

THE ILLUSTRATED GOSPEL

searching for Truth



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A comic book illustration featuring three characters in a school setting. Two young men are walking on the left, and a young woman stands on the right. They are positioned in front of a large, ornate church with multiple spires. A stone wall runs across the foreground. To the right of the woman is a bulletin board filled with various student notices. The scene is set outdoors with trees and a clear sky in the background.

HEY GUYS, WHAT DO YOU THINK OF THE WORLD RELIGIONS CLASS SO FAR?


WELL, IT'S VERY DIFFERENT THAN WHAT I BELIEVE.

THERE ARE SO MANY RELIGIONS. HOW COULD ANYONE KNOW WHAT TO BELIEVE?



I BELIEVE THE BIBLE
IS TRUE AND THAT
JESUS IS THE ONLY
WAY TO HEAVEN.

NOTICE:
NEXT WEEK'S
LECTURE HAS
BEEN RE-
SCHEDULED.
DATE WILL BE TBD
— CHEERS



HOW CAN YOU
BELIEVE IN A BOOK
THAT HAS SO MANY
ERRORS?

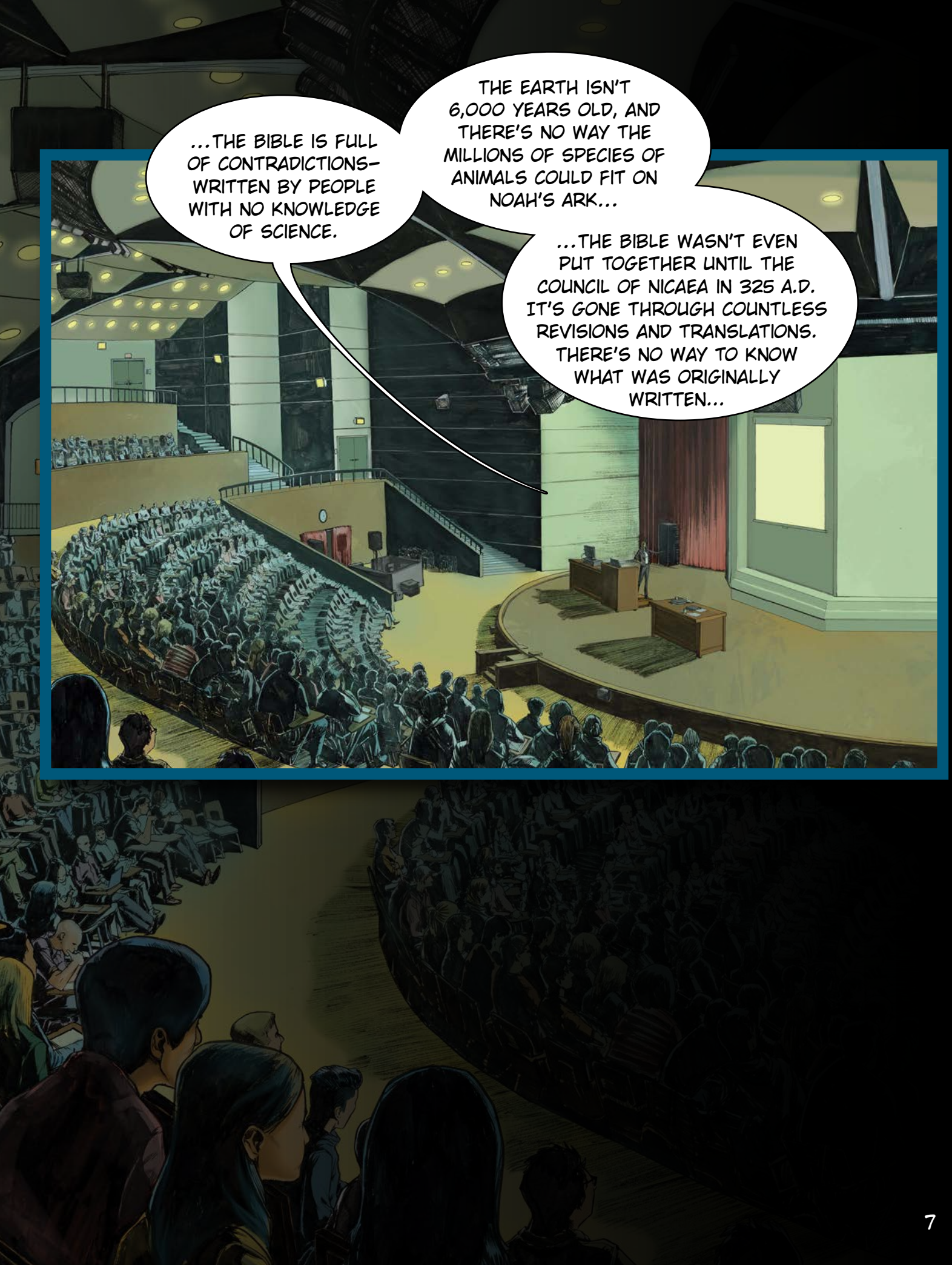
YEAH, DO YOU
REALLY BELIEVE THE
BIBLE IS TRUE?


