

Satan has inspired some to teach that this is just a rest period and then God begins to create again and actually creates Adam after this in verse 2:7 of Genesis. *Gen 2:7 And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.* By taking these two verses out of context we now have a double creation of man. One in Genesis 1:27 *So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.* on day 6 and another one on a day past day 7 in verse 2:7. When we read these two chapters in context, we realize that chapter 2 is a re-telling of chapter 1 and that Chapter 2 fills in some details that were lacking in chapter 1. When we further study the nuances of the Hebrew culture, we learn this is a common way of telling a story.

#2. Sometimes only a portion of a verse will be used. *Gen 6:3 And the LORD said, My spirit shall not always strive with man* If we read just that part of the verse, we might come to the conclusion that God would not always be around. Maybe God is not eternal. To get the true meaning of the verse we must read the entire verse. *Gen 6:3 And the LORD said, My spirit shall not always strive with man, for that he also is flesh: yet his days shall be an hundred and twenty years.* When we read the entire verse we see that it is man who has a limit placed on his life, not God.

#3. Sometimes a word may simply be changed which will change the meaning of the verse. *Gen 9:25 And he said, Cursed be Canaan; a servant of servants shall he be unto his brethren.* This verse has been used for centuries to justify slavery, yet the word slave is not found in the verse. An intentional slip of the tongue can quickly change servant to slave.

#4. Sometimes the word of God requires research to understand a particular verse. *Gen 6:2 That the sons of God saw the daughters of men that they were fair; and they took them wives of all which they chose.* At first glance, this verse may have us thinking that angels were marrying earthly women. A more in-depth study of the bible will reveal that the Sons of God are simply God fearing men, righteous men. The daughters of men are daughters of unrighteous men.

#5. Using writings other than the Bible. The quickest way to be misled is by reading a book that is not inspired by God. 2 Timothy tells us that the Bible is all we need. The Bible is sufficient. *2Ti 3:16 All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: 2Ti 3:17 That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.* These are a few of the tricks that satan uses in his war against us. Knowing

them can help us to avoid some pitfalls. We also have a measuring stick in the Bible that is rarely mentioned. There are four verses in the Bible that we can use to measure the validity of every single thing we are taught. Those four verses contain the two great commandments. Two laws to live by. They are: *Mat 22:37 Jesus said unto him, **Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind.** Mat 22:38 This is the first and great commandment. Mat 22:39 And the second is like unto it, **Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.** Mat 22:40 On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.* If we love God with all our heart, soul and mind, we will believe the word of God without question. If we love our neighbor as we love our self, we will not hate. This doesn't say to love thy neighbor that loves you, or your neighbor that will not persecute you. It does not say to love thy neighbor that you agree with, or that is the same race. It says "love thy neighbor." If we are being taught to treat someone in a manner that is contrary to how we would like to be treated, we are being taught a falsehood. If we are being taught to treat anyone with anything other than love and kindness, we are being misled.

Above all, never let anyone discourage you from reading the Bible for yourself.

How to know if what you are being taught is correct

Have you ever been sitting in Church or reading something written by a "Christian" and got the feeling that what you were reading or what you were being taught just wasn't quite right? Sometimes people and even Pastors or spiritual leaders make compelling arguments for things that just aren't scriptural. These arguments will often seemingly be backed by scripture. We know that satan wants to deceive us and I suggest that he often tricks well-meaning people into believing falsehoods. Those well meaning people will in turn, unknowingly continue the deception. Here are some of satan's tricks:

#1. Taking biblical verses out of context. Biblical verses can be taken out of context in order to project a message that is exactly contrary to what was intended by the writer of the Biblical verses. Here is a real example of how some people have been misled. Take a look at Gen 2:3 *And God blessed the seventh day, and sanctified it: because that in it he had rested from all his work which God created and made.*

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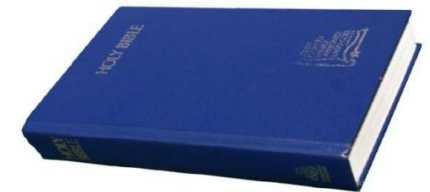
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