

Is God Logical?

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By logical I am asking: (1) does God contradict Himself, and (2) when He says that something is true, then is it really true? By logical I do not claim that everything which God says must be understandable to us, so that we can explain it. The doctrine of the Trinity is an example of this. What the Bible teaches about the Trinity is true and not contradictory: God is one being and three persons, not one person and three persons. To be one person and three persons at the same time would be a contradiction. Yet we do not fully understand the Trinity, and we have no way of explaining it. The Bible has clear answers to the question of whether God is logical or not.

God can not lie.

In hope of eternal life, which God, that cannot lie, promised before the world began. . . - Titus 1:2.

That by two immutable things, in which it was impossible for God to lie, we might have a strong consolation. . . -Hebrews 6:18.

God is not a man, that he should lie; neither the son of man, that he should repent: hath he said, and shall he not do it? or hath he spoken, and shall he not make it good? -Numbers 23:19.

. . . [God] will not lie nor repent: for he is not a man, that he should repent. -1 Samuel 15:29.

. . . ye know [the truth], and that no lie is of the truth. -1 John 2:21.

Truthfulness is part of God's character. God is Truth, He is not above truth.

He is the Rock, his work is perfect: for all his ways are judgment: a God of truth and without iniquity, just and right is he. -Deuteronomy 32:4.

. . . thou hast redeemed me, O LORD God of truth. -Psalm 31:5.

. . . O Lord . . . full of compassion, and gracious, longsuffering, and plenteous in mercy and truth. -Psalm 86:15.

. . . he that sweareth in the earth shall swear by the God of truth . . . -Isaiah 65:16.

God is of one mind. He does not change His mind, nor does He have two contradictory minds.

For I am the LORD, I change not . . . -Malachi 3:6.

. . . with [God] is no variableness, neither shadow of turning. -James 1:17.

The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: but the word of our God shall stand for ever. -Isaiah 40:8.

But He is in one mind, and who can turn him? and what his soul desireth, even that he doeth. -Job 23:13.

A double minded man is unstable in all his ways. -James 1:8.

Was logic invented by a pagan philosopher named Aristotle?

St. Augustine, a Christian in the fourth century, answered this question. Augustine explained that logic is not an invention of pagan philosophers, as some men objected, but a science which man has learned from God.

"...[T]he validity of logical sequences is not a thing devised by men, but is observed and noted by them.... ...[I]t exists eternally in the reason of things, and has its origin with God.

Logic is not a dubious non-Christian method of reasoning. All of the fundamental laws of logic can be found in the Bible.