LET'S TALK
AFTER CLASS.

...THE BIBLE IS FULL OF CONTRADICTIONS- WRITTEN BY PEOPLE WITH NO KNOWLEDGE OF SCIENCE.

THE EARTH ISN'T 6,000 YEARS OLD, AND THERE'S NO WAY THE MILLIONS OF SPECIES OF ANIMALS COULD FIT ON NOAH'S ARK...

...THE BIBLE WASN'T EVEN PUT TOGETHER UNTIL THE COUNCIL OF NICAEA IN 325 A.D. IT'S GONE THROUGH COUNTLESS REVISIONS AND TRANSLATIONS. THERE'S NO WAY TO KNOW WHAT WAS ORIGINALLY WRITTEN...






BASED ON WHAT
PROFESSOR HARRIS
JUST SAID, HOW CAN
YOU BELIEVE THE
BIBLE IS TRUE?

BECAUSE IT'S
THE WORD OF GOD.
SHE SAID THE BIBLE IS
JUST LIKE ANY OTHER
RELIGIOUS BOOK,

BUT THAT'S
NOT TRUE. IT'S UNIQUE.
IT WAS WRITTEN BY OVER
40 DIFFERENT AUTHORS,
IN THREE LANGUAGES,

FROM THREE CONTINENTS,
OVER THE COURSE OF MORE
THAN 1,500 YEARS, AND YET IT
PROCLAIMS A CONSISTENT
MESSAGE AND HAS
NO ERRORS.

A young man with brown hair, wearing a light blue hoodie and khaki pants, is walking down a set of stone steps. He has a black backpack and is looking down at a book he is holding in his hands. The background shows a stone wall with columns.

ALL SCRIPTURE IS GIVEN BY INSPIRATION OF GOD,
AND IS PROFITABLE FOR DOCTRINE, FOR REPROOF,
FOR CORRECTION, FOR INSTRUCTION IN RIGHTEOUSNESS,
THAT THE MAN OF GOD MAY BE COMPLETE, THOROUGHLY
EQUIPPED FOR EVERY GOOD WORK.

2 TIMOTHY 3:16-17

HMM. NO ERRORS? A CONSISTENT MESSAGE?

THE DOCTRINE OF INERRANCY


ANDRE EXPRESSED AN IDEA KNOWN AS THE DOCTRINE OF INERRANCY. IN ITS MOST BASIC FORMULATION, THIS TEACHING STATES THAT THE BIBLE, BOTH OLD AND NEW TESTAMENTS, WERE WRITTEN WITHOUT ERROR IN THE ORIGINAL MANUSCRIPTS. THIS IDEA ONLY APPLIES TO THE COPIES INsofar AS THEY ARE FAITHFUL TO THE ORIGINAL WRITINGS.

UNIQUE CHARACTERISTICS OF THE BIBLE:

- ~ THE BIBLE IS A COLLECTION OF 66 BOOKS.
- ~ THE 39 BOOKS OF THE OLD TESTAMENT WERE ORIGINALLY WRITTEN IN HEBREW, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF SOME SMALL SECTIONS OF ARAMAIC, MOST NOTABLY IN EZRA AND DANIEL.
- ~ THE 27 BOOKS OF THE NEW TESTAMENT WERE ORIGINALLY WRITTEN IN GREEK.
- ~ THE BIBLE WAS WRITTEN BY AT LEAST 40 DIFFERENT AUTHORS, MANY OF WHOM WERE EYEWITNESSES, OVER A SPAN OF AT LEAST 1500 YEARS FROM THREE CONTINENTS (ASIA, AFRICA, AND EUROPE).


YOU SAID THE
BIBLE DOESN'T HAVE
ERRORS. HOW COULD THAT
BE SINCE IT WAS WRITTEN
BY PEOPLE, AND PEOPLE
MAKE A LOT OF
MISTAKES?




A comic book panel featuring two men in conversation against a blue sky background. The man on the left is seen from the back, with dark, curly hair and a beard, wearing a red and orange patterned shawl over a grey tunic. The man on the right is shown in profile, facing left, with dark hair and a beard, wearing a yellow tunic with a purple sash. Two speech bubbles are present: one from the man on the left and one from the man on the right.

GABRIELA, WE DO
MAKE MISTAKES, BUT
WE DON'T ALWAYS MAKE
THEM. ISN'T IT POSSIBLE FOR
A PERSON TO WRITE A BOOK
WITHOUT ERRORS? HOW MUCH
MORE SO IF THAT WRITING
WAS INSPIRED BY GOD?

