

The AHAYAHA Bible (AB)

----- Preface -----

How do you know something is not fabricated, but actually from The Heavenly Father? This question lies at the heart of all Bible translation, canonical issues, and textual criticism. Regardless of the scholarly, "Is it original?" inquiry, whether we admit it or not, and whether we know it or not, everything comes down to discovering that which came not from "mere humans" but rather from The Almighty Creator of heaven and earth Himself (see Nicene Creed).

In an attempt to answer this question, we naturally engage in a vast array of methods aimed at discovering the true origins of any manuscript, text, or archaeological find. We employ experts in history, geology, literature, theology, ancient languages, textual criticism, science - the list goes on. Year after year, decade after decade, century after century, we dig, we search, we discover, we investigate, we analyze, we theorize, we test, and we get results.

And what are the results? The results are endless lists of experts who have amassed incomprehensible amounts of data and information, with years and decades of research behind their robust efforts (actually, CENTURIES of research when you combine the work of all these experts throughout human history), who nonetheless arrive at differing and often contradicting conclusions. So what conclusion can a person make when inquiring of 100 different experts with 100 different, often contradicting, opinions? Simply this: **By ourselves, we know nothing.**

This is not to say that one must become an agnostic. It is merely to acknowledge that when one engages in "real research," what started as one question almost certainly evolves into ten or twenty or more inquiries, and a person ends up with more perplexing puzzles to solve than actual answers. But perhaps this stubbornly ubiquitous epistemological phenomenon, especially with regard to biblical and theological issues, is largely due to a flawed premise in our approach. A premise affirming the hubris that we actually possess the intellectual capacity to acquire The Truth of the matter on our own apart from any outside (Supernatural) intervention.

Reflecting this fact about The Source of true "heavenly" knowledge, Paul writes in Colossians 1:9 that his readers "be filled with the knowledge" of The Almighty's will. Notice he does NOT write that his readers "search and discover" but rather that they "be filled." The sentence structure makes the reader the object receiving the action of The Subject Who performs the filling, rather than making the reader the subject actively seeking and finding the knowledge on his/her own. Paul rightly understands that, **unless The Almighty actively fills us with His knowledge, there is nothing we ourselves can do to acquire it, no matter what "text" or "Bible" we read. But this is not to take away from the active study of Scripture, for Paul urges us to diligently study The Word (2 Timothy 2:15) like Bereans (Acts 17:11) who were known for actively searching (studying) the Scriptures that they may know The Truth.** The larger issue, however, is not one of "should we study" The Bible. It is rather an issue of whether or not we ultimately "lean on our own understanding" and "exalt our own wisdom" (Proverbs 3:5). This goes beyond "diligent study" & "ecclesiastical councils"....FAR beyond...

The Saviour Himself commented on this matter in John 7:17 in what is perhaps the clearest statement in all of Scripture regarding how a person may know if something is truly from The Almighty Creator in heaven or just a human idea. He explicitly says that if we "choose to do His will" we will then know if His words come from The Heavenly Father or not. However, this may seem illogical or "circular" to many people, at least initially, because the response is usually, "How can I choose to do His will if I don't know what it is?" But such a response fails to understand the truth of Colossians 1:9, where we are the OBJECTS ("vessels") of His mercy (Romans 9:23), fully depending on HIM to actively fill us with His knowledge. The point of John 7:17 which is overlooked by most people appears to be this: If The Almighty knows that you will NOT choose to do His will, what reason would He have to give you such knowledge which is fit only for those who follow & OBEY Him (see **Genesis 22, esp. verse 12, & Matthew 13:10-17**)?

Truly, His knowledge and heavenly secrets are meant only for those whom He graciously chooses (see **Matthew 11:25; 1 Cor. chs. 2-3, esp. 2:5ff; 2 Cor. 4:3ff; Philipians 2:12-13**). This explains the presence of "contradictions" and "problems" in Scripture, because The Bible is apparently NOT the primary "key" in comprehending heavenly secrets & the will of The Almighty, but rather, merely a tool & instrument used by Him, at HIS discretion, in revealing whatever knowledge He may desire to make known. The Divine Heavenly Father Himself, The Creator, is "The Real Key," while His secrets, knowledge, & will are "The Divine Hidden Treasure" made to look dirty, filthy, useless, and without value to hide its true worth and priceless contents from those not meant to obtain it. But to those who are given "eyes to see and ears to hear," to those whom He has chosen to reveal His secrets, knowledge, & will - to these are given the ability to see past the camouflage of "nonsense," "contradictions," and "problems" so that they may find The Truth. As The Saviour stated - no one comes to Him unless The Father draws him or her; all they will see & hear is logical fallacies, canonical issues, & the like (**John 6:41-45; 10:25-39**).

What all this means for us is this: reading The Bible and studying Scripture is potentially USELESS (and even DANGEROUS) unless we approach it with a heart of COMPLETE, TOTAL OBEDIENCE...

Before you dive into The Word, desiring to know The Truth, ask yourself these questions: **What will I do with the knowledge, secrets, and Truth given to me by The Almighty?** Will I be "puffed up with knowledge" (1 Corinthians 8:1) or will I obey, as Abraham did (Genesis 22, esp. verse 12; Romans 4:11; Galatians 3:16-29)? Before I ask Him to fill me with knowledge & truth, have I searched my heart to see if I am WORTHY of these? **Am I READY to know?** Because if I'm only going to disobey His will, it would be better NOT to know it (2 Peter 2:20-22).

As Yashaya (The Saviour, AKA "Jesus") said in John 7:17, we must "choose to do His will" - meaning that we have to be in a place where we will do ANYTHING He wants us to do... ANYTHING (Genesis 22, esp. verse 12; Romans 4:11; Galatians 3:16-29). This is the easiest thing to understand (just say "Yes" to whatever He says!), and yet the hardest thing to do.

So if your heart is in a place of obedience (or at least you greatly desire for it to be), if you want to know The Truth of His Word so you may serve & obey The One True Saviour Who purchased you with His blood (1 Cor. 6:19-20; 7:23), well then, by all means, continue reading...

***NOTE: "Yashaya" is a shortened version of "AYASHAYA" (Hosea 2:16 Tetragrammaton "AYSY")**