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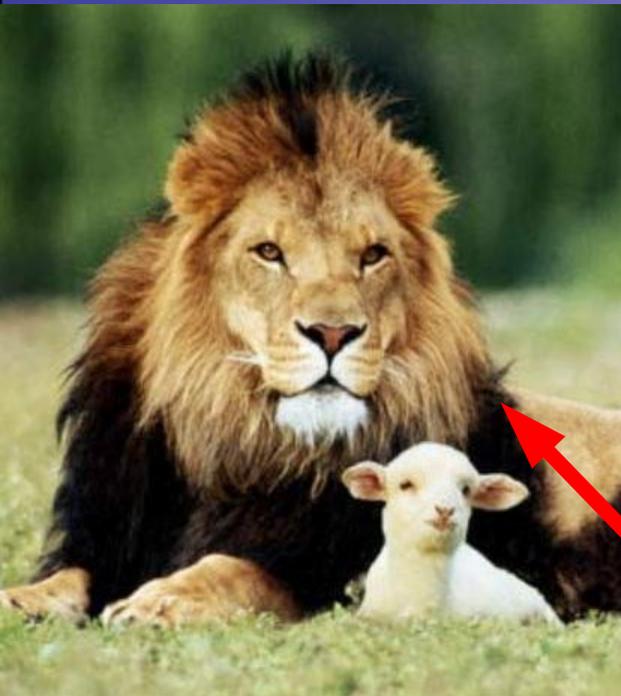


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 - “The wolf will live with the lamb, the leopard will lie down with the goat, the calf and the lion and the yearling together; and a little child will lead them.”
(Isaiah 11:6—NIV)
 - “The wolf and the lamb will feed together, and the lion will eat straw like the ox, but dust will be the serpent’s food. They will neither harm nor destroy on all my holy mountain.”
(Isaiah 65:25—NIV)



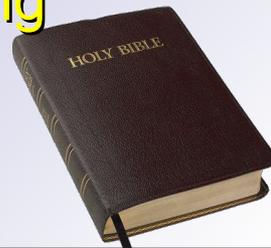
So why do we remember it *this* way?

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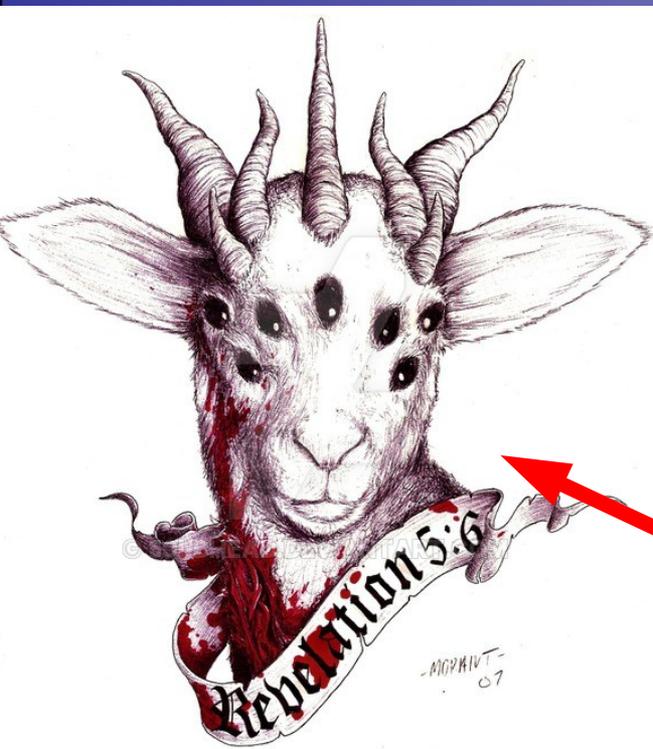
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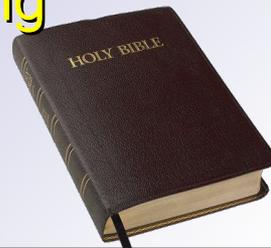
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▪ Is this *your* mental picture?

