy Spirit Promised ... 12"I have many more things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. 13"**But when He, the Spirit of truth, comes, He will guide you into all the truth; for He will not speak on His own initiative, but whatever He hears, He will speak; and He will disclose to you what is to come.** 14"He will glorify Me, for He will take of Mine and will disclose it to you...

No one can accomplish anything greater than what they accomplish by obeying God, our Heavenly Father and Creator, by following the leading of His Holy Spirit:

<http://biblehub.com/romans/8-14.htm>

Heirs with Christ ... 13for if you are living according to the flesh, you must die; but if by the Spirit you are putting to death the deeds of the body, you will live. 14**For all who are being led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God.** 15For you have not received a spirit of slavery leading to fear again, but you have received a spirit of adoption as sons by which we cry out, "Abba! Father!"

If you said a prayer of salvation, but are not hearing the Voice of the Holy Spirit, the Holy Ghost, the Spirit of Truth, the Spirit of Christ, the Spirit of God our Creator, and are not receiving dreams, visions, Divine Revelations straight from Him; and especially, if you don't constantly think of God, His Will, His Word, and have a burning desire to tell others how to know Him; then you need to fulfill what is written:

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and <http://biblehub.com/luke/11-13.htm>

13"**If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him?"**

And don't stop praying until you KNOW, that you KNOW, that you KNOW, the ONE TRUE GOD, Creator of the Universe and are communing/communicating with Him and He with you!!!!!!!

If you are so blessed as to encounter a true Disciple of Christ, who preaches the Gospel in Power; with signs following, then you might ask them for a blessing and/or to lay hands upon you to receive the Holy Ghost, the Holy Spirit.

<http://biblehub.com/acts/19-6.htm>

Acts 19:1-6

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19 While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul went through the upper inland districts and came down to Ephesus. There he found some disciples.

2 And he asked them, Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed [on Jesus as the Christ]? And they said, No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit.

3 And he asked, Into what [baptism] then were you baptized? They said, Into John's baptism.

4 And Paul said, John baptized with the baptism of repentance, continually telling the people that they should believe in the One Who was to come after him, that is, in Jesus [having a conviction full of joyful trust that He is Christ, the Messiah, and being obedient to Him].

5 On hearing this they were baptized [again, this time] in the name of the Lord Jesus.

6 And as Paul laid his hands upon them, the Holy Spirit came on them; and they spoke in [foreign, unknown] tongues (languages) and prophesied.

I have met so many who think they were born into Christianity or a Christian denomination, who even call themselves Christians; that don't know God, don't have His Holy Spirit. If you do not have the Spirit of Christ in and upon, within your own soul, you are not a Christian.

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I don't like to label myself in any way, as we are all complex creations of the Almighty; but if others label me a Christian, because all I can think about constantly is Christ our Creator, Lord and Savior; the Salvation and Welfare of all souls; the welfare of all creation; then they honor me. Anyone known as a Christian, for their character and conduct, is truly honored before Heaven and earth; but I find far too many clothe themselves with such favor; without being willing to identify themselves with the enmity of the wicked in this world against God's True Messengers. It is more a cloak they wear just as long as the company they are with; in general, favors some Christian precepts or doctrines, but when persecution arises or hostility, they suddenly have a strong aversion to the garment they were so audaciously wearing in favorable company just prior. These are those who do not KNOW our Creator; do not have His Holy Spirit in and upon their own lives, have NOT united with the One True God; Christianity is a side note in their lives, a habit or tradition; perhaps only an intellectual construct or curiosity; not their Way of Life.

If there is one thing evidently clear, in order to know; with absolute certainty, fundamental Truth, one MUST KNOW our CREATOR! After all, HE IS THE TRUTH!

<http://biblehub.com/john/14-6.htm>

Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me. "

Since the natural, carnal man cannot know or understand the things of God, it is reasonable to conclude that the interpretation given by a natural man (one NOT possessing the Spirit of God; not in the Holy Spirit, and is NOT united with the Spirit of Christ, the Spirit of Truth) cannot be the correct interpretation (unless by the Will of Creator, He manifests such despite their lack of understanding even what they are saying in the moment).

<http://biblehub.com/john/11-51.htm>

The Plot to Kill Jesus ...50nor do you take into account that it is expedient for you that one man die for the people, and that the whole nation not perish." **51**Now he did not say this on his own initiative, but being high priest that year, he prophesied that Jesus was going to die for the nation, **52**and not for the nation only, but in order that He might also gather together into one the children of God who are scattered abroad....

