## **ABSOLUTELY ... POSITIVELY CERTAIN**

# "Right ... Wrong" Confused!

I imagine you feel that you are *right (correct)* in what you believe. I feel the same way about what I believe.

Suppose, just for the sake of argument, that we pick a particular religious *topic* to discuss.

Let's pick something I "believe".

I will tell you what I "believe" below ... and then we can discuss whether or not what I believe is true.

Let's suppose we *disagree* ... I believe it is *all true* ... you believe it is *completely false*.

Our beliefs differ ... not only differ, but *contradict* one another ... so much so that <u>you think</u> ... that if I really *think* ... this nonsense is true, then I must be *crazy*.

That is ... when our beliefs really differ in a significant way ... THEN LOGICALLY ...

- we could *both* be *wrong*
- but we *cannot* both be *right*

Logically, my belief and your belief *cannot both* be correct ... at the *same time* ... and in the *same way* ... **IF** ... one belief logically *contradicts* the other belief.

OK ... here is my "belief" ... see if you think both you and I can *both* be correct. That is, do you think that you can *harmonize* your beliefs with the story I am about to tell you? Here is my story,

75 million years ago, there was an alien galactic ruler named Xenu who was in charge of 76 planets in our part of the galaxy, including our own planet Earth, whose name at that time was Teegeeack.

All of the planets Xenu controlled were **over-populated** by, on **average**, **178 billion people**. Social problems dictated that Xenu rid his sector of the galaxy of this overpopulation problem, **so he developed a plan**.

Xenu sent out **Tax Audit demands** to all these billions of people. **As each one entered** the **audit centers** for the income tax inspections, **the people were seized**, **held down** and **injected** with a mixture of alcohol and glycol, and **frozen**. Then, all 1.4 trillion of these frozen people were **put into spaceships** that looked exactly like DC8 airplanes, except that the spaceships had rocket engines instead of propellers.

Xenu's entire fleet of DC8-like spaceships then **flew to planet Earth**, where the frozen people were **dumped** in and **around volcanoes** in the **Canary Islands** and the

**Hawaiian Islands**. When Xenu's Air Force had finished dumping the bodies into the volcanoes, **hydrogen bombs** were **dropped** into the **volcanoes** and the frozen space aliens were destroyed.

However, Xenu's plan involved setting up electronic traps in Teegeack's atmosphere which were designed to trap the souls or spirits of the dead space aliens. When the 1.4 trillion spirits were being blown around on the nuclear winds, the electronic traps worked like a charm and captured all the souls in the electronic, sticky fly-paper like traps.

The spirits of the aliens were then taken to huge multi-plex cinemas that Xenu had previously instructed his forces to build on Teegeack. In these movie theatres the spirits had to spend many days watching special 3D movies, the purpose of which was twofold: 1) to implant into these spirits a false reality, i.e. the reality that WOGS know on Earth today; and, 2) to control these spirits for all eternity so that they could never cause trouble for Xenu in this sector of the Galaxy. During these films, many false pictures were implanted into these spirits, which resulted in the spirits believing in all the things that control mankind on Earth today, including religion. The concept of religion, including God, Christ, Mohammed, Moses etc., were all an implanted false reality that to this very minute is used to control WOGS on earth.

There ... that is what I "believe".

Do you think you can harmonize your belief in the Bible and God ... with my belief that **you** *falsely* believe in Bible and God *only because* all those dead space aliens got brainwashed with these *religious beliefs* ... and now thousands of those dead space alien spirits are now **attached** to *each* and *every* human body ... **including yours**.

Do you believe we can *harmonize* each other's beliefs?!

#### OK ... *funny* story.

Funny, *except for the fact* that it is a *religious* story that some people *actually believe*. Try this ... go to a web search engine ... I tried both *Google* and *Bing* ... then do a search by entering the two words "wikipedia xenu" into the search box. One of the first web links I get is <a href="http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Xenu">http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Xenu</a>

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Back to the point, which is ... if we both believe *contradictory* prophetic ideas ... it is *possible* for *both* of us to be *wrong* ... but *pretty hard to understand* how *both* of us can be *right*.

That being the case, it would behoove **both of us** to carefully examine what we believe ... and not just assume the other person is the guy who really doesn't get it.

The Apostle Paul warns us to let Scripture *correct us* ... not we correct Scripture. People try to "correct" Scripture by *twisting* their *interpretation* of Scripture to *fit* their *preconceived beliefs*.

II Timothy 3 - 16All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, 17so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

### Millennial Beliefs

In regards *Millennial* teachings ... I have read on more than one occasion that a *millennial* author wrote that he was "absolutely certain that such and such is true".

