

## *An Illustration To Help Make A Point*

Have you ever heard the expression: "If It sound too good to be true..."? When it comes to man-made religions and the "deities" that preside over them, one thing is apparent to the bystander -- the "True Believer" will believe almost anything in order to prolong the illusion he has allowed himself to be mesmerised by.

The demands of Christianity are so unbelievably simple, the outlook so unbelievably rosy that one wonders why there is anyone who believes in them! The Christian is so convinced about the "divinity" of his scriptures, and the "*factuality*" of the claims and promises contained therein -- coupled with the easy burden and the promise of heaven -- that he wonders why everybody doesn't get on board the "Jesus Express". Christians are so emotionally uplifted by their Faith that they scratch their heads and wonder how it is that anyone can refuse the offer to become a member of the Church. This has been a question from the very beginning of the movement. And what Christians have done throughout their history is to theorize & apologize away any and all questions and objections that might keep someone from accepting Jesus as their "savior" (mostly so they themselves are not plagued by the very things that leave skeptics outside of the fold.

--apologetics are not for doubters, especially in an Augustinian world ruled by "predestination" and the "bondage of the will", where any honest Christian will tell you that clever arguments and intricate persuasions can do nothing without the "holy spirit" working its magic! In fact, the only world in which an apologetic would be necessary is one ruled by Pelagian thought. The apologetics, rather, are for the Christians themselves! It is the Christian who, after a careful examination of his "scriptures" and beliefs, should pose many questions about the contradictions and injustices that are inherent in the Church and its canonized "scriptures". It is the Christian who needs the apologetics in order to salve his weary mind after a go-around with the N.T.!

--**KJV 1 Peter 3:15** But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and *be ready always to give an answer [apōlogiā] to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you* with meekness and fear:

--**KJV Philippians 1:7** Even as it is meet for me to think this of you all, because I have you in my heart; inasmuch as both in my bonds, and in the defence [apōlogiā] and confirmation of the gospel, ye all are partakers of my grace.

\*\***NRS Philippians 1:16** These proclaim Christ out of love, knowing that I have been put here for the defence [apōlogiā] of the gospel;

--You are "elected"; You are "predestined"; You are "special"

--"G-d never make a mistake, right?"

--self-righteousness v. self-justification -- at least one who is trying to self-justify himself will try to conquer his inclinations, but one who has assurance that he will go to heaven -- not matter how often he falls -- has no reason to even make an attempt! (\*Self-Justification: leads to apologetics that reconfirm the naarishkeit in the mind of the true believer!)

--If a bribe will blind even the eyes of a righteous individual, how much more so will a bribe blind the eyes of one who is not so righteous!?

\*\***KJV Deuteronomy 16:19** Thou shalt not wrest judgment; *thou shalt not respect persons, neither take a gift: for a gift doth blind the eyes of the wise, and pervert the words of the righteous.*

--The "bribe" of Christianity is the promise of heaven; and the beauty of this bribe is that no one living can contract its effects! Image if someone were truly to believe that a \$5 investment could be parlayed into a \$1,000,000,000 retirement fund. Oh yes, this is a new company, and there is no way to "check out" the claim, but "oh, what a feeling" the investors have "knowing" that at retirement they will not have a care in the world!

--Couple this "bribe" with an inherent anti-Semitism that pervades the world, and an ego (which each of us

have that) that plants the desire to be #1 in our minds, and ***the ground (from which man is formed)*** is perfectly prepared to grow a "replacement theology" second to none!!!

***\*\* I want to be #1, but I want to do as little as possible to getting there!***

### **Recipie for Na'arishkeit**

1. A Personality who grows in stature at a time of Messianic fervor
2. A "Belief" about this Personality develops; expectations are "self-assured"
3. The Personality dies/converts; the expectaions are seemingly dashed
4. Some/Most of the "believers" simply go away disenchanted
5. But some "believers" -- instead of coming to terms with reality -- reinterpret "things" in order that their fantasy can still "claim" life (cognitive dissonance)
6. A move begins to augment doctrines & beliefs in order to bolster support for the hopeless "belief" of the "faithful" and all who do not "believe" are seen as having failed the "test"
7. Succesive generations reinterpret the reinterpretation and a plethora of "beliefs" are born out of nothing (a'la the slide into avodah zarah!!!)
8. Doctrines develope/are solidified
9. The ramifications of this new "faith" are examined and -- since the movement is man-made and thus prove to inaccuracies/imperfections -- found to contain "apparent contradictions" -- but, of course, these are only APPARENT contradictions, and all can be explained away with a few theories and a whole lotta FAITH (blind faith!!!) ***\*Anything "man-made has to have flaws/inconsistancies; but if one is told that the documents which support the "belief" are "heaven breathed" -- and thus cannot possibly contain errors -- then the search is on for explanations/theories that will satisfy the troubled minds of the "believer"***

("Oh, but it's just our feeble minds -- that can't grasp the "truth" of G-d -- that prevent us from comprehending exactly what is going on!!!")

