

Why People Don't Believe the Bible

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Introduction: Objections to the Word

So I thought this morning we would consider some simple truths, I guess, but some reasons why people don't believe the Bible. I want to turn with you to the very beginning of the Bible to see if we can find some reasons why people don't believe the Bible.

所以今天，我们要思考一些简单的真理，就是关于为什么有些人不相信圣经。我想和大家一起翻到圣经最开始的那一部分，来看看我们是否能找出一些人们不相信圣经的理由。

All right, Genesis chapter four. People often start reading the Bible in the book of Genesis. And when they read in the book of Genesis, they often say, "Oh, that doesn't look right." Genesis chapter four, verse eight.

好的，创世记第四章。人们读圣经的时候，通常会从创世记读起。当他们读到创世记的时候，他们通常会说：“哦，这看起来不对。”创世记第四章第八节。

Cain and Abel: The Bold Truth of Human Brokenness

[Genesis 4:8 NKJV]

Now Cain talked with Abel his brother; and it came to pass, when they were in the field, that Cain rose up against Abel his brother and killed him.

该隐与他兄弟亚伯说话；二人正在田间，该隐起来打他兄弟亚伯，把他杀了。

And you know, some people read that and they say, "This can't be a true book. This is terrible. Who wants to read a book about that? Cain, the first boy ever to be born in the world, kills his younger brother." So you can understand some people saying, "I don't think this is a very good book. That can't be right."

有些人读到这里，他们会说：“这不可能是真的，谁想读这样的故事，谁想读这本书呢？世上第一个出生的孩子该隐，竟然去把他的弟弟亚伯给杀了。”所以你可以理解有些人会说：“我不认为这是一本好书，这肯定不对。”

And then you get to chapter three. Genesis chapter three, turn back to chapter three. And you'll remember it's a story about a conversation that was held. In the conversation, there was Adam and Eve, and God, and a talking snake. Would you believe a book like that? As soon as you open the book, one of the first stories you read is about a talking snake. And people would say, "I can't read a book about a talking snake. How foolish do you think I am? This book can't be right."

然后你翻到第三章。创世记第三章，翻回到第三章。你会记得这是一个关于谈话的故事。在这段谈话中，有亚当、夏娃、神，还有一个会说话的蛇。你会相信这样一本书吗？当你一开始读这本书，最先读到的故事之一就是一个会说话的蛇。人们会说：“我不可能去读一本关于会说话的蛇的书。你以为我有那么愚蠢吗？这本书肯定不对。”

So those are two reasons why people might not believe the Bible: number one, because Cain killed Abel; and number two, because it talks about a talking snake.

所以，这里有两个可能导致人们不相信圣经的原因：第一，是因为该隐杀了亚伯；第二，是因为书里谈到了一个会说话的蛇。

The Creation of Eve: A Beautiful Picture

All right, so the third reason that people often don't believe the Bible is in chapter two. And we'll read verse twenty-one.

好的，人们通常不相信圣经的第三个理由在第二章。我们来读第二十一节和第二十二节。

[Genesis 2:21-22 NKJV]

²¹ And the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall on Adam, and he slept; and He took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh in its place. ²² Then the rib which the LORD God had taken from man He made into a woman, and He brought her to the man.

耶和华神使亚当沉睡，他就睡了；于是取下他的一根肋骨，又把肉合起来。耶和华神就用那人身上所取的肋骨造成一个女人，领她到那人跟前。

And some people say, "How could you possibly believe a book like that, that tells you that the first woman was made out of the rib of the first man?" Evolution doesn't even attempt to address such a peculiar issue. Why would people believe a book that starts in such a different, weird, peculiar way? It's supposed to be a book of good news, but it starts with the firstborn killing the secondborn, talks about a talking snake, and says the first woman was made out of the rib of the first man. And so people say, "I don't believe the Bible. It's a foolish book."

有些人说：“你怎能相信这样一本书，它告诉你第一个女人是从第一个男人身上取下一根肋骨造的？”进化论甚至都没有尝试去解释这样奇特的问题。为什么人们要相信一本以如此独特、奇怪和诡异的方式开篇的书呢？这本该是一部带来好消息的书，但它一开始就讲长子杀害次子，谈到一个说话的蛇，还说第一个女人是用第一个男人的肋骨造成的。所以人们说：“我不相信圣经，这本书太愚蠢了。”

And what would happen if you kept reading the Bible? You might find something amazing about the fact that Cain killed Abel. What has happened since the days of Cain and Abel? War. Are there any people who have been killed in war in this last century? Are there any people killed in war in the month of June, 2026? Yes.

