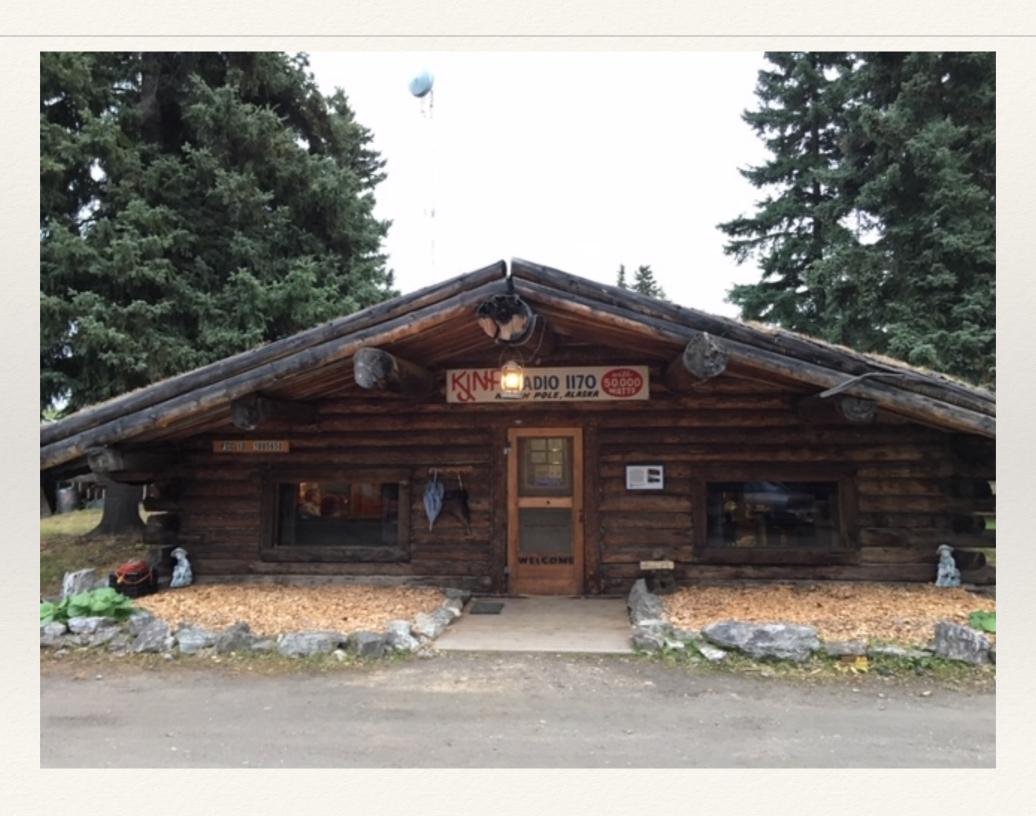
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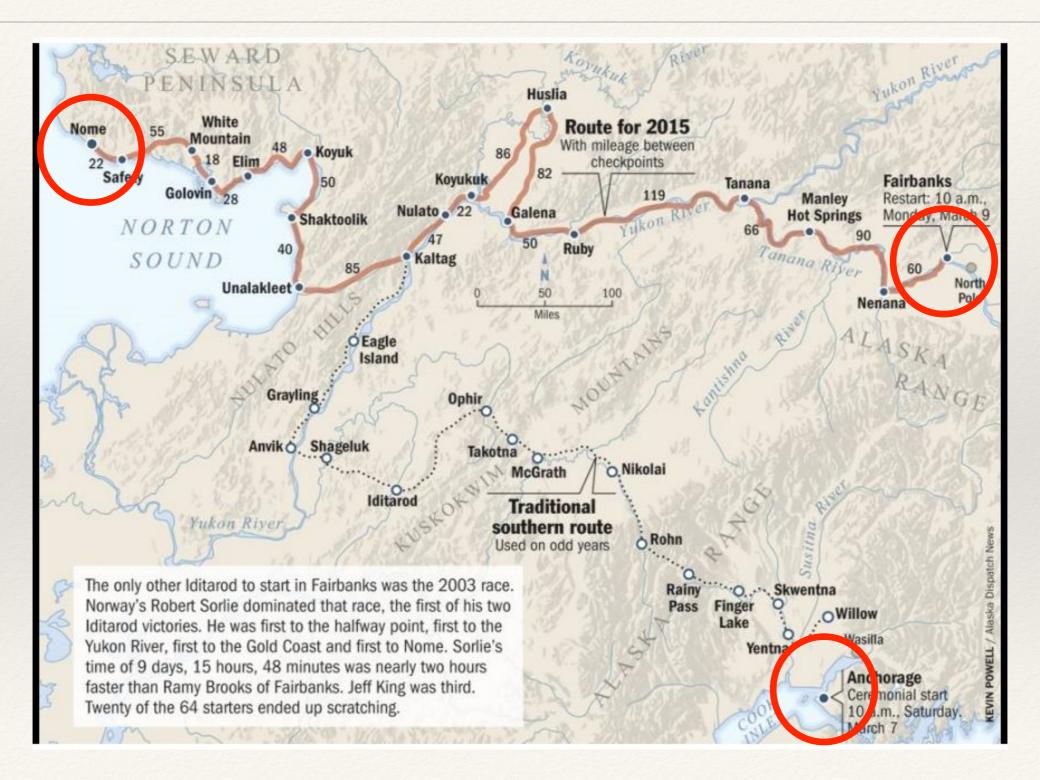
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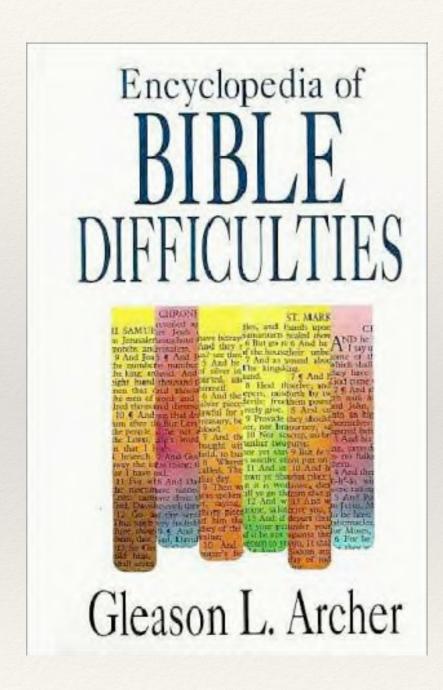
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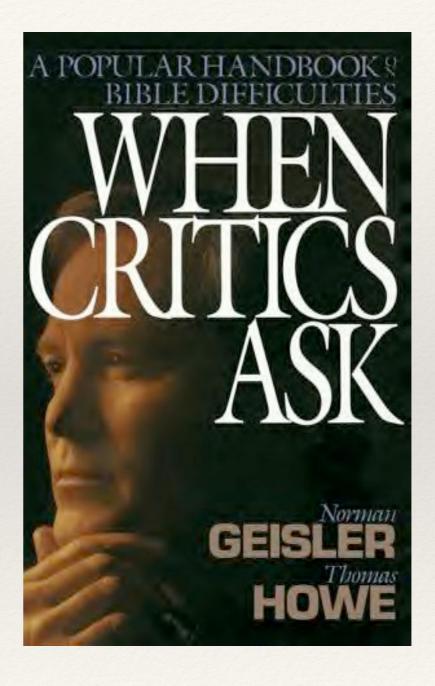
Introduction