***\*\*Lubavitch: HaShem's "Instant Replay" of events 2000 years ago!!!***

**Man-Made** (must devise reason to believe) v.  
**Torah M'Sinai** (must devise reasons NOT to believe)

### **Authors of the N.T.**

--what did they all believe about Yoshjka?

--what beliefs differed? (e.g. Paul v. James)

\*\*\*\*All believed that Yoshka was:

- a) The Messiah
- b) A MAN set apart
- c) Faith in his atoning death ensures "salvation"
- d) He was "given" special "powers" (which he promised they COULD have, too)

### ***Middah Kenegged Middah!!!***

Imagine, if you will, a world where Jesus of Nazareth has already made his "second coming". That's right. Image a world where the second person of the Trinity is present and ready to usher in the "end-times". Then imagine that the world is populated by Christians, descendants of the groups who have been waiting 2000 years for Jesus's return, who -- for the most part -- reject the Messiahship of this Second-Coming "Jesus". Oh yes, he does miracles, and yes, he quotes "scripture", all the while explaining how he "fits the bill"; the problem is is that he does a few things orthodox Christians weren't expecting of their Messiah. The most troubling of these -- from an orthodox Christian p.o.v. -- is that this "Jesus" proclaims to the world that the G-dhead contains not merely three persons, but in fact contains four unique individuals -- and that fourth member of the Quad-G-d is Satan himself. (Most Christins will agree that the concept of the Trinity is not foud in the Jewish Scriptures, but rather is part of what they call "Progressive Revelation" it was only "revealed in the pages of the N.T".; Christians will tell you that G-d revealed Himself as one in

Tanakh in order to drive home the point of only one G-d, and that the three-in-one concept was revealed at a later date. All this "Second-Coming Jesus is doing is repeating the pattern and "revealing" a bit more about "G-d"! And, since G-d is "love" as Christians devoutly believe, He could do nothing that could be considered unrighteous, thus His "Satan" must have been for the good all along, and Jesus is only just now letting us know all about it!!!)

--KJV 1 Samuel 16:14 But *the Spirit of the LORD* departed from Saul, and *an evil spirit from the LORD* troubled him.

--KJV 2 Samuel 24:1 And again *the anger of the LORD was kindled against Israel, and he moved David against them to say, Go, number Israel* and Judah.

--KJV 1 Chronicles 21:1 And Satan stood up against Israel, and provoked David to **number Israel**.

---- *"G-d is good, and He can do nothing but good, and His means are always good, so.... "*

Now imagine that this Second Coming Jesus -- rejected by almost every Christian on the planet, including most of the "Scribes and Pharisees" of today (Rev. Jerry Falwell, Rev. Billy Graham, Rev. Pat Roberts, The Bible Answer Man: Hank Hanegraff, amongst other notable names including the Pope) -- tells his few handfuls of followers to spread out and span thr globe, proclaiming the "Good News" of the Kingdom of G-d. And that's exactly what these diehards do. Each and every heathen home they enter, they play a video of this Second Coming Jesus performing miracles and preaching his progressive revelations. And in the vast majority of former non-believers the newest evangelicals get a positive response. "Sure I want in," says a formed Buddhist who grabs ahold of the "easy-yoke" with little urging if any. "This is too good to pass up! But you say that it's been 2000 years since he was first here? I'll bet all of his followers are glad to see him!" This is when the Second Coming Evangelist informs the newest Christian on the planet that most of the followers of New Testament Jesus have rejected the Second Coming Jesus. "What? They don't believe in him? I was ready to sign up after that first miracle of multipling one bottle of wine into gallons and gallons. Why don't they believe in him?" This is when the "Second-Coming Evangelist" has to say: "They don't recognize him because they aren't supposed to." The "Second-Coming Evangelist" then quotes chapter and verse:

--KJV Matthew 7:21 *Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven*; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. 22 *Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works?* 23 And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.

