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Not for the faint-hearted. If people get confused, blame it on Bible bloopers. Yet this is not to make fun of the Christian Bible, but to have fun learning to think for ourselves. Instead of merely believing what we are told to believe. To accept a quotation blindly is blind faith. It is reason, not false reasoning, that is the measure of enlightened faith. If we begin to seek the hidden or larger understanding beyond a literal or narrow context, we become better prepared to face and to receive the truth. Consider the following Bible quotations. Which one is right?

1. Was it death to eat the forbidden fruit?
Yes: "In the day you eat thereof, you shall surely die" (Gen. 2:17).
No: "And all the days of Adam were nine hundred and thirty years" (Gen. 5:5). *Could the right answer be in the right question: What was the forbidden fruit?*
2. Can a woman, ever speak on religious matters?
Yes: "The same man had four daughters, virgins, who did prophesy" (Acts 21:9).
No: "Suffer not a woman to teach, but to be in silence" (1 Tim. 2:12).
3. Should a man ever laugh?
Yes: "There is a time to weep and a time to laugh" (Eccles. 3:4).
No: "Sorrow is better than laughter" (Eccles. 7:3).
Yes: "I commend mirth, because a man has no better thing under the sun, than to eat, drink, and be merry" (Eccles. 8:15).
4. What is our moral duty relative to trimming the hair on our heads?
"There shall no razor come upon his head ... let the locks of his head grow" (Num. 6:5).
"If a man have long hair, it is a shame unto him" (1 Cor. 11:14).
5. Is there any remedy for a fool?
Yes: "The rod of correction will drive it far from him" (Prov. 22:15).
No: "Though you bray a fool in a mortar, yet will his foolishness not depart from him" (Prov. 26:6).
6. Should we pay a fool in his own coin?
Yes: "Answer a fool according to his folly" (Prov. 26:5).
No: "Answer not a fool according to his folly" (Prov. 26:4).
7. Is our human life threescore years and ten? (1 score = 20 years)
Yes: "The days of our years are threescore years and ten" (Ps. 90:10)
No: "His days shall be a hundred and twenty years" (Gen. 6:3)
8. Is it desirable to be tempted?
Yes: "Count it all joy when in diverse temptations" (Jas. 1:2).
No: "Watch and pray, that you enter not into temptation" (Matt. 26:41).

9. Which is the tempter, God or the devil?
The devil: "Then was Jesus ... tempted of the devil" (Matt. 4:1).
God: "The anger of the Lord moved David against them" (2 Sam.24:1).
10. Does the Lord ever tempt man?
No: "Neither does he tempt any man" (Jas. 1:13).
Yes: "And God did tempt Abraham" (Gen. 22:1).
No: "He has blinded their eyes, and hardened their hearts" (John 12:40).
11. Can God be tempted?
Yes: "And they tempted God in their heart" (Ps. 78:18).
No: "God can not be tempted with evil" (Jas. 1:13).
Yes: "They have tempted me, the Lord, ten times" (Num. 14:22).
12. Is any thing good?
Yes: "For every creature of God is good" (1 Tim. 4:4).
No: "God looked upon the earth ... it was corrupt" (Gen. 6:12).
13. How many Gods are there?
One: "The Lord our God is one Lord" (Deut. 6:4).
Three: "There are three that bear record in heaven, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost: and these three are one (with each other)" (1 John 5:7).
14. Is God omnipresent?
Yes: David declares the Lord is everywhere, in heaven and earth, and even in hell (Ps. 139:7).
No: "The Lord came down to see Sodom" (Gen. 18:20).
Yes: "There is no place where the workers of iniquity can hide themselves" (Job 34:22).
No: "Adam and Eve hid themselves from the presence of the Lord" (Gen. 3:8).
Yes: "Man can not get out of his presence" (Ps. 139:7).
No: "Cain fled from the presence of God" (Gen. 4:16).
15. Is God omniscient?
Yes: "He knows the hearts of all men" (Acts 1:24).
No: The Lord had "to prove" the Israelites, and also Abraham, "to know what was in their hearts" (Deut. 8; Gen. 22).
16. Is God omnipotent?
Yes: "With God all things are possible" (Matt. 19:26).
No: "He could not drive out the inhabitants of the valley, because they had chariots of iron" (Judg. 1:19).
17. Is God unchangeable?
Yes: "For I *am* the Lord, I change not" (Mal. 3:6).
No: "God repented of the evil, that he said that he would do unto them (the Ninevites)" (Jon. 3:10).

18. Is God a merciful being?
Yes: "The Lord is very pitiful, and full of mercy" (Jas. 5:11).
No: "I will not pity nor spare, nor have mercy, but destroy" (Jer.13:14).
Yes: "His tender mercies are over all his works" (Ps. 145:9).
No: "Utterly destroy all that they have, and spare them not; but slay both man and woman, infant and suckling" (1 Sam. 15:3).
Yes: "His mercy endures for ever" (1 Chron. 16:34).
No: "I have taken away my peace, even loving-kindness and mercies" (Jer. 16:5).
Yes: "Yea, our God is merciful" (Ps. 116:5).
19. Does God ever hate?
No: "God is love" (1 John 4:16).
Yes: "He abhorred his own inheritance" (Ps. 106:40).
20. Is God's anger perpetual?
No: "His anger endures but a moment" (Ps. 30:5).
Yes: "Mine anger, which shall burn for ever" (Jer. 17:4).
21. Is God the author of evil?
Yes: "I make peace, and create evil" (Isa. 45:7). Behold, I frame evil against you" (Jer. 18:11). "I will bring evil upon them" (Jer. 23:12).
No: "Out of his mouth proceeds not evil" (Lam. 3:38).
22. Is God in favor of war?
No: "I am for peace" (Ps.120:7).
Yes: "The Lord is a man of war" (Exod. 15:3).
No: "God is not the author of confusion, but of peace" (1 Cor. 14:33).
23. Is the spirit of God for peace?
No: "The spirit came upon him, and he slew thirty men" (Judg. 14:19).
Yes: "The fruit of the spirit is love, joy, peace" (Gal. 5:22).
No: "The spirit of the Lord came mightily upon him,... and he slew a thousand men therewith" (Judg. 15:14-15).
24. Has any man seen God?
Yes: "Moses, Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and the seventy elders of Israel" saw the God of Israel (Exod. 24:9).
No: "No man has seen God at any time (John 1:18).
Yes: "I have seen God face to face, and my life is preserved" (Gen. 32:30).
No: "There shall no man see me, and live" (Exod. 33:20).
Yes: "I saw also the Lord sitting upon a throne" (Isa. 6:1).
No: "You have never seen his shape" (John 5:37).