如果你继续读圣经，会发生什么呢？你可能会发现关于该隐杀亚伯这一事实中非常令人惊奇的事情。自从该隐和亚伯的时代以来，人类历史发生了什么？是战争。在过去的一个世纪里，有没有人在战争中被杀？在2026年的6月份，有没有人在战争中被杀？有的。

Why would the Bible be so bold as to say that the firstborn son killed the secondborn son? Because all down through the generations, men have killed their brothers. Why do people believe the Bible? Because the Bible was bold enough to tell the truth right at the very beginning. And the very reason that some people disbelieve the Bible is the reason why others believe the Bible. They say the Bible is bold enough to say that man has got a big problem—the first son killed his brother.

为什么圣经如此坦白、直接地告诉我们长子杀害了次子？因为世代以来，人类一直在残杀自己的同胞弟兄。那为什么人们又相信圣经呢？因为圣经有足够的胆量，在最开始就说出了真相。而恰恰是某些人不信圣经的原因，成了其他人相信圣经的理由。他们说，圣经敢于直言人类有极大的问题——第一个出生的儿子杀了自己的兄弟。

The Talking Snake: Deception and Reality

But what about the problem of the talking snake? It's almost ridiculous, isn't it? You remember the story of that conversation. Adam and Eve were in a conversation with God and the talking snake. And what did Adam and Eve do? They disbelieved God and they believed the talking snake. How ludicrous!

那么，关于那条会说话的蛇的问题呢？这听起来很荒谬，不是吗？你们记得那段对话的故事。亚当和夏娃在跟神以及那条会说话的蛇对话。亚当和夏娃做了什么？他们不相信神，却相信了那条会说话的蛇。这有多荒谬啊！

Can you imagine a talking snake wiggling down the steps, coming into the room here? When it gets to the bottom, it says, "Hi Josh, how are you?" Josh says, "What's going on?" Okay, and you and I say, "I'd never listen to a talking snake." What was the truth associated with the talking snake? The truth is that the devil was behind the talking snake, and the devil was talking to Adam and Eve through the talking snake.

你能想象一条会说话的蛇顺着台阶爬下来，进到这个房间里吗？当它爬到下面，它对老陈说：“老陈，你好吗？”老陈说：“这到底是怎么回事？”好，你和我都会说：“我绝不会听一条会说话的蛇说些什么。”那么，与这条会说话的蛇相关的真相是什么？真相是魔鬼隐藏在会说话的蛇背后，魔鬼是通过这条会说话的蛇在对亚当和夏娃说话。

Now, is that the last time that the devil talked to people? If the devil were to come down the stairs now, and he had two horns, and he was breathing fire, and he carried a terrible pitchfork, and he said, "Hi Josh," what would Josh do? He'd be out the back door so fast, you couldn't see him. Okay, he doesn't do that.

那么，那是魔鬼最后一次对人说话吗？如果现在魔鬼从楼梯上走下来，头上长着两个角，口里喷着火，还拿着一把可怕的钢叉，对老陈说：“你好，老陈。”老陈会做什么？他会以极快的速度从后门溜走，你甚至都看不见他。好，魔鬼并不那样做。

But if you were to watch, and down the stairs came an angel of light, and you were to look at him, and you'd say, "That's beautiful." Would you know for certain that that was the devil? You'd say, "No." But the Bible teaches you that the devil appears as an angel of light. And the devil has been talking to people as an angel of light, and as a talking snake, he's been talking to people all down through the ages. To whom do most people listen—to God or the talking snake?

但是，如果你看到一个光明天使从楼梯上走下来，你看着他，你会说：“这太美丽了。”你能确定那就是魔鬼吗？你会说：“不确定。”但圣经教导我们，魔鬼会装作光明天使。魔鬼一直以来都在作为光明天使对人说话，也作为会说话的蛇，历世历代以来一直对人说话。大多数人到底在听谁的——听神的，还是听那条会说话的蛇的？

And the fact is, most people in the world today would rather listen to the devil through any kind of talking snake than listen to God. Why do some people not listen to God? Because it talks about a talking snake. Why are some people absolutely convinced that the Bible is true? Because it talks about the talking snake right in the beginning and says, "This is the central

issue of life. You either listen to God, or you listen to the talking snake and all his lies." But they listen to the talking snake.