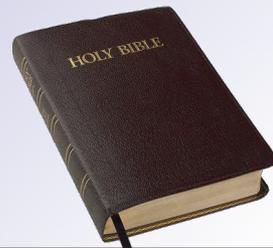


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- Interestingly, the internet is filled with conspiracy theorists who demand to know when “liberal theologians” and “false teachers” came along and “changed” the *true* Biblical text that we all remember so well...

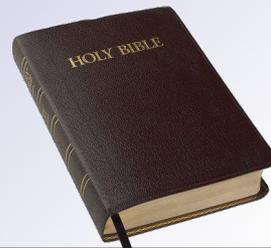
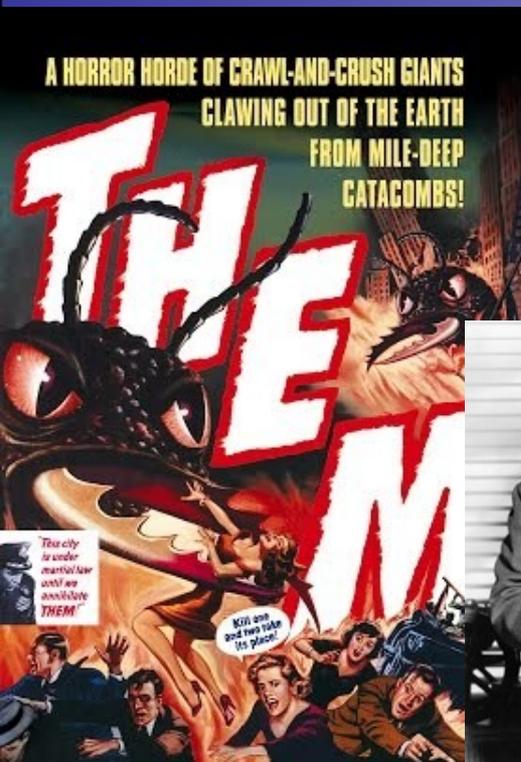


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Y or **N** “There shall be destruction and darkness over creation, and the beasts shall rule over the earth.”

- This is actually from the 1954 classic sci-fi movie, *Them!* about giant ants, from when scientist Edmund Gwenn says, “We may be witnesses to a Biblical prophecy come true...” and cites the quote above
 - Apparently, thousands of people went to their clergy after the movie came out and asked where in the Bible this scary prophecy could be found... (NOTE: I could cite about another half-dozen nonsensical “Biblical” prophecies in movies and TV shows that people assume are real—but is that such a big deal?)

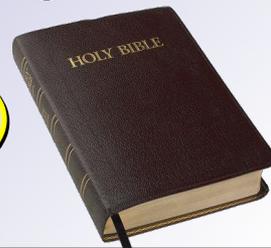


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 - This is word-for-word from Proverbs 25:2 (NIV)
 - For centuries, this verse has been used to justify the power and unquestionable authority of royalty—as well as the distance and “mystery” of God
 - But the NLT gives us a nuance that can help explain what that means a bit clearer, even though it loses the Biblical word “glory” in the verse...
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(please read Proverbs 25:4-8 for more thematic context for the verse)

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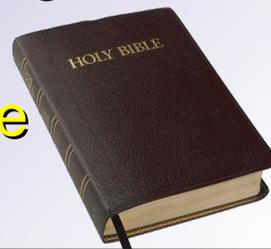


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 - How can misunderstanding this verse mess you up (regarding *either* half of the couplet)?

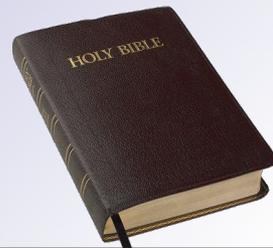
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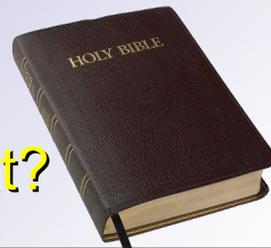
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 - And yet, that's not even remotely what that verse is saying in Hebrews—

“For we know him who said, ‘It is mine to avenge; I will repay,’ and again, ‘The Lord will judge his people.’ It is a dreadful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.”

