

give our ideas, yet it is very clear to us that no one should have the liberty to do wrong. It would be much different for a teacher to say to a student, "You have the liberty to do wrong," than to say, "You have the liberty to do what you think right, even if some people think it wrong." Mr. Coolidge might say, "Students, you should have the liberty to do wrong;" and then if he saw a large boy beating a little, weak one, he would deprive the bully of the very liberty he had given him.

Before we cry wrong, friend Coolidge, let us remember that many things which were right in the bad old times when men with prognathous jaws and naked, hairy bodies lived in caves and in the woods, are wrong now, and that no one should have the liberty to do wrong. Let us talk, write, debate, and find out what is right, as best we can, and then see to it that all live up to the best light we have. Thus we will evolve rapidly toward the truth.

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The Mosaic bible was destroyed with the first temple. Ezra provided the bible for Solomon's temple. When the Romans destroyed Jerusalem, that went to Rome and disappeared. Later Jewish creeds had unlike versions. Early Christians quarreled about whose manuscripts were valid.

About 500 years after Christ, some churches voted part to be "the word of God". Of several versions written since, the Catholic bible, Luther's and King James' became popular. The latter is the Protestants' bible, compiled by English churchmen about 1610. If inspired, why these differences? Every part should be accurate and agree with every other and with nature. One contradiction proved, destroys perfection and inspiration, and sanctions doubt of all. Bible contradictions caused Catholicism, Protestantism, persecutions, tortures, religious wars and creeds.

Study the following, selected from 150 contradictions. Is God changeable? Gen. i. 31; vi. 7; Num. xxiii. 19; xiv. 30-34. Who made evil? Is. xlv. 7; Eph. ii. 10. Who tempts? Gen. xxii. 1; Matt. iv. 1; Is justification by faith or works? Gal. ii. 16; Rom. ii. 6-13. Who can be saved? I. Tim. ii. 4-6; II. Thess. ii. 11-12. How did Judas die? Matt. xxvii. 5; Acts i. 18. Was Christ the son of God or of Joseph? Matt. i. 16.

Genesis says the sun and stars were created four days after the earth. Science proves they existed ages before the earth was thrown from the sun. God created grass and fruits before the sun or rain. Science proves that seaweeds, corals and fishes grew before there was dry land. Joshua commanded the sun to stand still: the earth revolves around the sun. The bible says the earth is flat: man sails around it. God made man perfect: science finds rude fossilized man in deep rocks, above rude animals, thousands of years before the bible date of creation. Later strata and history show gradual development, and no great deluge. Could Noah's ark contain all the animals, necessary food and sufficient fresh air for forty days? Did death come by Adam, or did animals and plants grow and die ages before man?

The Jews kept the sabbath by rest, festivities, feasting. Christians use it to make people sacrifice pleasures, money and peace of mind by exciting fears of God, death and hell. Science will make it a blessed day of joy and benefit. The learned and talented will instruct the people, give them encouragement, settle difficulties, remove temptations, teach causes of diseases and miseries and how to escape their evil effects, cultivate justice, mutual helpfulness, self reliance, agreeableness, appreciation of nature's marvelous variety and man's achievements, encourage beautifying homes, establish museums, art exhibits, parks, furnish good literature, lectures, music and means to develop and make life most worth living. Each should try to make somebody happier, wiser, better, and bless ourselves in reflex happiness. We should thus teach scientific realities, and not belief in an unprovable bible.

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