事实是，当今世界上大多数人宁愿通过各种形式的“会说话的蛇”去听魔鬼的话，也不愿意听神的话。为什么有些人不听神的话呢？因为圣经里提到了会说话的蛇。而为什么有些人绝对深信圣经是真实的呢？因为圣经在一开始就谈到了会说话的蛇，并且指出：“这就是人生的核心问题。你要么听从神，要么听从那条会说话的蛇和它所有的谎言。”然而，他们却去听了会说话的蛇。

The Bride of Christ: Formed from the Side

Then why does the Bible tell us that a woman was made out of the rib of a man? That's not the way the other animals were made. A female cow isn't made out of the rib of a male bull. Why that different picture? Why? See the amazing difference of that picture. Again, evolution has nothing related to that. What's going on?

那么，圣经为什么要告诉我们女人是从男人的肋骨造的呢？这并不是其他动物被造的方式。母牛投资并不是用公牛的肋骨造出来的。为什么会有这样一幅截然不同的画面呢？为什么？看看这幅画面中惊人的差异。同样，进化论中没有任何内容与此相关。这到底是怎么回事？

What was the name of the first man? Adam. What is the name of the last Adam? His name is Jesus. The first Adam—how did the first Adam get a wife? God took part of his side, and He worked on it, and worked on it, and He made a bride for Adam. What happened to the last Adam? What happened to the last Adam? He went to the cross.

第一个男人的名字是什么？亚当。末后的亚当的名字是谁？祂的名字是耶稣。首先的亚当——首先的亚当是如何得到妻子的？神取了他身旁的一部分，在上面做工、塑造，为亚当造了一个新娘。那么，末后的亚当发生了什么？末后的亚当经历了什么？祂上了十字架。

What happened just before He died on the cross, or just after—I can't remember. One of them took a spear and they thrust it into His side, and out came blood and water. What do we know about the blood? We know this: the blood of Jesus Christ cleanses us from all sin. That blood that flowed from Jesus did what? That blood purchased the redemption, the forgiveness of sins, for all the Christians who have ever lived.

就在祂死在十字架上之前，或者之后——我记不太清了。其中一个人拿着长枪，扎进祂的肋旁，随即有血和水流出来。我们对这血了解多少？我们知道这一点：耶稣基督的血洗净了我们一切的罪。从耶稣身上流出的血做了什么？那血为有史以来所有活过的基督徒买赎了救恩，赦免了他们的罪。

Now, the line that we read says that the Lord took the rib of Adam, and out of that He made the woman, Eve. But that word "rib" actually, most of the time, reads and is translated "side". It was from the rib, the side, that the Lord made Eve.

我们读到的那段经文说，主取了亚当的肋骨，并用它造了女人夏娃。但“肋骨”这个词，其实在大多数时候也可以读作并翻译为“肋旁”。主正是从肋骨，也就是肋旁，创造了夏娃。

And if you go to the end of verse twenty-two, we read, "from man made God a woman." That word "made" is actually "built". It's the same word that describes Noah when he made or built an ark. Was that a big deal when Noah built an ark? Yeah, sure. How long did it take him? We're not told precisely, probably over a hundred years. Was that a big construction job? Yes, it was. But when Noah was finished building the ark, the ark was able to ride over the waves, and Noah lived happily ever after.

如果你读到第二十二节的最后，我们读到“神用那人身上所取的肋骨造成了一个女人”。这里的“造”字，在原文中实际上是“建造”的意思。这与描述诺亚制造或建造方舟时所用的是同一个词。诺亚建造方舟是一件大事件吗？当然是。他花了多长时间？圣经没有确切告诉我们，大概有一百多年。那是一个庞大的建筑项目吗？是的，确实是。但当诺亚建完方舟后，方舟能够在波浪中航行，诺亚从此过上了幸福的生活。

So when God built Eve, how long did it take Him? Did He just do it like that? The answer is probably not. This word "made", "built", means a big, long project. It probably took a long time. Now, Eve was the bride of Adam. Who is the bride of Jesus? All the Christians who believe in Him. When we all get to heaven, what will we be? We will be Jesus' bride.

那么，当神建造夏娃的时候，祂花了多长时间？祂是就这么一下就造好了吗？答案是可能并非如此。这个表示“制造”、“建造”的词，意味着一个庞大而长期的项目，可能花费了很长时间。现在，夏娃是亚当的新娘。谁是耶稣的新娘？所有信靠祂的基督徒。当我们都到了天堂，我们会成为什么？我们将成为耶稣的新娘。

What part of the bride will I be? What part of the bride will you be? Okay, in my body, I've been told—I've never counted, but I've been told—that there are about three trillion cells in my body. They're all part of my body. When we get to heaven, we are all going to be part of the bride of Jesus Christ. Is the bride of Jesus Christ important? Adam, was Eve important?