--KJV Luke 6:46 And *why call ye me, Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say?*

--KJV Luke 13:25 When once the master of the house is risen up, and hath shut to the door, and *ye begin to stand without, and to knock at the door, saying, Lord, Lord, open unto us; and he shall answer and say unto you, I know you not whence ye are:*

And when this newest member of te "Second Coming Movement" asks: "But I've heard of theses men whom you say reject Jesus. These men are the most knowledgeable Christian men on the planet. And you tell me they don't even recognize their own Messiah?" "Well," says the "Second Coming Evangelist," it just goes to show that Paul knew what he was talking about:

--KJV 1 Corinthians 1:20 Where *is* the wise? where *is* the scribe? where *is* the disputer of this world? *hath not God made foolish the wisdom of this world?* ...27 But *God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise*; and God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty;

--KJV Isaiah 6:9 And he said, Go, and tell this people, *Hear ye indeed, but understand not; and see ye indeed, but perceive not.* 10 *Make the heart of this people fat, and make their ears heavy, and shut their eyes; lest they see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and understand with their heart, and convert, and be healed....*

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# Predestination & Free Will

## The Christian View

### Augustine of Hippo

--KJV Matthew 20:23 And he saith unto them, Ye shall drink indeed of my cup, and be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with: but to sit on my right hand, and on my left, is not mine to give, but *it shall be given to them for whom it is prepared of my Father.*

--KJV John 10:29 My Father, which gave *them* me, is greater than all; and no *man* is able to pluck *them* out of my Father's hand.

--KJV Romans 8:28 And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to *his* purpose. 29 ***For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren.*** 30 Moreover ***whom he did predestinate, them he also called: and whom he called, them he also justified: and whom he justified, them he also glorified.***

--KJV Ephesians 1:3 Blessed *be* the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly *places* in Christ: 4 According as ***he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love:*** 5 ***Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will,*** 6 To the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath made us accepted in the beloved. 7 In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace; 8 Wherein he hath abounded toward us in all wisdom and prudence; 9 ***Having made known unto us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure which he hath purposed in himself:*** 10 That in the dispensation of the fulness of times he might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven, and which are on earth; *even* in him: 11 In whom also we have obtained an inheritance, ***being predestinated according to the purpose of him who worketh all things after the counsel of his own will:*** 12 That we should be to the praise of his glory, who first trusted in Christ. 13 In whom ye also *trusted*, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise, 14 Which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of his glory.

--KJV 2 Timothy 1:9 Who hath saved us, and ***called us with an holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began,***

--KJV 1 Corinthians 4:7 For who maketh thee to differ *from another?* and what hast thou that thou didst not receive? now if thou didst receive *it*, why dost thou glory, as if thou hadst not received *it?*

--KJV Romans 11:33 ***O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! how unsearchable are his judgments, and his ways past finding out!***

### Martin Luther "The Bondage of the Will"

--KJV 2 Corinthians 11:16 I say again, ***Let no man think me a fool;*** if otherwise, yet ***as a fool receive me, that I may boast myself a little.***

--KJV 1 Corinthians 3:7 So then neither is he that planteth any thing, neither he that watereth; but ***God that giveth the increase.***

---KJV Matthew 13:3 And he spake many things unto them in parables, saying, ***Behold, a sower went forth to sow;*** 4 And when he sowed, ***some seeds fell by the way side,*** and the fowls came and devoured them up: 5 ***Some fell upon stony places,*** where they had not much earth: and forthwith they sprung up, because they had no deepness of earth: 6 And when the sun was up, they were scorched; and because they had no root, they withered away. 7 And ***some fell among thorns;*** and the thorns sprung up, and choked

