

You Can Make God a Liar

Genesis 1:1 (New American Standard Bible)

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

1 John 1:10 (New American Standard Bible)

¹⁰ *If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar and His word is not in us.*

1 John 5:10 (New American Standard Bible)

¹⁰ *The one who believes in the Son of God has the testimony in himself; the one who does not believe God has made Him a liar, because he has not believed in the testimony that God has given concerning His Son.*

Introduction

No one wants to challenge God. No one wants to make Him a liar, either. That's the last thing we want to do. However, the Scriptures show some people who inadvertently make God a liar by saying or teaching what is contrary to what God declares.

That's what I am going to talk about this morning. We can make God a liar if we deny the following three things: if we deny that God created the universe and everything in it. If we deny that all humans are sinners. If we deny God's testimony on Jesus Christ that He died to save sinners like you and me.

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I am going to present three cases where we can make God a liar. All of them are found in the Scriptures.

Case #1: If we deny that God has created the heavens and the earth and everything in them, then, we make Him a liar (Genesis 1:1).

Today, many a Christian are sitting on the fence when it comes down to evolution vs. creation. In a sense, I understand where they stand. As much as they would like to believe in the Bible, they are pressured into taking the theory of evolution as a truth. They don't want to be ostracized by the society as "non-scientific" or even worse, "fanatics." They are afraid to be the laughingstock among peers and even in the family in the name of science.

A similar type of pressure was found in Jesus' time. This time, the issue was the resurrection. One day, some Sadducees (the religious leaders back then) approached Jesus and asked Him about resurrection. By the way, the Sadducees didn't believe in resurrection, nor an angel, nor a spirit (Acts 23:8). They considered themselves 'cool,' 'logical,' and 'reasonable,' and took it as their pride not to believe in any kind of 'invisible,' 'cannot be proven,' or 'spiritual' things. --You cannot see it or prove it; therefore, it doesn't exist, they argued.

So, they said to Jesus, "Teacher, Moses said, 'If a man dies having no children, his brother as next of kin shall marry his wife and raise up children for his brother' (Deuteronomy 25:5-10). They continued, "²⁵Now there were seven brothers among us; and the first married and died, and having no children, he left his wife to his brother. ²⁶*It was the same also with the second brother, and the third, down to the seventh.* ²⁷Last of all, the woman died. ²⁸In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife of the seven will she be? For they all had her *in marriage*" (Matthew 22:24-28). Their logic is: since you cannot answer that question for sure, there cannot be resurrection. To such Sadducees, Jesus answered, you are mistaken, since you don't understand the Scriptures nor the power of God (Matthew 22:29).

At that very moment, I wish Jesus had opened their eyes and shown them the spiritual reality right there (e.g., heaven, resurrection, angels, and all). He could've done it. But He didn't. Instead, He said, you are mistaken, because you are ignorant of God's Word and His power. Then, Jesus explained, there will be no marriage relationship in the resurrection. Therefore, your question itself is irrelevant. Second, Jesus said, God is not the God of the dead but the God of the living. He asked them to ponder why the LORD God calls Himself the God of *Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob*, because all these three forefathers are not dead, but living in the sight of God (Matthew 22:32). There's resurrection, otherwise, God would never call Himself the God of the dead.

See how Jesus finalizes the matter: by the Scriptures and God's power, not by human logic or any scientific proofs. To settle on any matters, whether things visible or invisible, Jesus always refers to the Scriptures. To Him, God's Word is the final and eternal authority on all matters. *Heaven and earth, He says, will pass away, but My words will not pass away* (Matthew 24:35).

So, let's follow Jesus' example and settle on the question of evolution vs. creation with God's Word. What does the Scripture say about it? Creation, doesn't it? The Scripture says that God created the heavens and the earth and everything in them. You may want to bring in all scientific theories on evolution telling me how long it took the earth became as it is now (5 billion years) and so forth, but somehow, sooner or later, you will need to settle this once and for all: between you and God. Between the ever-changing scientific theories and the never-changing Word of God. God once told Job, *And I shall ask you, and you inform Me!* ⁴***Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth?*** (Job 38:3-4).

As I have spoken before, one day I counted how many times God declares in the Bible that it is He, nobody else, and nothing else but He, who brought all creations into life. Over 40 times. That day, I found myself standing before God's repeated and exclusive claim on creation in the Scriptures. I had to declare my stance on this issue to God and to the world right there and then. No more sitting on the fence. That day, I chose to believe in God's claim. I chose to believe that He is telling me truth, based on the truth that He cannot tell a lie. I urge you to do the same. Either you believe in His numerous claims on creation true, or reject His claims and call Him a liar (why? Because He claims something that is untrue if evolution is true). Don't sit on the fence. Make up your mind today.

Case #2: If we deny that we are sinners (1 John 1:10).

In today's text, Apostle John made it very clear that if we deny that we are sinners, we make God a liar, because He declares that all humans have sinned (Romans 3:23).

In the past, I have met some non-believers and believers alike, both inside and outside the Church, who refused to be called a sinner. "Preacher, please don't call me a sinner. I don't think it was necessary for Jesus to die for me, either. Please don't talk about sin. It makes me depressed. Talk about something positive that would make me feel good about myself." Well, I am sorry to disappoint you, but if you insist that you are not a sinner, that means, you are not a Christian. Why? Because you don't need Christ the Savior who died on the cross to save you from your sins. If you don't need Christ, that means, Jesus died on the cross in vain. That also means that your Christianity means nothing. Furthermore, since you don't need Christ, that is, you don't have Christ, you will not be in Heaven, because no one can come to the Father except through Him (John 14:6).

Once again, make up your mind what to do with the Bible that declares multiple times that you, I, and all others, with no exception, are sinners who are in need of the forgiveness of sins through the blood of Jesus the Christ. Either take it or leave it. Accept the biblical truth or reject it as falsehood and call God a liar.

Case #3: If we deny and don't believe in God's testimony on His Son Jesus Christ (1 John 5:10).

By the way, what did God say about Jesus His Son? This is His testimony on His Son: God has given us eternal life and that eternal life is in His Son. He who has the Son has eternal life. He who doesn't have the Son doesn't have eternal life (1 John 5:11). Have you noticed that not everyone in the world believes in Jesus as their Savior? The Bible says that faith doesn't belong to everyone (2 Thessalonians 3:2). Many still don't believe in Jesus or what He has done for them. Even after they hear the Gospel message, they still reject Him. Thank God, however, for our faith in Christ. Faith is a gift from God given to those who have been chosen to be God's people in Heaven. You and I are blessed to receive such faith gift in Christ. Listen again. If we deny God's testimony on Jesus that Jesus is His beloved Son, and

that eternal life is found only in Jesus, we will end up denying God's own testimony on His Son, therefore, making God a liar.

Conclusion

The Scripture says that it is impossible for God to tell a lie (Hebrew 6:18, Titus 1:2). I believe that truth from my heart. Whatever God says, therefore, must be true. Whether it is about creation, whether it is about human depravity, or whether it is about His Son Jesus Christ, He is telling us nothing but the truth, the whole truth, and the eternal truth. Anything short of believing and accepting His claims as truth would make Him a liar. What is your choice?

Let's pray.