

## **Bob Cargill's Problems With the Law**



Bible ‘scholar’ Bob Cargill says, “**I was raised a conservative Christian** [whatever that means], but **now I’m very much an agnostic, a scientist** ... I try to teach from a point that is **methodologically agnostic.**”<sup>1</sup>

From the outset, this is either ignorance or deception, as by “scientist”, Cargill means one who does science under the reigning paradigm of *methodological naturalism* [MN]. MN is a system which can *only* seek explanation for natural phenomenon *without* recourse to the supernatural, and is therefore atheistic, *not* agnostic.

More evidence of his *atheist* bias is shown below:

“At the end of the day, **you have the reality and the facts**, and then you have what you were **taught, either by your parents or by the Bible or whatever. When they’re not congruent, what do you do?** Do you deny reality and stick to what you believe or what somebody taught you? Or **do you embrace the reality and the facts, and do you rethink what you were taught** growing up?”<sup>2</sup>

As an agnostic, Bob has no objective reality to stand on, and therefore no “facts” he can appeal to. He therefore makes decisions on what is true grounded in *himself*,

which may, *or may not*, happen to agree with the Bible.

With Bob's unstable worldview established, it is easier to identify errors when he attacks the Bible.

In his July 5, 2024 Bible & Archaeology podcast, *The Problem With the Ten Commandments*<sup>3</sup>, Bob unleashes on contradictions he believes exist regarding the Ten Commandments. He shows himself to be: **1.** ignorant; **2.** lost; and **3.** deceitful:

### **1. Ignorant**

**i)** That the Exodus 20 and Deuteronomy 5 sabbaths have different rationales; the former is based on the creation, the latter on the exodus<sup>4</sup>.

Deuteronomy 5.14 gives the primary reason for the sabbath as *rest* for people, exactly what God originally said when He decreed it in Genesis 2.2-3. The fact that verse 15 includes a secondary reason does not usurp nor negate the primary one.

The other glaring fact is both versions start with **six days**, reflecting God's literal six-day creation (approximately 6,000 years ago), which has nothing to do with the exodus.

**ii)** That while Jesus does interpret the Sabbath commandment in opposition to a Pharisaical sense (cf.

Matthew 12.10; Mark 2.27; John 9.16), "there's no Jesus when these Ten Commandments come down"<sup>5</sup>:

Astoundingly, Bob claims to be Bible scholar yet doesn't know what a *theophany* is; God himself talked with Moses *face to face* on Mount Sinai (Ex 33.11), something only possible if He manifested in creation (Ex 33.20), i.e., it was Jesus Christ.

iii) That the First Amendment (1A) and First Commandment are, "diametrically opposed"<sup>6</sup>:

Bob injects his secular humanism<sup>7</sup> gospel into "fundamental American law", when in fact the 1A was meant to prevent a *Christian* theocracy like Anglicanism or Romanism arising, which the pilgrims had escaped in Europe, also, to grant Christians freedom as to their denomination of choice. It was *not* meant as an open door for Islam and other false religions, including Bob's secular humanism.

## 2. Lost

i) That capitalist marketing and advertising is covetous<sup>8</sup>:

He creates a **false equivalence**; wanting what you don't have *and working hard to earn enough money to buy it* is equal to wanting what you don't have and *not wanting to work hard to get it* (i.e. socialism)!

**ii)** That killing people for committing adultery is, "not a good idea"<sup>9</sup>:

Why doesn't Bob take the challenge and explain *why* he is **objectively** right, or, is this just his self-righteous smoke everyone must breathe in?

**iii)** That "the only commandments we keep [VI (not kill), VIII (not steal), and IX (not lie) are universal to **all religions**. Please find me the exception."<sup>10</sup>:

This is grievously false for a so-called professor. Bob ignores the second biggest religion in the world; **Islam**. Allah and Muhammad command Muslims to break all the above:

**a.** Murder: Qur'an 8.39; Q9.29

**b.** Stealing (war booty and sex slaves): Q4.24; Q10.41

**c.** Lying (to murder someone): Sahih Bukhari 2510

**iv)** That Exodus 34 has different Ten Commandments<sup>11</sup>:

Exodus 34.1 says *God* will write on the new tables, *not* Moses. What will God write? The words that were in the first tables, i.e., those from 14 chapters earlier.

If Bob then payed attention to Exodus 34.27, *which he actually shows in the video!*, he would see that God commands *Moses* to write the words He has been speaking

to him in Exodus 34, i.e., a mixture of some of the Ten Commandments, plus other instructions. Therefore, *Moses* had to write these separate words (in Exodus 34), while *God* wrote a copy of the Ten Commandments in stone again.

### 3. Deceitful

i) That the Ten Commandments were given *either* spoken or written<sup>12</sup>:

Bob commits a Fallacy of the Undistributed Middle; it was *both*, just as Deuteronomy 5.22 says:

**"These words the LORD spake** unto all your assembly in the mount ... **And he wrote them** in two tables of stone, and delivered them unto me."

He also bizarrely claims Deuteronomy 5 is an example of the Ten Commandments most *aren't* familiar with.

ii) That there is a dilemma of which conflicting version of the Ten Commandments we should use<sup>13</sup>:

On any supposed sectarian dilemmas of commandment numbering and Scripture canon ("what about the Catholics, etc?"), Bob attempts an agnostic and anachronistic argument.

Since 98% (55/56) signers of the *Declaration of Independence* were 'Protestant' and their Bible was the Authorized Version of 66 inspired books **with the 14 apocryphal books marked and separated as not inspired**, why would Bob argue that **one** person's Ten Commandment and canon versions should be taken as the accepted standard?

iii) That, "atheists and agnostics don't like having religion pushed at them in a taxpayer funded classrooms"<sup>14</sup>:

Yet **hypocrite Bob** want's *his* secular humanism and evolutionism religions shoved down the throats of everyone in taxpayer-funded classrooms!

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Verses for Bob Cargill *et al*:

**“Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ.”**

**Colossians 2.8, Authorized Version**

**“In those days *there* was no king in Israel, *but every man did that which was right in his own eyes.*”**

**Judges 17.6, Authorized Version**

**“To the law and to the testimony: if they speak not according to this word, *it is because there is no light in them.*”**

**Isaiah 8.20, Authorized Version**

## End Notes

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