Our Creator can manifest truth even from animals and inanimate objects (not just unbelievers or people who may say something true; despite the fact they are not filled with the Holy Ghost):

<http://www.biblestudytools.com/2-peter/2-16-compare.html>

2 Peter 2:16 ASV

American Standard Version

but he was rebuked for his own transgression: a dumb ass spake with man's voice and stayed the madness of the prophet.

So I am not saying it is completely impossible for an unbeliever to understand what they are reading, at least with appropriate reading comprehension and accurate definitions. I am only stating that in general their carnal interpretations are obviously incorrect; like Neil deGrasse Tyson thinking that the Book of Revelation was talking about his understanding of stars when referencing such scriptures as:

<http://biblehub.com/revelation/12-4.htm>

The Woman and the Dragon ...**3**Then another sign appeared in heaven: and behold, a great red dragon having seven heads and ten horns, and on his heads were seven diadems. **4**And his tail swept away a third of the stars of heaven and threw them to the earth. And the dragon stood before the woman who was about to give birth, so that when she gave birth he might devour her child.

or <http://www.biblestudytools.com/revelation/6-13-compare.html>

and so true to the Word of God, he thinks these things are foolish, because his own natural/carnal interpretation fails to comprehend what is actually being said.

http://biblehub.com/1_corinthians/2-14.htm

Wisdom from the Spirit of God ...13which things we also speak, not in words taught by human wisdom, but in those taught by the Spirit, combining spiritual thoughts with spiritual words. 14But a natural man does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; and he cannot understand them, because they are spiritually appraised.

and this is how such persons are fulfilling the prophecies:

<http://biblehub.com/romans/1-22.htm>

Professing to be wise, they became fools,

and http://biblehub.com/1_john/4-5.htm

Testing the Spirits ...4You are from God, little children, and have overcome them; because greater is He who is in you than he who is in the world. 5**They are from the world; therefore they speak as from the world, and the world listens to them.** 6We are from God; he who knows God listens to us; he who is not from God does not listen to us. By this we know the spirit of truth and the spirit of error.

I find far too many these days willing to sneer in arrogant disdain and derision of the most Magnificent Book in all the World (also in fulfillment of prophecies):

<http://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=2+Timothy+3%3A1-5&version=AMP>

2 Timothy 3:1-5

Amplified Bible (AMP)

3 But understand this, that in the last days will come (set in) perilous times of great stress and trouble [hard to deal with and hard to bear].

2 For people will be lovers of self and [utterly] self-centered, lovers of money and aroused by an inordinate [greedy] desire for wealth, proud and arrogant and contemptuous boasters. They will be abusive (blasphemous, scoffing), disobedient to parents, ungrateful, unholy and profane.

3 [They will be] without natural [human] affection (callous and inhuman), relentless (admitting of no truce or appeasement); [they will be] slanderers (false accusers, troublemakers), intemperate and loose in morals and conduct, uncontrolled and fierce, haters of good.

4 [They will be] treacherous [betrayers], rash, [and] inflated with self-conceit. [They will be] lovers of sensual pleasures and vain amusements more than and rather than lovers of God.

5 For [although] they hold a form of piety (true religion), they deny and reject and are strangers to the power of it [their conduct belies the genuineness of their profession]. Avoid [all] such people [turn away from them].

They desperately try in vain to find contradictions or reasons NOT to follow the Divine Instructions to Live By as contained in the Holy Bible; and all their excuses are utterly lame and foolish to those who know and understand Truth. Like some who point to one place and say see it says here "Fear the Lord,..." and then it says here "all who fear are not made perfect in Love" (devils always do this, take excerpts and twist the scriptures in a vain attempt to deceive themselves and others away from Truth). Let me put it to you this way: **the only people I know made PERFECT in LOVE are IN HEAVEN; until then, a healthy dose of FEAR, RESPECT, REVERENCE, FOR ALMIGHTY GOD, just might be what is necessary to get you there!**

<http://biblehub.com/proverbs/9-10.htm>

The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom, and knowledge of the Holy One is understanding.

<http://biblehub.com/proverbs/1-7.htm>

The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge, but fools despise wisdom and instruction.

<http://biblehub.com/psalms/111-10.htm>

The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; A good understanding have all those who do His commandments; His praise endures forever.

Notice that fear, reverence, respect of the Almighty, leads to a humble attitude; whereby one can learn from Him. As one does so they undergo a transformational process:

<http://biblehub.com/romans/12-2.htm>

And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect.

Notice that the Words of the Living God as contained in the Holy Bible transform us, give us everlasting life, and lead us to Perfection.