But I later became *certain* that he was *wrong*.

So it would seem that *one or the other of us* was *really certain* about things written in Daniel and Revelation ... **but at least one of us**, although *absolutely* and *positively certain* ... **had to be** *absolutely* and *positively wrong*!

Let's take **four** passages.

#### Daniel 2 - Stone

We already studied this in the paper *Overview – Daniel & Revelation*.

I have read *millennialists* who were *certain* that this passage was talking about a *Future Millennial Kingdom* that Christ would establish.

We saw that the *Stone* was Christ and His Kingdom ... and it was established at His *First Coming*.

#### Revelation 11 - Two Witnesses

The two witnesses were also covered in the paper Overview – Daniel & Revelation.

Some *millennialists* teach that these *two witnesses* are two humans who will *prophesy* during the *Tribulation* ... perhaps being Moses and Elijah raised from the dead.

We saw that these *two witnesses* refer to the *Church*.

#### Israel - Land

Now how about a tough one.

The *Millennialists* claim that Israel was *prophesied* and *promised* to inherit the *LAND* ... all the way from Egypt to the Euphrates River.

This *obviously* has **never** yet happened in history ... so it **must** yet be a *future* event.

This means that Israel must exist in order to inherit this land ... which implies that Israel must be reborn as a nation.

This is an *excellent* point raised by *millennialists* ... and seems to *blow a gigantic hole* right in the side of the *Amillennial* interpretation.

Genesis 15 - 17 When the sun had set and darkness had fallen, a smoking firepot with a blazing torch appeared and passed between the pieces. 18 On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram and said, "To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the Euphrates- 19 the land of the Kenites, Kenizzites, Kadmonites, 20 Hittites, Perizzites, Rephaites, 21 Amorites, Canaanites, Girgashites and Jebusites."

Some *Amillennialists* claim that the land promise of Genesis 12 and 15 was *conditional* and that this is the *reason* that the land promise was *never fulfilled*. God promised the land to Israel ... but Israel did

not fulfill their end of the bargain ... so God *pulled* His land promise.

But the **problem** with this *Amillennial explanation* is that in Hebrews we read that God's promise to Abraham was *unconditional*.

**Hebrews 6** - 13When **God made his Promise to Abraham**, **since** there was no one greater for him to swear by, **he swore by himself**, 14saying, "I will surely bless you and give you many descendants." 15And so after waiting patiently, Abraham received what was promised.

16Men swear by someone greater than themselves, and the oath confirms what is said and puts an end to all argument. 17Because God wanted to make the unchanging nature of his purpose very clear to the heirs of what was promised, he confirmed it with an oath. 18God did this so that, by two unchangeable things in which it is impossible for God to lie, we who have fled to take hold of the hope offered to us may be greatly encouraged. 19We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure. It enters the inner sanctuary behind the curtain, 20where Jesus, who went before us, has entered on our behalf. He has become a high priest forever, in the order of Melchizedek.

Wow ... that is pretty strong language.

Does not seem like much wiggle room for the Amillennialist to try and explain away why the Land Promise to Israel was never fulfilled.

That Land Promise has just got to be a future event ... and thus the Premillennialst appears to be correct ... and the Amillennialsit definitely wrong.

Except a small detail ... or two.

I Kings 4 - 20 The people of Judah and Israel were as numerous as the sand on the seashore; they ate, they drank and they were happy. 21 And Solomon ruled over all the kingdoms from the River to the land of the Philistines, as far as the border of Egypt. These countries brought tribute and were Solomon's subjects all his life.

II Chronicles 9- 25 Solomon had four thousand stalls for horses and chariots, and twelve thousand horses, which he kept in the chariot cities and also with him in Jerusalem. 26 He ruled over all the kings from the River to the land of the Philistines, as far as the border of Egypt. 27 The king made silver as common in Jerusalem as stones, and cedar as plentiful as sycamore-fig trees in the foothills. 28 Solomon's horses were imported from Egypt and from all other countries.

And then, of course, we have the book of Nehemiah ... which was written **AFTER** the prophecies made in the books of Ezekiel and Zechariah.

Nehemiah 9 - 7 "You are the LORD God, who chose Abram and brought him out of Ur of the Chaldeans and named him Abraham. 8 You found his heart faithful to you, and you made a COVENANT with him to give to his descendants the land of the Canaanites, Hittites, Amorites, Perizzites, Jebusites and Girgashites. You have kept your promise because you are righteous.

That *River* mentioned in the passages above is the *Euphrates River* ... which was mentioned in Genesis 15.

