

THEY WOULD NOT *EVEN* LOOK IN THE TELESCOPE!

First, Catholics and Protestants Agree:

Catholic Catechism—“For Holy Mother Church, relying on the faith of the apostolic age, accepts as sacred and canonical, the books of the Old and New Testaments, whole an entire, with all their parts, on the ground they have God as their author and have been handed on as such entirely.” (Catechism of the Roman Catholic Church—The Profession of Faith—105, page 31)

Majority Protestantism teaches that the Holy Bible is the sole and infallible rule of faith and practice.

BUT THEY WOULD NOT EVEN LOOK

in Galileo’s telescope. He was trying to convince the priests, that if they would only look in his telescope they would see what God’s nature shows. They would not look. Instead, **Galileo was tried and the Inquisition found him guilty of:**

“having held the opinion that...the Earth is not at the centre [of the universe and it moves...after it has been declared contrary to Holy Scripture.” He was sentenced to formal imprisonment, later commuted to house arrest for the rest of his life.

WILL YOU LOOK...

in your Bible to see with your own eyes, just two of God’s killings, one from each of the testaments authored by God himself? There are many thousands of others, including women, children, and even suckling babies! But big numbers lack the detail which these accounts provide.

In the Old Testament we read that God killed Uzzah for touching the Ark, though he touched it “to keep it from falling”:

“And when they came to the threshing floor of Nachon, Uzzah put out his hand to the Ark of God forth his hand and took hold of it: for the oxen stumbled. And the anger of the Lord was kindled against Uzzah; and God smote him there because he put forth his hand to the Ark; and he died beside the Ark of God.” (2 Samuel 6:7)

In the New Testament, God struck a husband and his wife dead, not for murder but for a minor failure to follow through on a mere promise to donate all they owned to the community organized by the apostle Peter, the “rock” upon which Jesus is said to have founded his church.

What had Ananias and Sapphira done to be killed in cold blood? Here is the account “authored by God”:

“But a certain man named Ananias, with Sapphira his wife, sold a piece of land. And by fraud kept back part of the price of the land, his wife being privy thereunto: and bringing a certain part of it, laid it at the feet of the apostles. But Peter said: Ananias, why hath Satan tempted thy heart, that thou shouldst lie to the Holy Ghost, and by fraud keep part of the price of the land? Whilst it remained, did it not remain to thee? and after it was sold, was it not in thy power? Why hast thou conceived this thing in thy heart? Thou hast not lied to men, but to God. And Ananias hearing these words, fell down, and gave up the ghost.

And there came great fear upon all that heard it.

And it was about the space of three hours after, when his wife, not knowing what had happened, came in. And Peter said to her: Tell me, woman, whether you sold the land for so much? And she said: Yea, for so much.

And Peter said unto her: Why have you agreed together to tempt the Spirit of the Lord? Behold the feet of them who have buried thy husband are at the door, and they shall carry thee out. Immediately she fell down before his feet, and gave up the ghost...” (Acts of the Apostles—Chapter 5)

Since the sources were without error, here are three questions for an honest Christian:

- 1. Can you see these as the moral acts of a just-loving-merciful and forgiving Father?**
- 2. Do you believe both of these killings are the acts of Jesus Christ, as you must if the doctrine of the Holy Trinity is true?**
- 3. What words would you use to describe God had he shown mercy and forgiven all three?**

Jesus said: “If any man come to me, and shall not hate his own father and mother, and wife, and children, and brothers, and sisters, yea, and his own life too, he cannot be my disciple...” (Luke 14:26) The Fifth Commandment says “Honor thy Father and Mother.” (Exodus 20:12) By hating them? These conflicting commands are one more proof that this is all man-made nonsense.

Are the ways God treated Uzzah, Ananias and Sapphira among the reasons you love and worship God? And love him so much that you would even hate the dearest you have known, touched and really interacted with? Any reason at all, other than fear he might do the same to you?

Why consider for a moment that all this could be true of God when the only reasons you have to believe it are because it is in the Bible and the priest/ministers tell you it is so? They know nothing except what they too, read and were told. And the ones who told them were also thus convinced, and so on back into the lost centuries.

WHAT IS WRONG?

Faith is wrong; in fact it is a sin.

It is the greatest and most self-serving hoax ever perpetrated. The Bible and priest/ministers have made it a great virtue to believe what they say even if there is no or insufficient evidence for it: “Now, faith is the substance of things to be hoped for, the evidence of things that appear not.” (Hebrews 11:1)

If the evidence is there, faith is not needed.

Faith is what caused the priests to refuse to look in Galileo’s telescope.

Faith requires you to abandon your brain and accept that God’s murders of Uzzah, Ananias and Saphira are good because they were his acts.

How did the priest/ministers manage it? They did it by promising that if you will just believe in Jesus, you will not die; you will rejoin the loved and lost (unless they go to hell, in which case, it won’t bother you in heaven because there you will understand everything!)

Most people are fully engaged in the struggle of life, they have no time or inclination to look deeply for themselves. They trust those who promise what they dearly want, especially when it is backed by centuries of history, presented in impressive solemn rites, by those pretending and seeming to know.

**THE RESULT IS THEY ARE VICTIMS,
AVOIDABLE,
IF THEY WILL JUST LOOK.**