

Can we change God's Law?

“Continuous revelation or continuing revelation is a theological belief or position that God continues to reveal divine principles or commandments to humanity. In Christian traditions, it is most commonly associated with The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (LDS, Mormon Church), the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers), and with Pentecostal and Charismatic (Holiness) Christianity, though it is found in some other denominations (Catholicism) as well.” --Wikipedia

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- He has given that which is “perfect” – Jas. 1:25, Rom. 6:17-18, Jude 1:3
- The teaching of Christ was/is already “perfect” ...why change it? It was already doing what God designed it to do – save souls.
- The teaching of Christ contained in the faith was “once (a single time) for all delivered”.

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- **What He has spoken represents all we need, for this life and the next – II Pet. 1:3-4**
- **Everything we need for “life and godliness” has been given to us by God through Christ, and through this knowledge we have “great and precious promises”.**
- **Why would God inspire Peter to write this if He would be sending continual refinements and changes to His Word? This would make God a liar, and it is impossible for God to lie (Heb.6:18).**

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- **Having given us what we need, God will not change it – Gal. 1:8-9**
- **Paul disallows his own ability to change what had already been delivered, and even disallowed the authority of an angel to change what had been delivered.**
- **Why would God inspire Paul to write this if He fully intended to change it anyway? Would this not be dishonest of God? If God simply “changed His mind”, then how can we count on anything the Bible promises?**

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- There is no example of God allowing changes to any law after it was given
- There are constant warnings against turning *“from it to the right hand or to the left”* –
Deut. 5:32; 17:11, 20; 28:14; Josh. 1:7; 23:6; 2 Kings 22:2; 2 Chr. 34:2; Rev. 22:18-19

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- **Argument is made for “collective experience that has changed the reading of Scripture”:**
- **-- From “When ‘continuing revelation’ becomes the plain reading of Scripture” by Jeremy Smith of United Methodist Church**

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- **“The majority reading of scripture said that women could not be clergy. People who promoted women’s ordination were accused of promoting continuing revelation that God had revealed ordained ministry being open to women. But when it became a reality in many denominations, then they saw it as the plain reading of Scripture, pointing to Scriptures that overcame the letters of Paul.”**

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- **“The majority reading of Scripture in the South said that slaves were permissible. People who were abolitionists were accused of not believing in the Bible. But when it became abolished, many framed the scriptures supporting slavery differently. It became the plain reading of Scripture—almost universally now—that Scripture does not support slavery.”**

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- **“So it will be with LGBT inclusion. The majority reading of Scripture is currently that the Bible condemns homosexuality. People who see it differently are accused of promoting continuing revelation... And yet mark my words: when we are on the other side of this debate, it will not be seen as “continuing revelation” but the “plain reading” of Scripture.”**

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- **God's Word is clear that women are not to speak in worship or have roles of authority in the church – 1 Tim. 2:11-12, 1 Cor. 14:34-35**
- **God's Word speaks to each soul in whatever social state they are in – does not provide social or civil commentary to slavery (see Philemon)**
- **God's Word condemns homosexuality in any form – Rom. 1:24-27, 1 Cor. 6:9-11**