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The Bible is not the word of God. "Biblical Nonsense" is a broad look at the tremendous problem of associating divinity with the world's most popular book. This part-philosophical, part-scientific overview explores the Bible's divine treachery, scientific mistakes, historical errors, false prophecies, and comical absurdities. "Biblical Nonsense" also expands beyond these standard reasons for skepticism by tackling the rationale behind the emergence and perpetuation of Christianity, psychological and sociocultural reasons that drive Christians to cling to their beliefs, and illogical methods of argumentation invoked in the defense of the Bible. Author Dr. Jason Long is a former Christian who condenses the most significant biblical problems into this single volume. Unlike other books in the field that delve into only one topic, this manuscript, comprehensible even to those who have never opened a Bible, is a full-fledged attempt to demonstrate that God's supposed word is a product of human minds, not divine inspiration. Dr. Long's fresh experiences in the church and advanced levels of educational enlightenment make him the perfect individual to present this vehemently unpopular, yet undeniably appealing topic.

## **Biblical Nonsense: A Review of the Bible for Doubting Christians Details**

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### Matt says

Before anyone question my choice of reading here, I'm simply trying to get an idea of how the other half thinks.

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### Cliff says

This is a fascinating book. American audiences who were "raised on the Bible" will get a stark awakening of what exactly we were raised upon.

Dr. Long's book is most unique in that it is formatted much like an apologetic bible commentary. I've looked for something like this for years, and this is the first I've found.

Most skeptics and scholars in this arena weren't conditioned on fundamentalist religion as the author (and I) was. Thus even the popular ones don't seem to understand how this conditioning was achieved, or how to optimize a presentation to this audience.

Dr. Jason Long obviously does.

Rather than spend a long and painful self-focused introduction, explaining his background, credentials, and loss of faith, he goes right to the first chapter of Genesis. While most books force me to have a Bible in hand to follow scriptural references (difficult on a Kindle or Nook), Biblical Nonsense provides the passages in red lettering.

Then as skilled as a surgeon, Long dissects the logical fallacies that challenge any idea of "inerrancy" or "infallibility".

Chapter divisions, in both name and chronology, parrot those in the Old and New Testaments. Much time is given to the stories of creation, Noah's flood, the Exodus, and the Israeli kings. Some chapters, however, such as Ruth or Esther, only comment on a few pertinent verses.

While most of the revelations aren't new to readers of critical scholarship, Long masterfully intertwines arguments of logic, the problem of evil, and even humor into one commentary.

The most obvious virtue of the book is the sincerity of his search for truth and his eureka finds that led to his deconversion, an event that anyone can see, didn't come lightly or without cost.

My favorite find, which was new to me, was an obscure story in Kings, which reveals that the scripture was "found" by someone in the court for the first time. It infers pretty clearly that the book of the law was not available to these Middle Eastern people's before that time. Combining this passage with recent late dating evidence for the Torah, one can make a powerful case for wholesale invention of not only the myths, but even the political history of Israel.

Don't be fooled by this book's inclusion alongside other low budget agnostic literature. This is a work deserving a read for those who enjoy Price, Ehrman, Carrier and Loftis.

The only real difference is this: it's even a BETTER choice for those who were brought up in Sunday School, and want to see the passages under discussion right on the same page.

I looked for Dr. Long on Twitter so I could let him know how much I appreciated this work...something I absolutely never do. I had no luck locating him, so maybe he will see this review and be encouraged by it. Highly recommended!

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## **Ulrike Dunlap says**

The title says it all!

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## **Dave Ballance says**

Lots of good information about why the Bible really isn't the literal and inerrant word of the Christian God. Why it really wasn't more or less dictated by the Christian God to the writers either. That it's the product of men.

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## **Paula Dillon says**

The author accomplishes exactly what the title infers. Logical, well organized, and thorough. It was a bit of preaching to the choir for me, but I do recommend.

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## **Mark Noack says**

While I agree with much of what is said here, this book is so badly written/edited that it is virtually unreadable.

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## **Josek says**

Worth the time.

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## **Robert says**

### **Turning the Bible on itself**

This is an incredibly comprehensive examination of how the Bible is not the divinely inspired book that Christians claim it to be. Even though it uses the Bible against itself, extra-biblical sources would have improved it considerably. It also could have used some better proofreading, but that's just grasping at straws. Still, I would highly recommend people that are on the fence about their faith to give this a read and supplement that with the Bible itself. How someone could come away thinking it is divinely inspired after reading the entire thing is beyond me. It is, quite plainly, a hodgepodge of inconsistent writings borne out of superstition and prejudice, which this book adequately demonstrates.

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## **Sonny Savage says**

It has a lot of great facts, but also acts like Biblical fundamentalists are the only ones who make logical fallacies.

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### **Drew Martin says**

I came across Jason Long's 2005 book, *Biblical Nonsense: A Review of the Bible for Doubting Christians* in an eBook pack. Many of you who've read my other religious based reviews know I hate organized religion. I'm not a doubting Christian. I'm not a Christian. However, I needed a new book to read and chose Long's book. How wrong I turned out to be as I didn't get far before realizing I'd found the newest member of the dreaded "so bad I couldn't" shelf.

To read the rest of this review go to <https://drewmartinwrites.wordpress.co...>

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### **JOSEPH OLIVER says**

I made a mistake in buying this book I'm afraid. It is hard for a European readership to understand that there is a sizeable number of believers in the US that actually believes everything in the Bible happened as stated. Most Europeans even in the most Catholic of schools are taught that one has to take into account the element of myth and the lack of scientific understanding to account for nature's more frightening events and why they were attributed to God (in the absence of any other explanation) . We are also aware that several of the events described are fictitious and couldn't have happened. Taking it literally in Europe is a rarity. The author knows very little if any Biblical archeology or theology to give a more informed background as to why the writers wrote the way they did. He looks back (in a somewhat sneering way which does not add to the scholarship) and judges them by today's standards. He takes the Ark for example as a real 'ship' and explains why it couldn't have been built. I doubt whether many people in Europe even hold the thought that it was ever true but like it as a good story. There are factions of fundamentalists in the US who do take these stories as history and I believe the book is really addressed to them. If you know anything about the background to the Bible this book is not for you.

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### **Ernest says**

Good read, not a great read.

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