them: 8 But **other fell into good ground, and brought forth fruit**, some an hundredfold, some sixtyfold, some thirtyfold. 9 **Who hath ears to hear, let him hear**. 10 And the disciples came, and said unto him, **Why speakest thou unto them in parables?** 11 He answered and said unto them, **Because it is given unto you to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it is not given**. 12 For whosoever hath, to him shall be given, and he shall have more abundance: but whosoever hath not, from him shall be taken away even that he hath. 13 **Therefore speak I to them in parables: because they seeing see not; and hearing they hear not, neither do they understand**. 14 And **in them is fulfilled the prophecy of Esaias, which saith, By hearing ye shall hear, and shall not understand; and seeing ye shall see, and shall not perceive**: 15 **For this people's heart is waxed gross, and their ears are dull of hearing, and their eyes they have closed; lest at any time they should see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and should understand with their heart, and should be converted, and I should heal them**. 16 But blessed are **your eyes, for they see: and your ears, for they hear**. 17 For verily I say unto you, That **many prophets and righteous men have desired to see those things which ye see, and have not seen them; and to hear those things which ye hear, and have not heard them**. 18 Hear ye therefore the parable of the sower. 19 When any one heareth the word of the kingdom, and understandeth it not, then cometh the wicked *one*, and catcheth away that which was sown in his heart. This is he which received seed by the way side. 20 But he that received the seed into stony places, the same is he that heareth the word, and anon with joy receiveth it; 21 Yet hath he not root in himself, but dureth for a while: for when tribulation or persecution ariseth because of the word, by and by he is offended. 22 He also that received seed among the thorns is he that heareth the word; and the care of this world, and the deceitfulness of riches, choke the word, and he becometh unfruitful. 23 But **he that received seed into the good ground is he that heareth the word, and understandeth it; which also beareth fruit**, and bringeth forth, some an hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty.

--KJV 1 Corinthians 12:4 Now **there are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit**.

--KJV Galatians 6:2 **Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ**.

--KJV Romans 10:10 For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and **with the mouth confession is made unto salvation**.

--KJV Matthew 10:32 **Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven**.

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## ***Apologetic on "Predestination & Free-Will"***

(R. C. Sproul)

### ***Free Will***

R' Noach Weinberg: "The defention of 'free-will' is the ability to do what you want to do, rather than what you feel like doing."

--KJV Psalm 115:16 The heaven, *even* the heavens, *are* the LORD'S: but **the earth hath he given to the children of men**.

### **R. C. Sproul (Notes)**

Christian Biblical Position v. Secular/Humanistic Position

Determinism:

- a) total free-will
- b) free-will based upon experience
- c) no free-will
- d) fatalism

\*\*\*) People act how they believe they are supposed to/expected to act:

---writers and drinking  
---criminals and crime  
---Christians and sin  
V. G-d's "Determinism"

### ***Original Sin: The "Fall" of Mankind***

#) "Knowledge" of Sin = the "Experience" of sinning

**KJV Genesis 4:3** And in process of time it came to pass, that Cain brought of the fruit of the ground an offering unto the LORD. 4 And Abel, he also brought of ***the firstlings of his flock and of the fat thereof***. And the LORD had respect unto Abel and to his offering: 5 But unto Cain and to his offering he had not respect. And Cain was very wroth, and his countenance fell. 6 And the LORD said unto Cain, Why art thou wroth? and why is thy countenance fallen? 7 If thou doest well, shalt thou not be accepted? and ***if thou doest not well, sin lieth at the door. And unto thee shall be his desire, and thou shalt rule over him***.

Self-Justification (& "Justifying" one's own beliefs)

Concept v. Application

--Apologetics

#### **Hindsight v. Foresight**

(Conservative/Reform Jews are able to look back and see the mistakes of their movements, but they cannot recognize that they themselves are emmersed in the same morrass of naarishkeit; theyfool themselves into thinking: "Oh, that will never happen to me!")

***Sola Fidei***: "Justification by FAITH alone"

--imputed deeds of Yoshka to the Christian

--Christian's sins imputed to Yoshka

#### **Internal Grace:**

##### ***regeneration/conversion***

External Grace:

a) creation

b) scripture

c) pain/suffering

#### **Effectual Grace v. Resistable Grace**

--Arminius = G-d 99%... us 1%

#### **Jonathan Edwards "Freedom of the Will" (Book)**

(1754)

Thinking = mind

\_\_\_\_\_ = will

cause & effect

--Inclination(s)

--desire leads to choices

---ALL choices are caused

\*\*\*inclinations cause choices

--**The STRONGEST inclination at the moment** = THEIR definition of 'freedom'

= **to chose what you feel like doing**

**Paul & Augustine = Esav to the core!!!**

--**If we are fallen**, and thus incapable of seeking G-d, then **what is the role of Satan?**

--***SATAN only has a role if we indeed have choice!!!***

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## The Seder

**KJV Isaiah 1:18** ***Come now, and let us reason together***, saith the LORD: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool.

### A Postulate:

***IF the N.T. IS the "Word of G-d" THEN:***

- a) Jesus of Nazareth was and is the Jewish Messiah foretold of in the Jewish Scriptures, and:
- b) All of the verses that the N.T. uses to prove Jesus's Messiahship do, in one way or another, prove this point, and:
- c) Anyone who rejects Jesus and what the N.T. has to say about him (myself included) will suffer for eternity in hell.

