

SCRIPTURE. If read properly, nothing beats the Bible to spread atheism - in many parts it is a book of lies, horrors, divisive social and communal commentary as well as disastrous, destructive, unfathomably evil advice.

Lies?

Nobody is born of a virgin, walks on water, performs miracles or arises from the dead.

Horror?

“You must kill every boy and woman who had sex. But do not kill the young women who never had sex. You may keep them for yourself.”

(Numbers 31:17-18)

Divisive social and communal commentary?

“If a man lies with a male as with a woman, both of them have committed an abomination; they shall surely be put to death ...”

(Leviticus 20:13)

“Wives, submit to your husbands, as you do to the Lord. For the husband is the head of the wife as Christ is the head of the church ...”

(Ephesians 5:22-23)

“Let a woman learn in silence with all submissiveness. I permit no woman to teach or have authority over a man, rather, she is to remain silent.”

(1 Timothy 2:11-12)

Disastrous, destructive, evil advice?

“When the Lord brings you to the land you are to possess and drive out others ... you must destroy them totally. Make no treaty with them, show them no mercy.”

(Deuteronomy 7:1-2)

Religionists - i.e. Islamists and Zionists - take great succor from Bible passages like the one above, as they occupy their ‘Promised Land’, given to them courtesy of their God ...

... in fact, one reason for Islamist terrorism is the above Bible / Talmud / Torah passage; Islamist suicide bombers react to their land being possessed by fundamentalist Zionists.

The Islamic Qur’an also is unequivocal: “Believers shall fight for Allah, they will slay and be slain.” “Unbelievers must be killed wherever they are found.”

(Qur’an 9.111)(Qur’an 2:190-191)

George Bernard Shaw (1856 - 1950): “Nobody in their right mind believes what the Bible says ... those who accept it as true, think it says what they believe.”

Playwright William Shakespeare (1564-1616): “The devil can cite scripture for his purposes.”

Merchant of Venice: Act 1, Scene 3

The scientist, writer and atheist Richard Dawkins says: “I have heard the cynically misanthropic opinion that without the Bible as a moral compass people would show no restraint against murder, theft and mayhem. The surest way to disabuse yourself of this pernicious falsehood, is to read the Bible itself.”

There is, of course, the other aspect of the Bible, where Matthew re-told Jesus Christ’s Sermon On The Mount, stressing the universal tenets of love, humility, compassion and forgiveness.

see also JESUS, my blog 945 and the corresponding page in the appendix