<http://biblehub.com/hebrews/6-1.htm>

A Call to Maturity 1Therefore leaving the elementary teaching about the Christ, let us press on to maturity, not laying again a foundation of repentance from dead works and of faith toward God,

Coming to Christ and being born of His Spirit, is a journey, a growth, a transformational process that leads ultimately to Perfection, Immortality, Holy Unity with our Creator and Peaceful Existence in His Creation Forever.

<http://biblehub.com/john/3-7.htm>

Jesus and Nicodemus ...6"That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. 7"Do not be amazed that I said to you, 'You must be born again.' 8"The wind blows where it wishes and you hear the sound of it, but do not know where it comes from and where it is going; so is everyone who is born of the Spirit."...

<http://www.facebook.com/notes/michael-swenson/you-must-be-born-again-of-the-holy-spirit-of-god/533516303394000>

Until that occurs people will misinterpret the Scriptures and some willfully so:

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and <http://www.facebook.com/notes/michael-swenson/the-sufferings-of-christ-a-treatise-on-repentance-and-forgiveness/556880667724230>

Everyone understands they need to eat and drink (feed their flesh virtually daily) in order to live; but too many fail to make the connection that they need to do so with their Spirit as well!

http://biblehub.com/1_peter/2-2.htm

The Lord is Good 1Therefore, putting aside all malice and all deceit and hypocrisy and envy and all slander, 2like newborn babies, **long for the pure milk of the word, so that by it you may grow** in respect to salvation, 3if you have tasted the kindness of the Lord.

<http://biblehub.com/hebrews/5-14.htm>

Warning against Drifting Away ...13For everyone who partakes only of milk is not accustomed to the word of righteousness, for he is an infant. 14But solid food is for the mature, who because of practice have their senses trained to discern good and evil.

If people would instead seek to KNOW TRUTH; then instead of misinterpreting God's Words; they would ask HIM to explain to them what He means and FIND HIS DEFINITIONS throughout the Holy Bible; as I have placed some here for easy viewing:

<http://www.godempowersyou.com/documentation/HistoricalTestimonyandMinistry/MansChronologicalExistenceExplained.pdf>

I have often been kicked out churches and online groups; because so many won't repent of their carnal false doctrines and misinterpretations; they have become too proud to humble themselves and admit they erred. Like the Pharisees and Sad-you-sees of old they crave their power and influence over others so much so; they won't just humble themselves and apologize (thereby actually gaining more respect and trust of their parishioners). It is okay with new knowledge to change your opinions. If you teach out of the Holy Bible; simply caveat your opinion by saying based on my understanding of the text; I think it means; unless you have received direct Divine Revelation concerning a message in particular or an understanding of the text in particular. After all, teachers (all of us) are just students under the Almighty as well!

<http://biblehub.com/matthew/23-8.htm>

Woes to Scribes and Pharisees ...7and respectful greetings in the market places, and being called Rabbi by men. 8"But do not be called Rabbi; for One is your Teacher, and you are all brothers.9"Do not call anyone on earth your father; for One is your Father, He who is in heaven....

There are too many examples of carnal misinterpretations (even more than the number of people on earth) but some prominent ones: those who read about the clean and unclean beasts and think our Creator is exclusively referring to dietary advice and yet these same persons understand Christ was not advising cannibalism and vampirism when He told His Disciples to eat His Flesh and Drink His Blood. So even though they read:

<http://biblehub.com/romans/7-14.htm>

For we know that the Law is spiritual,...

and even though they understand Christ:

<http://biblehub.com/john/6-63.htm>

The Spirit gives life; the flesh counts for nothing. The words I have spoken to you--they are full of the Spirit and life. was speaking of spiritual matters; of observing Him and His Ways, His conduct, and becoming like Him, by uniting with Him (eat my flesh, drink my blood):

<http://biblehub.com/john/17-22.htm>

Prayer for all Believers ...21that they may all be one; even as You, Father, are in Me and I in You, that they also may be in Us, so that the world may believe that You sent Me. 22"The glory which You have given Me I have given to them, that they may be one, just as We are one; 23I in them and You in Me, that they may be perfected in unity, so that the world may know that You sent Me, and loved them, even as You have loved Me....

they then don't apply that same consistency of interpretation to the Law even though His Word makes it very clear that it is Spiritual and must be understood by His Spirit.

Such that if we are to unite with Christ, observe His ways, meditate on His Words (eat and chew the cud- receive and think over and over again upon what He tells us), then to be consistent our Creator is teaching us in the Law concerning clean and unclean creatures; to OBSERVE THEM, look at them, study them, find out WHY He calls some CLEAN and some UNCLEAN, and in so doing, discover what kind of conduct HE approves and disapproves of! God is not just teaching us Truth in the Holy Bible, but our Creator teaches us Truth by accurately observing His Creation (science).

