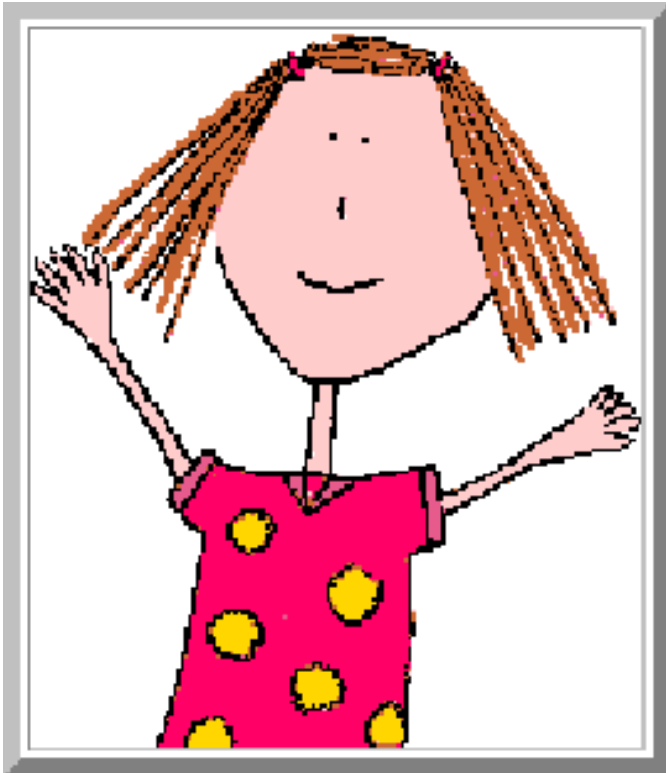




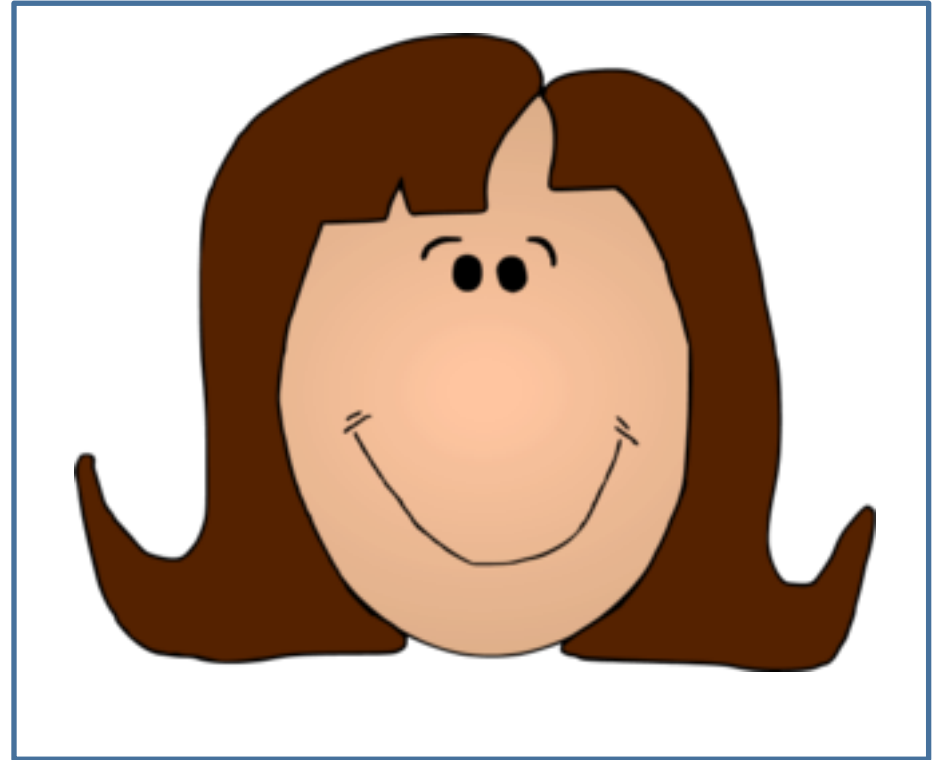
**Our Factory –  
where dad and  
mum work**



***Now I know in part.***



***Then I shall know fully,  
even as I am fully known.***





***Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, as clear as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb down the middle of the great street of the city. On each side of the river stood the tree of life (Rev 22: 1-2).***



## Interpreting Scripture by Scripture

Then the devil took [Jesus] to the holy city and had him stand on the highest point of the temple.

