

It is obvious to the devout Jews and Christians that in approaching the Bible human standards, namesly those which we would utilize in analyzing any secular literary product, are not to be employed. What seem to mortal man impossible preposterous statements and striking literal contradictions are to be explained on the hypothesis of miracles or allegory. Contradictions are not real contradictions when the material is truly understood. What appear to be preposterous statements are either the evidence of God's wonder-working or are passages which were consciously inserted by God to furnish proof of divine authorship. Indeed, it is not fruitful to raise any question in regard to seemingly incredible or contradictory statements in the Bible. It is sufficient and complete proof of their authenticity that they appear in Holy Writ. The attitude of the faithful believer is that of the late Mr. Bryan, who informed Mr. Darrow that he would have been ready to believe that Jonah swallowed the whale, provided a statement to this effect existed in the Bible. PG. 147.

In other words, the orthodox person believes that the Hebrews were fully conscious throughout their history that their writings had been directly revealed by God and they maintained an attitude toward their sacred writings entirely compatible with this hypothesis. It is universally held by the faithful that there was no chance for human prejudice or mundane considerations to enter into the compilation or arrangement of the text of the ~~BOOK~~ Bible. The devout Christian believes that there is no doubt whatever as to just what books were dictated by God and he takes it for granted that every one is ⁱⁿ complete agreement as to the authentic and approved content of holy scriptures. ((He speaks of laymen.))

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Notes: see
Robert Dick Wilson
"The Higher
Criticism" etc.