**Do you agree or disagree?**

***But IF the N.T. is NOT the "Word of G-d", THEN:***

- a) Jesus is NOT the Messiah, and:
- b) The verses quoted by the N.T. (though some of them may indeed have Messianic ramifications) DO NOT refer to him, and:
- c) Anyone who believes that Jesus of Nazareth is the Messiah, and who go so far as to deify him, must be idolators.

**Do you agree or disagree?**

***We BOTH agree that the Jewish scriptures are the Word of G-d, yes?*** You claim that the Jewish Scriptures point toward the Messiahship of Jesus of Nazareth, G-d as a Trinity, Heaven as an eternal reward, and Hell as an eternal punishment, yes? ***I would suggest that these claims of Christianity are not supported by the Jewish Scriptures (and all that really matters is what the Jewish Scriptures have to say as when the Jews were asked by Jesus to either accept or reject him, there was no N.T. -- agreed?)*** So let's see what the Jewish Scriptures have to say about G-d, the Messiah, Israel, and the nations, okay?

But before we begin, I would like to address something you addressed several times in our first meeting. You kept suggesting that you could do or say nothing to open my eyes to the truth of Jesus of Nazareth, yes? You claim that all non-believers have a veil over their eyes, yes? And that only the Holy Spirit can remove this veil, yes? If this is all true, then I fail to understand why the sign on your outreach facility asks us to "reason together". If all of the reasoning in the world will not allow me to accept Jesus as the Messiah, why do they advertise "Come let us reason together"?

The N.T. quotes one set of verses from the Jewish Scriptures many times:

**KJV Isaiah 6:9** And he said, Go, and tell this people, Hear ye indeed, but understand not; and see ye indeed, but perceive not. 10 Make the heart of this people fat, and make their ears heavy, and shut their eyes; lest they see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and understand with their heart, and convert, and be healed:

--**KJV Matthew 13:14** And in them is fulfilled the prophecy of Esaias, which saith, By hearing ye shall hear, and shall not understand; and seeing ye shall see, and shall not perceive: 15 For this people's heart is waxed gross, and *their* ears are dull of hearing, and their eyes they have closed; lest at any time they should

see with *their* eyes, and hear with *their* ears, and should understand with *their* heart, and should be converted, and I should heal them.

--**KJV John 12:39** Therefore they could not believe, because that Esaias said again, 40 He hath blinded their eyes, and hardened their heart; that they should not see with *their* eyes, nor understand with *their* heart, and be converted, and I should heal them.

What the authors of the N.T. are trying to get across to their readers is in reality a grand apologetic; they are trying to explain why it is that the vast majority of the Jews who lived at the time of Jesus rejected him as the Messiah. It was the Gentiles who signed up enmass to the Christian movement, while the Jews said, "No thnks."

But let's quote the entire passage from Isaiah and see if that is truly what the prophet is saying:

--**KJV Isaiah 6:9** And he said, Go, and tell this people, Hear ye indeed, but understand not; and see ye indeed, but perceive not. 10 Make the heart of this people fat, and make their ears heavy, and shut their eyes; lest they see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and understand with their heart, and convert, and be healed. 11 Then said I, Lord, how long? And he answered, Until the cities be wasted without inhabitant, and the houses without man, and the land be utterly desolate, 12 And the LORD have removed men far away, and *there be* a great forsaking in the midst of the land. 13 But yet in it *shall be* a tenth, and *it shall return*, and shall be eaten: as a teil tree, and as an oak, whose substance *is* in them, when they cast *their leaves*: so the holy seed *shall be* the substance thereof.

--**KJV Jeremiah 5:21** Hear now this, O foolish people, and without understanding; which have eyes, and see not; which have ears, and hear not:

--**KJV Psalm 119:70** Their heart is as fat as grease; *but* I delight in thy law.

