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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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Three: "WE are told to test the spirits—we must do this in the bible, as well".

The verse they advance for this is 1 John 4:1, "Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits, whether they are of God; because many false prophets have gone out into the world."

It is pretty to show that this is both irrelevant and groundless.

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Here's is the text they use (v1):

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And here is the TEST John tells us to use in the next verses (2-4):

By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, and every spirit that does not confess Jesus is not from God. This is the spirit of the antichrist, which you heard was coming and now is in the world already.

Notice that this test has **NOTHING TO DO WITH** 'good verses' versus 'bad verses', YHWH versus the Father, etc.

This is about false teachings about THE INCARNATION. It is **IRRELEVANT** to their position.

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This are similar passages in Paul (1 Thess 5:19-21; 1 Cor 14:29):

"Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise prophecies, but test everything; hold fast what is good."

"Let two or three prophets speak, and let the others weigh what is said."




Notice that these passages have NOTHING TO DO WITH SCRIPTURE or the HEBREW BIBLE. They are about LIVE teachings.

To take these verses OUT OF CONTEXT and apply to ANYTHING ELSE is 'teachings of men' and trying to add to God's Word (a form of self-deification...)

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So,

- The verse they use for this is about CHRIST'S INCARNATION, not 'good vs bad'.
- The verse they use for this (and parallels) have NOTHING TO DO WITH THE SCRIPTURE 100% endorsed by John (and by Paul and Jesus).
- They have to 'stretch' this verse out of context to make it say something it does NOT, to get us to sit in judgement over the written word of God.