

They are obviously not contradictions when we begin to think about them. Rom. 13:9 quotes the OT, Thou shalt not covet. But 1 Cor. 12:31 says, Covet earnestly the best gifts.

Gal. 6:12 (you meant to say 6:2) says, Bear ye one another's burdens; but 6:5 says, Everyman shall bear his own burden.

Heb. ~~xxx~~ 3:11 says, So I swear in my wrath, they shall not enter into my rest. Mat. 5:34, says, I say unto you, Swear not at all.

Lk. 13:34 says, Strive to enter in at the strait gate. 2 Tim. 2:24 says, The Servant of the Lord must not strive.

Prov. 26:4 says, Answer not a fool according to his folly. The very next verse says, Answer a fool according to his folly.

There are many verbal contradictions in the Bible. We have to compare Scripture with Scripture and see what they mean. By inerrancy we mean that one does not legitimately draw from the Bible an idea that is false. This relates to all kinds of ideas. Man is not capable of judging God's Word. The Word judges us; we do not judge it.

So when we find something which seems to us to be historically or scientifically inaccurate, we examine the evidence and see whether we have a correct translation; we examine the evidence to see whether the text has been correctly transmitted. We examine the evidence to see whether we have misinterpreted. If after we have done this as carefully as we can, we are still convinced that there is a Biblical teaching which contradicts the present ideas of science or history, then we say, Let's wait until ~~wxxxx~~ science or history discovers a few more facts, and ~~wxxxx~~ find where the truth is in the matter.

Scientists and the ideas of scientists and the ideas of Bible scholars often contradict each other. But the facts with which science deals, and the facts of what the Bible actually teaches never contradict each other, because God is the author of both of them.

Any of us should be able to see evidence of the fact of God. You can imagine that this great complicated universe came into existence by accident, but that requires more faith than anything in the Bible. To imagine that just by accident there came together billions of cells in the body of each one of us, billions of individual cells, and yet every one of the body cells contained within itself all the chromosomes that determine all the other essential features of that individual's life!

That all this came about purely by accident-- that's tremendous credulity. To believe such a thing as that! The heavens declare the glory of God. God's power is obvious; God's intelligence is obvious. It's just as obvious that God exists ~~xxxx~~ as that any one of us exists here. It is only when we shut our eyes or when we are propagandized to the extent that we fail to see obvious facts that we give up belief in the existence of God.