--KJV Isaiah 29:10 For the LORD hath poured out upon you the spirit of deep sleep, and hath closed your eyes: the prophets and your rulers, the seers hath he covered. 11 And the vision of all is become unto you as the words of a book that is sealed, which *men* deliver to one that is learned, saying, Read this, I pray thee: and he saith, I cannot; for it *is* sealed: 12 And the book is delivered to him that is not learned, saying, Read this, I pray thee: and he saith, I am not learned. 13 Wherefore the Lord said, Forasmuch as this people draw near *me* with their mouth, and with their lips do honour me, but have removed their heart far from me, and their fear toward me is taught by the precept of men: 14 Therefore, behold, I will proceed to do a marvellous work among this people, *even* a marvellous work and a wonder: for the wisdom of their wise *men* shall perish, and the understanding of their prudent *men* shall be hid. 15 Woe unto them that seek deep to hide their counsel from the LORD, and their works are in the dark, and they say, Who seeth us? and who knoweth us? 16 Surely your turning of things upside down shall be esteemed as the potter's clay: for shall the work say of him that made it, He made me not? or shall the thing framed say of him that framed it, He had no understanding? ...**18** And in that day shall the deaf hear the words of the book, and the eyes of the blind shall see out of obscurity, and out of darkness. 19 The meek also shall increase *their* joy in the LORD, and the poor among men shall rejoice in the Holy One of Israel. 20 For the terrible one is brought to nought, and the scorner is consumed, and all that watch for iniquity are cut off: 21 That make a man an offender for a word, and lay a snare for him that reproveth in the gate, and turn aside the just for a thing of nought. 22 Therefore thus saith the LORD, who redeemed Abraham, concerning the house of Jacob, Jacob shall not now be ashamed, neither shall his face now wax pale. 23 But when he seeth his children, the work of mine hands, in the midst of him, they shall sanctify my name, and sanctify the Holy One of Jacob, and shall fear the God of Israel. 24 They also that erred in spirit shall come to understanding, and they that murmured shall learn doctrine.

--**KJV Isaiah 6:10** Make the heart of **this people** fat, and **make** their ears [**his ears**][<sup>וְאָזְנוֹתָם</sup>] heavy, and shut their eyes; lest they see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and understand with their heart, and convert, and be healed.

---**KJV Isaiah 43:10** Ye *are my witnesses*, saith the LORD, and **my servant** whom I have chosen: that ye may know and believe me, and understand that I *am* he: before me there was no God formed, neither shall there be after me.

--**KJV Deuteronomy 13:13** *Certain* men, the children of Belial, are gone out from among you, and have withdrawn the inhabitants of their city, saying, Let us go and serve other gods, which ye have not known; 14 Then shalt thou enquire, and make search, and ask diligently; and, behold, *if it be* truth, *and* the thing certain, *that* such abomination is wrought among you; 15 Thou shalt surely smite the inhabitants of that city

with the edge of the sword, destroying it utterly, and all that *is* therein, and the cattle thereof, with the edge of the sword. 16 And thou shalt gather all the spoil of it into the midst of the street thereof, and shalt burn with fire the city, and all the spoil thereof every whit, for the LORD thy God: and it shall be an heap for ever; it shall not be built again. 17 And there shall cleave nought of the cursed thing to thine hand: that the LORD may turn from the fierceness of his anger, and shew thee mercy, and have compassion upon thee, and multiply thee, as he hath sworn unto thy fathers; 18 When thou shalt hearken to the voice of the LORD thy God, to keep all his commandments which I command thee this day, to do *that which is* right in the eyes of the LORD thy God.

--Tochachah Perakim

--**KJV Ezekiel 33:32** And, lo, thou *art* unto them as a very lovely song of one that hath a pleasant voice, and can play well on an instrument: **for they hear thy words, but they do them not.**

--**KJV Isaiah 10:22** For though thy people Israel be as the sand of the sea, *yet a remnant of them shall return*: the consumption decreed shall overflow with righteousness. 23 For the Lord GOD of hosts shall make a consumption, even determined, in the midst of all the land.

--**Jeremiah** re: the Babylonian Exile

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Let's look at contradictions between the Tanach and the N.T.:  
\*\*"Oh, but there are contradictions within the O.T., aren't there?"

Let's take that reasoning to its logical conclusion:

- 1) There are contradictions between the N.T. and Tanach
- 2) But there are also contradictions within Tanach!
- 3) Thus, any text that one wants to accept as the "Word of G-d" -- no matter how many contradictions it contains -- can be explained away by claiming that there are contradictions within Tanach (and, after all, since G-d is perfect, there really are no contradictions between the N.T. and Tanach; it's just our human minds that cannot grasp the "Word of G-d" that prevent us from fully understanding.

We have to come to the conclusion that by using this kind of reasoning, there can be no contradictions anywhere at any time. All the Muslim has to do is make the same claim; or the Mormon; or the Moonie...

- a) "contradictions" within Tanach
- b) contradictions within naarishkeit