<http://www.facebook.com/notes/michael-swenson/evidence-of-god-our-creator/568134419932188>

Early church commentators; even some mentioned in the Holy Bible expounded on this topic further; once one has read and firmly grounded themselves in the Holy Scriptures, the contents of the Holy Bible, they might enjoy perusing:

<http://fam-faerch.dk/pseudigrapher/Index.html>

We find that our Lord gave us His definition (a Spiritual One) of the words "eat" and "drink". He told us plainly that man does not live on bread alone, but by every word that proceeds out of the mouth of GOD. <http://biblehub.com/matthew/4-4.htm> and that His Meat was to do the will of our Father in Heaven. <http://biblehub.com/john/4-34.htm> He instructed us all not to work for food that perishes but for that which leads to life eternal. <http://biblehub.com/john/6-27.htm> We find when listening to our Creator, that His Words are more necessary for true Life, Eternal Life, than food for our flesh; for by His Word were we created, by His Word are we sustained, and by His Word are we perfected. <http://www.biblestudytools.com/john/1-3-compare.html> and <http://biblehub.com/colossians/1-16.htm> and <http://biblehub.com/colossians/1-17.htm>

The Supremacy of Christ ...16For by Him all things were created, both in the heavens and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities-- all things have been created through Him and for Him. 17He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together. 18He is also head of the body, the church; and He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that He Himself will come to have first place in everything....

<http://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=john+1:1-14>

John 1:1-14

Amplified Bible (AMP)

1 In the beginning [before all time] was the Word ([a]Christ), and the Word was with God, and the Word was God [b]Himself.
2 He was present originally with God.
3 All things were made *and* came into existence through Him; and without Him was not even one thing made that has come into being.
4 In Him was Life, and the Life was the Light of men.
5 And the Light shines on in the darkness, for the darkness has never overpowered it [put it out or absorbed it or appropriated it, and is unreceptive to it].
6 There came a man sent from God, whose name was John.
7 This man came to witness, that he might testify of the Light, that all men might believe in it [adhere to it, trust it, and rely upon it] through him.
8 He was not the Light himself, but came that he might bear witness regarding the Light.
9 There it was—the true Light [was then] coming into the world [the genuine, perfect, steadfast Light] that illumines every person.
10 He came into the world, and though the world was made through Him, the world did not recognize Him [did not know Him].
11 He came to that which belonged to Him [to His own—His domain, creation, things, world], and they who were His own did not receive Him *and* did not welcome Him.
12 But to as many as did receive *and* welcome Him, He gave the authority (power, privilege, right) to become the children of God, that is, to those who believe in (adhere to, trust in, and rely on) His name—
13 Who owe their birth neither to [c]bloods nor to the will of the flesh [that of physical impulse] nor to the will of man [that of a natural father], but to God. [They are born of God!]
14 And the Word (Christ) became flesh (human, incarnate) and tabernacled (fixed His tent of flesh, lived awhile) among us; and we [actually] saw His glory (His honor, His majesty), such glory as an only begotten son receives from his father, full of grace (favor, loving-kindness) and truth.

It is very clear that "eat" in the scriptures means, listen to, observe, perceive, learn from, partake of, become like, and of course "don't eat" means to avoid, not be like, shun. Likewise drink:

<http://biblehub.com/john/4-14.htm>

Jesus and the Samaritan Woman ...13Jesus answered and said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will thirst again; **14but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him shall never thirst; but the water that I will give him will become in him a well of water springing up to eternal life.**" 15The woman said to Him, "Sir, give me this water, so I will not be thirsty nor come all the way here to draw."...

<http://biblehub.com/john/7-38.htm>

Living Water 37Now on the last day, the great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, saying, "If anyone is thirsty, let him come to Me and drink. 38"He who believes in Me, as the Scripture said, 'From his innermost being will flow rivers of living water.'" 39But this He spoke of the Spirit, whom those who believed in Him were to receive; for the Spirit was not yet given, because Jesus was not yet glorified. Unbelievers and rebels especially hate it when you cite scripture; because none of their lies can stand up against the Truth (they can't get away with telling their lies and deceiving themselves and others); which is all the more reason to cite scripture at every such encounter, discussion, debate.

<http://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Ephesians+6:10-6:18>

Ephesians 6:10-18

Amplified Bible (AMP)

10 In conclusion, be strong in the Lord [be empowered through your union with Him]; draw your strength from Him [that strength which His boundless might provides].

11 Put on God's whole armor [the armor of a heavy-armed soldier which God supplies], that you may be able successfully to stand up against [all] the strategies *and* the deceits of the devil.

