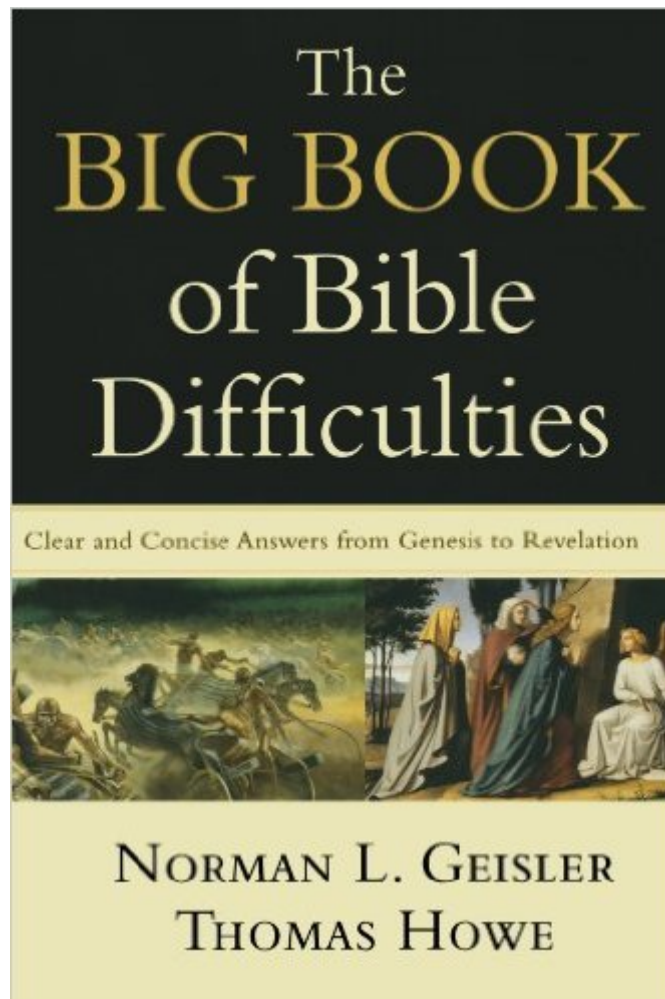


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major problems. The answers are by no means cursory and even draw from secular fields (e.g. physics, philosophy, law, biology, linguistics, and ethics) in order to solve problems and prove its assertions. Admittedly, some of the answers are much, much more fulfilling than others, and I thought that a few of the answers lacked any persuasiveness at all. In fact, since many of the answers are intended to be used when critics ask • I found that in many grey areas the authors tended to overreach in order to produce some answer without there necessarily being much Scriptural meat to bite into. The result of reading between the lines produces an answer that is difficult to see.

This book pretty much assumes the reader accepts the Bible as the inspired word of God, or is hoping to find support for that belief in this apologetic tome. It attempts to answer common objections that are made that the Bible "contradicts itself" which often comes up in conversations between Christians and non-Christians. Therefore it seeks to be an apologetic resource for those wishing to defend the integrity of the Bible (and to the wider strategy of supporting the doctrine of "inerrancy" that the Bible, being an inspired text, is without error). It cannot possibly answer all objections one could imagine, but does deal with many of them, and it is not the only major book out there to do so (Gleason Archer's Encyclopedia of Bible Difficulties is famous for having the same goal). I recommended this book to some students of mine to help supplement their research (if they chose) on Old Testament books. On the other hand, I feel that the writer is often very fair-minded when dealing with differences between Protestant interpretations of different passages, normalizing these disagreements as options when one is reading the Biblical books. However, when it comes to something "Roman Catholics" say about a passage, the author(s) immediately attack that difference and do not present it as a possible option. So the Catholic reader may find themselves arguing with the writers of this book, since their beliefs are never given the option of being right, while differing Protestant views are usually treated much more charitably.

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