BESIDES, IF WE CAN'T
TRUST BOOKS WRITTEN
BY PEOPLE, THEN WE SHOULDN'T
TRUST OUR TEXTBOOKS, RIGHT?
HERE, LET ME SHOW YOU ONE OF
MY FAVORITE WEBSITES THAT
ADDRESSES OBJECTIONS
TO THE BIBLE.




CAN YOU PROVE
THAT THE BIBLE IS
FROM GOD?



I THINK ONE WAY TO
DEMONSTRATE THE BIBLE'S
SUPERNATURAL ORIGIN IS TO LOOK
AT PROPHECY, BECAUSE ONLY THE
ALL-KNOWING GOD OF THE BIBLE COULD
ACCURATELY TELL THE FUTURE. THE BIBLE
CONTAINS LOTS OF DETAILED PROPHECIES
WRITTEN CENTURIES BEFORE THEY WERE
PERFECTLY AND CLEARLY FULFILLED.
NO OTHER BOOK DOES THIS.

FOR EXAMPLE, MORE THAN
400 YEARS BEFORE THE EVENTS
OCCURRED, THE BIBLE SAID THAT THE
MESSIAH, JESUS CHRIST, WOULD BE BORN
OF A VIRGIN IN BETHLEHEM, THAT HE
WOULD BE BETRAYED FOR 30 PIECES
OF SILVER, DIE FOR OUR SINS,
AND RISE FROM THE DEAD.



THE BIBLE CONTAINS FULFILLED PROPHECY

THE BIBLE PREDICTED THE FOLLOWING DETAILS ABOUT THE MESSIAH, EACH OF WHICH HAS BEEN FULFILLED BY JESUS CHRIST.

MESSIAH'S BIRTH

The Bible prophesied that the Messiah would be born of a virgin (Isaiah 7:14). His birth would be in the town of Bethlehem (Micah 5:2). He would be from the line of Abraham (Genesis 22:16-18) through Isaac (Genesis 26:4), Judah (Genesis 49:10), and David (Isaiah 9:7).

MESSIAH'S DEATH

The Old Testament explained that the Messiah would be betrayed for 30 pieces of silver (Zechariah 11:12), and that His hands and feet would be pierced and people would gamble for His clothes (Psalm 22:16-18). He would die as a sacrifice for others (Isaiah 53:8; Daniel 9:26).

The divine origin of the Bible is demonstrated through its frequent use of prophecy. Of all the "holy books" of the world, only the Bible contains accurate, predictive prophecy, because only the God of the Bible knows the future and has the power to bring it to pass (Isaiah 46:9-10).

MESSIAH'S RESURRECTION

The prophets foretold that the Messiah would be buried in a rich man's tomb (Isaiah 53:9), but that He would not remain in the tomb for long (Psalm 16:10). Jesus predicted His own Resurrection on numerous occasions (Matthew 12:40, 20:18-20; John 2:19).



MESSIAH'S BIRTH

THEREFORE THE LORD HIMSELF WILL GIVE YOU A SIGN:
BEHOLD, THE VIRGIN SHALL CONCEIVE AND BEAR A SON,
AND SHALL CALL HIS NAME IMMANUEL.

ISAIAH 7:14

BUT YOU, BETHLEHEM EPHRATHAH,
THOUGH YOU ARE LITTLE AMONG THE THOUSANDS OF JUDAH,
YET OUT OF YOU SHALL COME FORTH TO ME
THE ONE TO BE RULER IN ISRAEL,
WHOSE GOINGS FORTH ARE FROM OF OLD,
FROM EVERLASTING.

MICAH 5:2

MESSIAH'S DEATH

THEN I SAID TO THEM, "IF IT IS AGREEABLE TO YOU, GIVE ME
MY WAGES; AND IF NOT, REFRAIN." SO THEY WEIGHED OUT
FOR MY WAGES THIRTY PIECES OF SILVER.

ZECHARIAH 11:12

FOR DOGS HAVE SURROUNDED ME;
THE CONGREGATION OF THE WICKED HAS ENCLOSED ME.
THEY PIERCED MY HANDS AND MY FEET...

PSALM 22:16

MESSIAH'S RESURRECTION

AND THEY MADE HIS GRAVE WITH THE WICKED-
BUT WITH THE RICH AT HIS DEATH,
BECAUSE HE HAD DONE NO VIOLENCE,
NOR WAS ANY DECEIT IN HIS MOUTH.

ISAIAH 53:9

FOR YOU WILL NOT LEAVE MY SOUL IN SHEOL,
NOR WILL YOU ALLOW YOUR HOLY ONE TO SEE CORRUPTION.

PSALM 16:10