

Excursus: Did Jesus' apostles teach that there were '2 voices' in the OT?

If this were REALLY true:

1. We have seen that Jesus' teachings give us **no reason whatsoever to suspect that there are '2 voices' mixed in the Hebrew Bible**, with one of them being of Satan, fraudulently using the name 'YHWH'. Indeed, we saw the opposite.
2. We did not see the **LOUD WARNINGS** He would have issued, had that been the case. His mission would have required those.
3. But is it possible that He somehow taught the disciples secretly about this? Expecting **THEM** to do, what He Did Not do? **And that the later NT writings teach this?**

4. **CRITICAL:** And we should expect to see **ANY positive or even ambiguous references** to the Hebrew Bible as a whole'. All references to entire sections or groups of the Hebrew Bible – without a clear and immediate disclaimer – would lead the people into believing that Jesus was endorsing that entire section – without reservation.

We should also expect to see the same warning/teaching statements by His students and followers, throughout the NT.

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Critically testing the arguments for a 2-voice OT (from the OTHER VOICE)

HISTORICAL NOTE: The original version of an “YHWH is EVIL” and “MOSIAC LAW is EVIL” doctrine was put forth by Marcion in the early 2nd century.

- “Marcion is best known for **denying that the God of the Jewish Scriptures** (for Christians, the Old Testament) **was the same as the God of Christian Scriptures**. His own scriptures were limited to one Gospel (Luke) and 10 letters of Paul. “
- “Developing some eccentric theological views, he eventually taught that the **god of the Old Testament was not the true God** but rather that **the true and higher God had been revealed only with Jesus Christ**. He therefore rejected the theology of the Old Testament. Marcion wrote the Antitheses to show the differences between the god of the Old Testament and the true God.”
- “Expounding on Paul’s characterization of the Mosaic Law as the cause of sin, Marcion desired a Christianity untainted by any elements of Judaism. **He saw the God of the Old Testament as cruel and vengeful**, an embarrassment and a stumbling block in the evangelization of the Gentiles. ... How could the God who commanded adulterers to be stoned be reconciled with the God who let them go free? This was overcome by **postulating the existence of two gods**. Marcion concluded that the **tyrannical Creator-God of the Old Testament, Yahweh, was in opposition to the merciful and loving God of the New Testament.**”

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What is different about the 2-Voice view (as taught by the OTHER VOICE) is that the Hebrew Scriptures are not 100% bad (i.e. authored by an evil god-pretender = Satan), but are MIXED, with the majority of the utterances attributed to YHWH being authored by Satan (fraudulently using the name YHWH) and the minority of them being authored by God the Father. ... This means that the Hebrew Bible cannot be taken as 'inerrant', and that readers themselves have to judge each passage as to whether or not it conforms to their understanding of the Father, as uniquely revealed by Jesus.

The main arguments offered (in the slides/videos I have examined) would be these:

1. We are told to 'rightly divide the word of truth' in 2 Timothy 2.15, on the basis of how the OT passages "line up with Jesus' actions and plain speech."
2. The OT authors were not 'born again' and so were 'natural men' who cannot receive the things of God. There was a veil on the people of Israel so they couldn't discern in what they wrote down, between verses authored by Satan and those authored by Father.
3. We are told to 'test the spirits' to see if they / their prophecies are of the Father.
4. Jesus rejected many scriptures.
5. There are contradictions in the bible—especially between OT and NT. We should reject the part of a contradiction that does not align with Jesus.

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We will go through these, seeing if the verses they use support their argument, **and if** there are related verses which **seem to deny/contradict their view**.

We will use these colored Title-Bars to try to help keep our slides somewhat organized:

DIVIDE WORD	We are told to 'rightly divide the word of truth' in 2 Timothy 2.15, on the basis of how the OT passages 'line up with Jesus' actions and plain speech."
NATURAL MEN	"Given [that] OT man is natural man, they were unable to discern spiritual matters, their hearts were blinded/veiled, and therefore when the Holy Spirit spoke it was ascribed to the same name LORD."
TEST SPIRITS	We are told to 'test the spirits' to see if they / their prophecies are of the Father. (Testing against the words and actions of Jesus/the Father)
JESUS vs OT	Jesus rejected many scriptures.
CONTRADICTIONS	There are contradictions in the bible—especially between OT and NT. We should reject the part of a contradiction that does not align with Jesus.