我将是新娘的哪一部分？你又将是谁的新娘的哪一部分？在我的身体里，我被告知——我从未数过，但我听说——大约有三万亿个细胞。它们都是我身体的一部分。当我们到了天堂，我们都将成为耶稣基督新娘的一部分。耶稣基督的新娘重要吗？亚当，夏娃重要吗？

Okay, you can imagine Adam going to sleep, and waking up, and saying, "Something's wrong." And then he looks over and sees Eve. What do you think Adam said when he saw Eve? I heard one preacher answer that question once. The preacher asked, "What did Adam say when he saw Eve?" His answer was, "**Wow!**"

你可以想象亚当睡着了，醒来后摸摸这里说：“有些不对劲。”然后他朝旁边看去，看到了夏娃。你认为当亚当看到夏娃时，他说了什么？我曾听过一位传道人回答这个问题。那位传道人问：“亚当看到夏娃时说了什么？”他的答案是：“**哇！**”

What is Jesus—what has God been doing over the last two thousand years? He is building a bride for His Son, Jesus. Jesus said, "I will build My church." Is it important that we have a story in the Bible of how God created Eve? Yes, because it's a beautiful picture of how God is creating a bride for Jesus.

过去这两千年来，耶稣——或者说神，一直在做什么？祂一直在为祂的儿子耶稣建造一个新娘。耶稣说：“我要建造我的教会。”圣经中记载了神如何创造夏娃的故事，这重要吗？非常重要，因为这是一幅美丽的*图画*，展现了神如何为主耶稣基督塑造新娘。

Now, when we get to heaven and there is the marriage supper of the Lamb, when Jesus looks at His bride, what do you think He's going to say? He might not say "Wow," but when you see the bride, and you are the bride at the marriage supper of the Lamb, what are you going to say? You're going to say, "**Wow!**" So beautiful, so wonderful.

当我们到了天堂，参加羔羊的婚宴时，当耶稣看着祂的新娘，你认为祂会说什么？祂也许不会说“哇”，但当你看到新娘，并且你就是羔羊婚宴中新娘的一部分时，你会说什么？你会说：“**哇！**”太美丽了，太奇妙了。

Frankly, I'm going to look in the mirror, and I'm going to say, "Harold, you never thought you'd ever look this good." Why do people say, "I don't believe the Bible. It's got that stupid story about how Eve was created"? And you and I open the Bible, and we see a picture in chapter two—that "foolish" picture of how God made Eve—and we say, "What a beautiful picture of what God is doing in me—a bride for Jesus!"

坦白说，我要照照镜子，然后说：“哈罗德，你从来没想过自己能长得这么好看。”为什么人们会说：“我不相信圣经。里面竟然有关于夏娃是如何被造的愚蠢故事”？而你和我打开圣经，在第二章看到了一幅图画——那幅在世人看来“愚蠢”的神创造夏娃的图画——我们却会说：“这是多么美丽的一幅画，展现了神在我身上所作的工作——为主耶稣预备新娘！”

And then we say, "Only God would write a book like that. Only God would write the Bible. Only God would raise the vital issues in picture form and in real form, right at the beginning to say, 'Listen, I'm God. This is what I'm doing.'"

然后我们会说：“只有神能写出这样的一本书。只有神能写出圣经。只有神才会用图画和真实的样式，在开始就提出这些至关生命的问题，并宣告：‘听着，我是神，这就是我正在做的事。’”

What do you and I say? We say, "God, if that's what You're doing, I want to be part of it." God says, "Matthew, follow Me." You and I say, "I will too, Lord."

你和我又会说什么呢？我们会说：“神啊，如果这就是您正在做的事，我想要成为其中的一部分。”神说：“马太，跟从我。”你和我也会说：“主啊，我也愿意跟从您。”

Conclusion: Choosing to Believe

Lord, we want to thank You for the Bible and the pictures in the Bible. And we thank You that the Bible isn't wrong. We thank You that it's marvelously right. And we thank You that the promises in the Bible are far greater than we could ever have imagined, and we thank You that they're all true. And therefore, we would respond and say, "Lord Jesus, I choose to believe You." So thank You for Your kindness to us, Lord. We give thanks in Jesus' name. Amen.

主啊，我们要为圣经以及圣经中的这些图画感谢您。我们感谢您，因为圣经并没有错。我们感谢您，圣经是奇妙地正确。我们感谢您，圣经中的应许远远超出我们的想象，我们感谢您，这些应许全都是真实的。因此，我们要回应并说：“主耶稣，我选择相信您。”所以，主啊，感谢您对我们的慈爱。我们奉耶稣的名献上感谢。阿门。