12 For we are not wrestling with flesh and blood [contending only with physical opponents], but against the despotisms, against the powers, against [the master spirits who are] the world rulers of this present darkness, against the spirit forces of wickedness in the heavenly (supernatural) sphere.

13 Therefore put on God's complete armor, that you may be able to resist *and* stand your ground on the evil day [of danger], and, having done all [the crisis demands], to stand [firmly in your place].

14 Stand therefore [hold your ground], having tightened the belt of truth around your loins and having put on the breastplate of integrity *and* of moral rectitude *and* right standing with God,

15 And having shod your feet in preparation [to face the enemy with the **[a]**firm-footed stability, the promptness, and the readiness**[b]**produced by the good news] of the Gospel of peace.

16 Lift up over all the [covering] shield of **[c]**saving faith, upon which you can quench all the flaming missiles of the wicked [one].

17 And take the helmet of salvation and the sword that the Spirit**[d]**wields, which is the Word of God.

18 Pray at all times (on every occasion, in every season) in the Spirit, with all [manner of] prayer and entreaty. To that end keep alert and watch with strong purpose *and* perseverance, interceding in behalf of all the saints (God's consecrated people).

Notice verse 18 also. Here we see that as we are united with God by His Holy Spirit, as we go about the journey of incarnation, we are to be learning from Him constantly; by listening to the Holy Spirit, in prayer and meditation, even as we go about our daily living. I encourage all believers to pause and become especially sensitive to listening to God, whenever you meet anyone, anywhere; and even prayerfully ask our Creator in your thoughts, if there is a specific word or message you are to give that individual. Would to God, people when they encountered Christians walked away, knowing they had encountered the Living GOD in them!

When any Disciple of Christ reaches a level of spiritual maturity where they are in constant communication with our Creator, and everywhere they go and everything they do is at the leading of the Holy Spirit, then the Gospel is declared in Power, then the supernatural signs follow such true believers and worshippers of Christ.

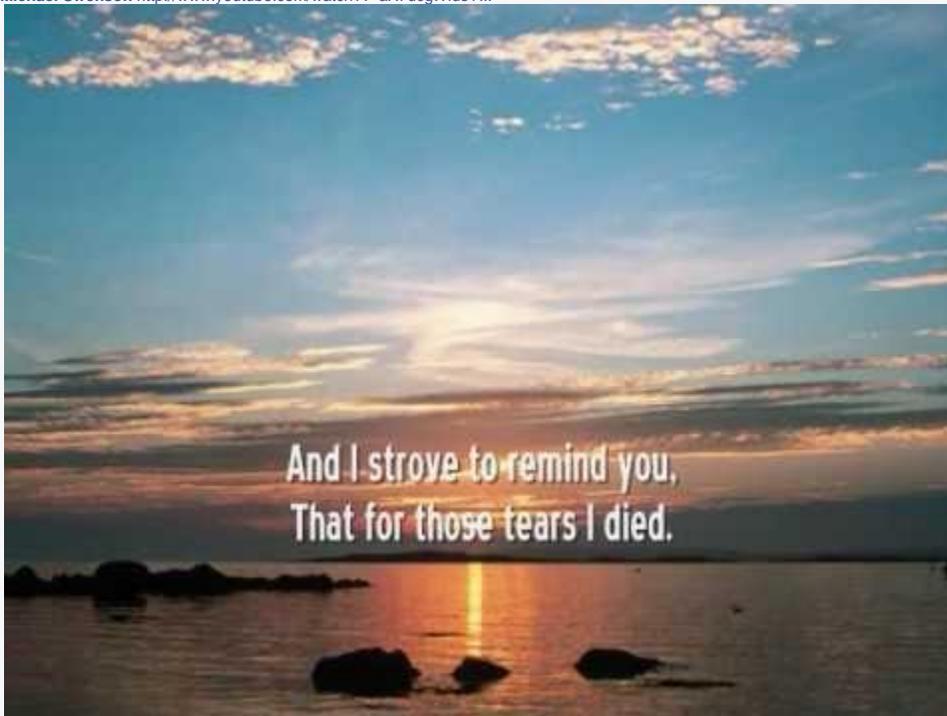
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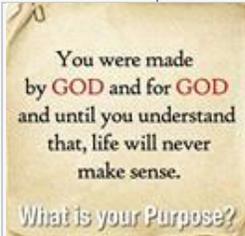
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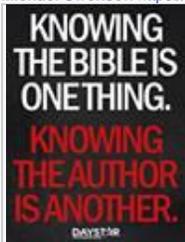
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