(Hebrews 10:30-31—NIV)

- And yet, the congregation cheered when he quoted this verse of *encouragement* about God repaying us what He knows we're owed...

- What are your thoughts on all of that?



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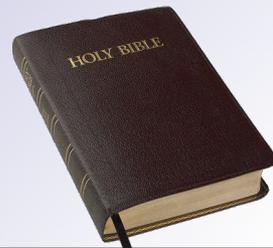


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 - The most literal translation of what Jesus actually said is found in the KJV—
“As ye would that men should do to you, do ye also to them likewise.” (Luke 6:31)
(NOTE: That flip-flop isn't a huge change, but it's still worth noting for two reasons:
A) We're quoting what we're *assuming* and not what the Bible is *actually* saying—and we should never just be blithely (or even ignorantly) comfortable with doing that

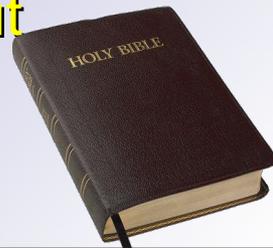


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 - B) There is a smidgey bit of difference in emphasis between the two forms—the focus isn't *exactly* on deciding to do things that you'd want others to do for you, but rather on deciding what you'd want others to do for you... and then proactively doing that for them...)

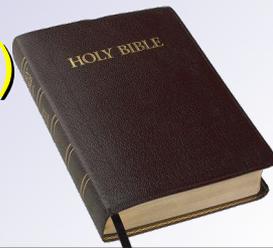


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 - Even *more* interestingly, most modern translations actually flip-flop the wording to match the common misconception of the verse, since that's the way that most people already remember it anyway—
“Do to others as you would have them do to you.” (NIV)
(is that a good thing or a bad thing?)

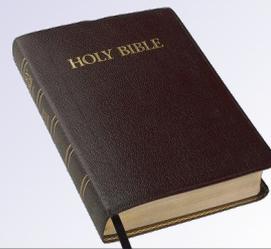


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- In the “for what it's worth” category, 500 years *before* Christ, Confucius taught what I'd call a “*Silver Rule*”—“What you do not wish for yourself, do not do to others.”
 - How is that still a very good rule, but crucially different than what Jesus was teaching?
 - How should we apply any of these three versions of the “*Precious Metal Rule*” in our lives?



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- There are tons of motivational posters and sermons that preach some variation on this, but the Biblical truth is fairly consistently the opposite

- Please read 1 Corinthians 10:13

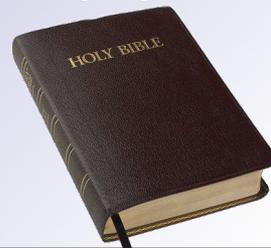
(NOTE: Paul isn't saying that God won't give you more [stress, pain, etc.] than you can handle in life, but he assures us that God will always help us to resist the *temptation to sin*—which means that *when we sin, that's on us*)

(so, ultimately, the emphasis of this verse isn't on our ability to get through things in our life, but rather on God's ability to *equip* us to get through things in our life—how does that jive with what we hear Christ say in Matthew 11:28?)

- How can we apply this?

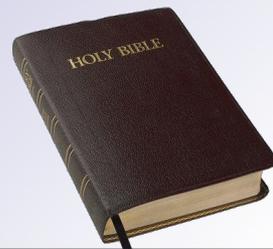
God **will**, very likely give you more than you can handle.

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 - But then again, what kinds of things from the Bible can you think of that echo this sentiment?
 - 2 Corinthians 12:7-10?
 - Philippians 4:13?
 - Even Proverbs 3:5-7?
 - How can we apply the *Biblical* version(s) of this principle?

