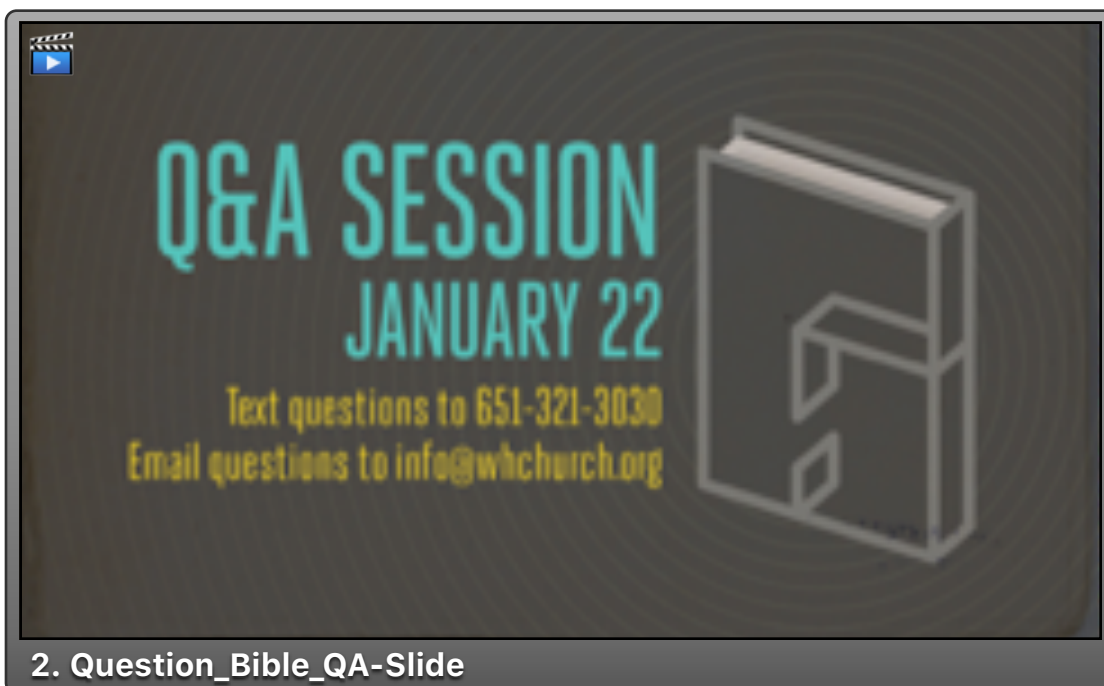


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I am blessed beyond measure to pastor an unusual, passionate, Christ-centered, evangelical-Anabaptist church—Woodland Hills Church in Maplewood, Minnesota—that supports their senior pastor writing a potentially controversial book like this! Thank you, Woodland Hills, for always being willing to join in my exploration of new ways of looking at old problems. I am honored to have been your pastor over the last twenty-seven exciting years.

—*Inspired Imperfection*, ix.

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I must also express my profound appreciation for the remarkable pastors and staff of Woodland Hills Church, to whom this book is dedicated. I doubt there are many pastoral teams on the planet that spend as much time and energy discussing contested theological issues as we do. I love that we are odd like this, and I, for one, am the better for it.

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Executive Pastor

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2 TIMOTHY 3:16

All Scripture is God-breathed (*theopneustos*) and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

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The “Plenary Inspiration of Scripture” = the *entire* Bible is *fully* inspired.

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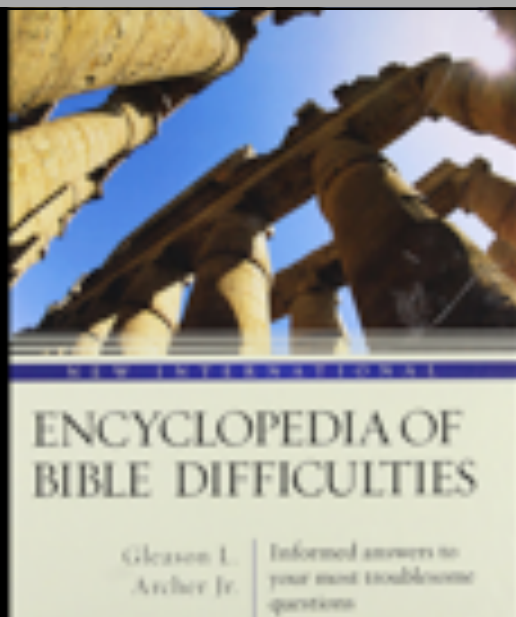
- Did God make humans after he made the animals (Gen 1) or before he made the animals (Gen 2:19)?
- Did Yahweh incite David to sin (I Sam 24:1) or did Satan (I Chr 21:1)?
- Does God visit the iniquity of parents upon children to the third and fourth generation (Ex 34:7; Num 14:18) or does God never punish children for what parents do (Ezek 18:20)?

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- Did David pay fifty (2 Sam 24:24) or six hundred (1 Chr 21:15) pieces of silver for Ornan's threshing floor?
- Did Yahweh bless king Jehoiakim with a son to continue his reign (2 Kg 24:6) or did God judge him by preventing him from having a son (Jer 36:20)?
- Jesus claims David ate showbread in the temple when Abiathar was high priest, when in fact it was Ahimelech, Abiathar's father, who was high priest (Mark 2:26).

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COLOSSIANS 2:2-3

I want their hearts to be encouraged and united in love, so that they may have all the riches of assured understanding and have the knowledge of God's mystery, that is, Christ himself, in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.

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"The cross holds the key that unlocks the mystery of all Christian doctrine."

- J. Moltmann

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2 CORINTHIANS 12:8-9

Three times I appealed to the Lord about this, that it would leave me, but he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness.” So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me.

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1 CORINTHIANS 1:18, 23-24

For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God....we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God’s foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God’s weakness is stronger than human strength.

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