“If you are the Son of God,” he said, “throw yourself down. For it is written: “ ‘He will command his angels concerning you, and they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.’ ”

Jesus answered him, “It is also written: ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’”

(Matt 4: 5-7).

Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for **God loves a cheerful giver** (2 Cor 9:7).





## Figurative Language

**Simile:** *All we like sheep have gone astray*  
(Is 53:6)

**Metaphor:** *[Jesus] went on to tell them, “Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep; but I am going there to wake him up.”*

*His disciples replied, “Lord, if he sleeps, he will get better.”*

*Jesus had been speaking of his death, but his disciples thought he meant natural sleep. So then he told them plainly, “Lazarus is dead ... (John 11: 11-14)*

## **Putting our Own Interpretation on the Bible**

**Above all, you must understand that no prophecy of Scripture came about by the prophet's own interpretation of things.**

**For prophecy never had its origin in the human will, but prophets, though human, spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit**

**(1 Peter 1: 20-21).**

## **Distorting the Bible**

**Bear in mind that our Lord's patience means salvation, just as our dear brother Paul also wrote you with the wisdom that God gave him.**

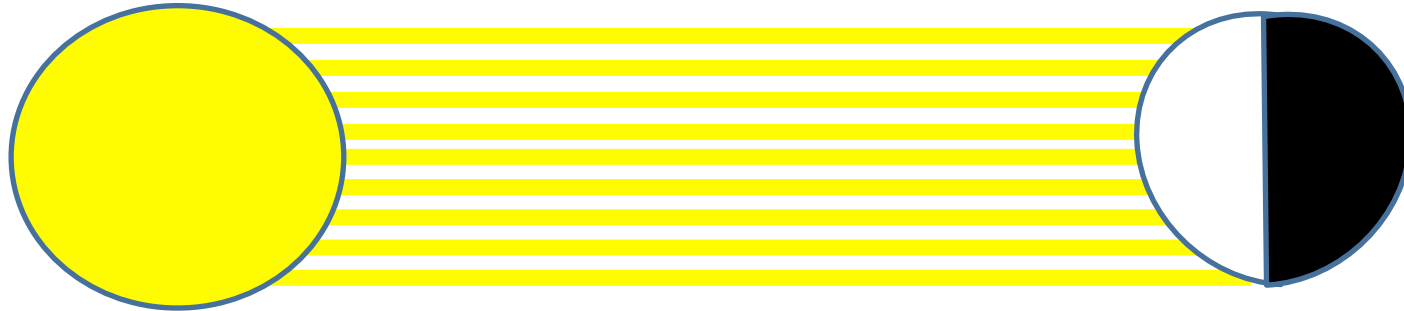
**He writes the same way in all his letters, speaking in them of these matters.**

**His letters contain some things that are hard to understand,**

**which ignorant and unstable people distort, as they do the other Scriptures, to their own destruction.**

**(2 Peter 3: 15-16).**





**Sun**

**Created in  
“day 4”**

**Day and night  
on earth**

**Created in  
“day 1”**

# Tensions within the Teaching of the Bible



**Free will**

**Predestination**

# Commandments – Old and New Testaments

**OT sacrifices**



**NT communion**

**OT civil and  
criminal law**



**Laws of the country  
we live in**

**OT Laws  
misinterpreted  
by the Pharisees**



**OT Laws  
reinterpreted and  
expanded by Jesus**

**The key to interpreting the Bible: Know what “is written” and what “is also written”.**

**“My son, if you accept my words and store up my commands within you, turning your ear to wisdom and applying your heart to understanding**

**— indeed, if you call out for insight and cry aloud for understanding,**

**and if you look for it as for silver and search for it as for hidden treasure,**

**then you will understand the fear of the LORD and find the knowledge of God.**

**For the LORD gives wisdom; from his mouth come knowledge and understanding.”**

**(Proverbs 2: 1-6)**