

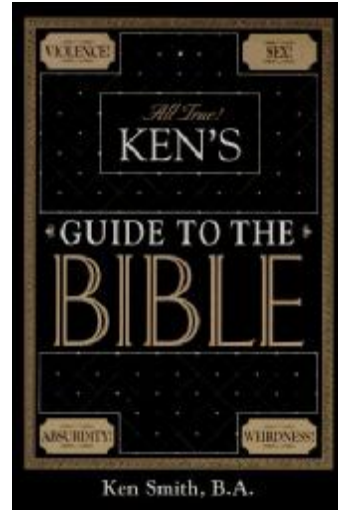
CHRISTIANITY and ATHEISM

8. Problems with the Bible

Introduction

On the list of "100 Best Books About Atheism," *Ken's Guide to the Bible* ranks number two! The annotation says: "The world's most complete compendium of the Bible's most embarrassing passages. With hammerhead precision and pig-iron wit, this compact volume lays bare all the sex, gore, and lunacy that the Bible has to offer."

Since the Bible is the foundation of Christian faith, it should be no surprise that this book would be vigorously criticized.



Development of the Argument

The Biggest Problem –

Various Kinds of Problems –

Problem Type	Example
Philosophical Differences	These are not really Bible "problems" as much as they are simply matters of faith and unbelief as we have discussed in previous lessons: Why does God allow suffering? Hell is an unjust punishment, etc.
Presuppositional Differences	These are the most serious because they are usually posed by those who claim to be believers. But the God they believe in does not accomplish miracles.
Misunderstandings	Many "sophomoric" problems are simply a failure to understand the deeper significance of the Bible and subtiles involved in explaining how the Holy God encounters and saves unholy man.
Apparent Inconsistencies	Many problems have to do with minor differences such as this: Did Solomon have 40,000 stalls for his horses (1 Kings 4:26) or 4,000 (2 Chron. 9:25)?

Logical Response

Presuppositions: There are no miracles. The human authors lied or they were extremely gullible.

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Biblical Response

1. Bible claims for infallibility –

Psa 119:160

John 17:17

2 Peter 1:16

2. The Bible's self-authenticating traits:

3. Brutal Honesty –

4. Martyrdom –

5. Four Gospels –

6. Spiritual Transformation –