- Hillsong worship leader Marty Sampson recently announced that he was "losing his faith."
- One of his questions
 was: "Why is the Bible
 full of contradictions?
 No one talks about it."

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Key Principle #1

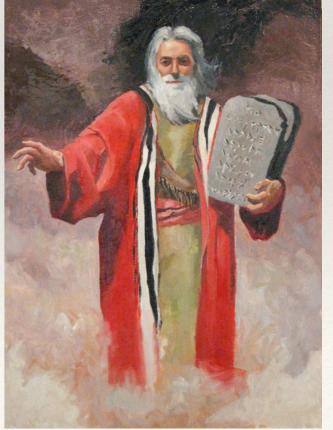
- Whenever we consider a possible contradiction, we should consider the Bible innocent unless proven guilty.
- Aristotle's dictum: "The benefit of the doubt is to be given to the document itself, not arrogated by the critic to himself."

Historical Problems

• <u>Charge</u>: Moses could not have written the Pentateuch (first 5 books of the Bible) since most people were illiterate at the time.

• Response: The Code of Hammurabi was discovered

(written 1728 BC).



Historical Problems

- <u>Charge</u>: The biblical writers artificially created the Hittites. This was either an error or an embellishment.
- <u>Charge</u>: The American Society of Archeology (1901) claimed that the Biblical account of the Hittites was false.
- Response: Excavations in 1906 at a location 90 miles east of Ankara, Turkey uncovered the capital of the Hittite Empire.

Two Creation Accounts

• <u>Charge</u>: Genesis contains two different accounts of creation. These two accounts use different names for God and reflect different authors.

• <u>Charge</u>: The narratives contradict each other.



Two Creation Accounts

Genesis 1	Genesis 2
Chronological	Topical
Broad Outline	Adam and Eve
Sequence is Important	Sequence is Irrelevant
Elohim (cultural)	Yahweh (personal)

Two Genealogies of Jesus

- <u>Charge</u>: Matthew and Luke give different genealogies for Jesus.
- Response: Matthew (is written for the Jews) gives the genealogy of Joseph.
- Response: The genealogy in Luke is the genealogy of Mary (and focuses on His conception and birth).

Key Principle #2

- A partial report is not a false report.
- We observe this in car accident reports as well as in crime scene reports.

• Example: inscriptions on the cross.

Inscriptions on the Cross

Mark: ____ King of the Jews. Mark: ____ The King of the Jews.

Luke: This is _____ the King of the Jews.

John: __ Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews.

The complete inscription was:

This is Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews

Peter's Denial

- <u>Charge</u>: Mark 14 says that before a cock crows twice, Peter would deny the Lord. Matthew 26 and Luke 22 simply say that before the cock would crow, Peter would deny the Lord three times.
- Response: Matthew and Luke did not say the cock crowed only once as opposed to Mark's twice. They simply referred to the cock crowing. "Cockcrowing" was a proverbial expression for early morning. Mark merely provided more detail.

Angels at the Tomb

- <u>Charge</u>: Matthew and Mark mention one angel at the tomb of Jesus. Luke and John refer to two angels at the tomb.
- Response: The mention of one angel does not contradict the report of two angels.
- Response: The discrepancy clears up when we realize that there were two groups of women.

Death of Judas

- <u>Charge</u>: Charge: Matthew 27:5 says Judas hung himself. But Acts 1:18 says Judas fell and was burst asunder.
- Response: Judas hung himself on a precipice over the valley of Hinnom. The rope gave way, his body fell, and burst open and was

mangled as described in Acts.

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