You might also want to consider,

Joshua 1- 1 After the death of Moses the servant of the LORD, the LORD said to Joshua son of Nun, Moses' aide: 2 "Moses my servant is dead. Now then, you and all these people, get ready to cross the Jordan River into the land I am about to give to them—to the Israelites. 3 I will give you every place where you set your foot, as I promised Moses. 4 Your territory will extend from the desert to Lebanon, and from the great river, the *Euphrates*—all the Hittite country—to the Great Sea [a] on the west. 5 No one will be able to stand up against you all the days of your life. As I was with Moses, so I will be with you; I will never leave you nor forsake you. 6 "Be strong and courageous, because you will lead these people to inherit the land I **swore** to their forefathers to give them. 7 Be strong and very courageous. Be careful to obey all the law my servant Moses gave you; do not turn from it to the right or to the left, that you may be successful wherever you go. 8 Do not let this Book of the Law depart from your mouth; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful. 9 Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go."

Joshua 21- 43 So the LORD gave Israel all the land he had sworn to give their forefathers, and they took possession of it and settled there. 44 The LORD gave them rest on every side, just as he had sworn to their forefathers. Not one of their enemies withstood them; the LORD handed all their enemies over to them. 45 Not one of all the LORD's good promises to the house of Israel failed; every one was fulfilled.

### Coming of Elijah

The Old Testament prophesied that Elijah would come again.

**Malachi 4-** 5 "See, I will send you the prophet Elijah before that great and dreadful day of the LORD comes. 6 He will turn the hearts of the fathers to their children, and the hearts of the children to their fathers; or else I will come and strike the land with a curse."

Revelation 11 talks about the coming of the *two witnesses* ... who come during the *Tribulation* ... and precede the *Rapture*, which is the *Second Coming* of Christ.

Many *millennialists* believe that Elijah will be one of those *two witnesses* ... who come *before* the *Rapture*.

This is a *really good test* of how you interpret Scripture.

Luke 1 - 11Then an angel of the Lord appeared to him, standing at the right side of the altar of incense. 12When Zechariah saw him, he was startled and was gripped with fear. 13But the angel said to him: "Do not be afraid, Zechariah; your prayer has been heard. Your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you are to give him the name John. 14He will be a joy and delight to you, and many will rejoice because of his birth, 15for he will be great in the sight of the Lord. He is never to take wine or other fermented drink, and he will be filled with the Holy Spirit even from birth. 16Many of the people of Israel will he bring back to the Lord their God. 17And he will go on before the Lord, in the spirit and power of Elijah, to turn the hearts of the fathers to their children and the disobedient to the wisdom of the righteous—to make ready a people prepared for the Lord."

So here it says that *John the Baptist* will *prepare* the *way* for Jesus' *First Coming* ... in the *spirit* and *power* of *Elijah*. John the Baptist was *not* literally Elijah ... John just had the *spirit* and *power* of Elijah. This is why *millennialists* say that this was *not* a *total* fulfillment of Malachi 4:5. John the Baptist was like a *foretaste* of when the *real* Elijah will *return during* the future *Tribulation*.

Mark 9 - 11And they asked him, "Why do the teachers of the law say that Elijah must come first?"

12**Jesus replied**, "To be sure, **Elijah does come first**, and restores all things. Why then is it written that the Son of Man must suffer much and be rejected? 13**But I tell**you, Elijah **has come**, and they have done to him everything they wished, just as it is written about him."

Matthew 11 - 7As John's disciples were leaving, Jesus began to speak to the crowd about John: "What did you go out into the desert to see? A reed swayed by the wind?

8If not, what did you go out to see? A man dressed in fine clothes? No, those who wear fine clothes are in kings' palaces. 9Then what did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. 10 This is the one about whom it is written:

"I will send my messenger ahead of you,

who will prepare your way before you.' 11 I tell you the truth: Among those born of women there has not risen anyone greater than John the Baptist; yet he who is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he. 12From the days of John the Baptist until now, the kingdom of heaven has been forcefully advancing, and forceful men lay hold of it. 13For all the Prophets and the Law prophesied until John. 14 And if you are willing to accept it, he is the Elijah who was to come. 15He who has ears, let him hear.

**Matthew 17** – 10 The disciples asked him, "**Why** then do the teachers of the law say that **Elijah** must come first?"

11 Jesus replied, "To be sure, Elijah comes and will restore all things. 12**But I tell** you, Elijah has already come, and they did not recognize him, but have done to him everything they wished. In the same way the Son of Man is going to suffer at their hands." 13 **Then** the disciples understood that he was talking to them about **John the Baptist.** 

It really does not get any more **clear** than that.

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