

## **Has God Said? By Greg Rangel**

Ever since man has walked the earth, the devil has caused people to question whether God has spoken or not. Genesis 3:1 says, *“Now the serpent was more subtil than any beast of the field which the Lord God had made. And he said unto the woman, yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden?”* There was no doubt in the mind of the woman that God spoke, but the devil began to twist the Words that God had said. And throughout history he has been very successful in causing man to question the Bible as being the Word of God.

The Bible claims that God has spoken to man through the prophets. Hebrews 1:1-2a says, *“God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son...”* Christianity has always taught and believed that the Bible, from Genesis to Revelation is the inspired, inerrant (without errors) Word of God.

God has spoken through 66 books that were written over a period of time of 2000 years by different authors that had different authors, and that lived throughout different times. He spoke to man in various ways, that is, through vision's, symbol's, parables, and through an audible voice, just like He spoke to Moses, but man fails to believe.

As previously written, the devil has been very successful in convincing man that the Lord God has not spoken. He then causes his children to boldly proclaim to an audience their unbelief in what God has said. For example, the famous God bashing and un-politically incorrect celebrity Bill Maher has said that, "I'm not an atheist. There's a really big difference between an atheist and someone who just doesn't believe in religion. Religion to me is a bureaucracy between man and God that I don't need. But I'm not an atheist, no." I believe there's some force. If you want to call it God... I don't believe God is a single parent who writes books. I think that the people who think God wrote a book called The Bible are just childish. Religion is so childish. What they're fighting about in the Middle East, it's so childish. These myths, these silly little stories that they believe in fundamentally, that they take over this little space in Jerusalem where one guy flew up to heaven no, no, this guy performed a sacrifice here a thousand million years ago. It's like, "Who cares? What does that have to do with spirituality, where you're really trying to get, as a human being and as a soul moving in the universe?" But I do believe in a God, yes." (From a June 07, 2006 article titled Bill Maher takes on Religion in New Documentary in SlashFilm).

What the devil has also been very successful in doing is that he has also caused some who claim to believe in God to compromise the infallibility of Scripture. Such people believe that only parts of the Bible are inspired and not all of it. They fail to believe that Genesis to Revelation is not the complete Word of God. They believe that the Bible contains the Word of God, and is not the Word of God in its entirety. But once again, that is a compromising position. And I dare write that those who take that position have not right in calling themselves Christians, much less pastors.

Since the Bible claims that it is without errors and inspired by God, but if it has errors, then it is not inspired by God. If it is wrong on one point, then it is wrong on many other points. If we cannot trust in it with a certain topic, then we cannot trust in it at all. We have to either accept the whole Word as infallible, inspired, and inerrant Word of God, or we have to reject ALL of it. No such thing as „partial inspiration“ exists. For example, if we accept errors at one point, what happens to theology at another point? If we reject the six day creation as Genesis 1-2 states and accept theistic evolution or today's evolutionary theory, then both Jesus and His Apostles were in error. If so, Adam and Eve were not created by God as Jesus Christ taught (Matthew 19:4-5), and six days becomes six hundred million years of slow evolutionary progress.

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