

3. Does God favor a gender (is the Bible sexist)?

Why is this question even posed (where is it coming from?)

Any bible references in the answers?

What answers made sense to you?

What answers were confusing?

Trustworthiness of the Bible

- Where do we start?
- What are the skeptic's questions?
 - Is it all a matter of interpretation?
 - Is all that is written a matter of the "listener's" (analysis, explanation, version)
 - Why are there so many sects i.e. denominations from one bible?
 - How do we know what was written, was written correctly?
 - Even it was written correctly, how do we know it's true?
 - How do account for all the miracles?
 - What about all the contradictions?

- What about all the other “holy” books?
- Is there any concrete, historical proof of the events written?
- How about Noah’s Ark? Jonah’s fish? Red sea parting? Darkness for three hours after Jesus’ death?
- Do you actually believe in miracles?
- What about all the killing in the Old Testament commanded by God?
- Does the Bible endorse slavery?
- Isn’t the Bible sexist?
- Is the Bible out of date on sex and marriage?
- What about the “Canon” Can it be trusted as legitimate? Man deciding or God inspired?

Shall we rename this course “Examining the Skeptic?”

- Is it all a matter of interpretation?
 - Is all that is written a matter of the “listener’s” (analysis, explanation, version)
 - What is the lecturer trying to convey? Can you summarize or paraphrase her ideas?
 - Why did she use the illustration from her wedding experience?
 - Does any of this make any sense to you?

“What I believe in my heart must make sense in my mind.”

Ravi Zacharias

Language and meaning

- The argument that texts and words only have the meaning that the listener or reader gives them fails **its own test.**
- **Language as power**
 - Michel Foucault— To try to assert meaning using words is to try to take **power** over someone else's life.
 - In the process of telling us that to assert meaning is to **take power,** over someone, (according to his own logic) attempts to **take power** over his readers.
 - These ideas are **logically incoherent** and inconsistent.