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10. GTGR requires logical thinking.

10.1. God is a logical Being, Who has created everything and communicated through His Scriptures in a logical way.

10.1.1. (Joh 1:1-3)

10.1.2. What we are being told in these verses:

10.1.2.1. Jesus (“the Word”—or “Word” who became flesh – v14)(and Who also “was/is God”), is a logical being (this is what defines Him—He is literally “the divine Logos—or logic”). “the Word” = ὁ λόγος from which we get the word “logic” which refers to sound reason, or rational thinking. So (even though) this term is translated “the Word” here in our Bibles—it does not just refer to any word—but those specific kinds of words associated with logical communication.

10.1.2.2. The Trinity (or entire Godhead) is logical in their character (“the Word” –i.e. “the Logic’ was with God (i.e. the rest of the Godhead): This IOW is what defines GOD as a whole: He is logical. Scripture also attests to this fact in other ways, including that He is perfect in His logic (2Ti 2:13; Tit 1:2; Heb 6:18; Num 23:19; 1Sa 15:29).

10.1.2.3. The world (both material and spiritual) was originally created according to a logical design (2-3 – “through Him/Jesus-who is perfectly logical” – IOW they carry His logical stamp). If this wasn’t true, all the different disciplines within science: mathematics, engineering, physics, chemistry would be impossible since without logical design, all things become unable to predict, replicate or anticipate which means (also) know real ability to know, trust (or control).

*It is the logical design of the Creation which establishes General Revelation as the basis (and hermeneutical control for Special Revelation –esp. the gospel: Rom 1:19 w/10:18).

10.1.2.4. The Scriptures (which is how this phrase “the Word” is used most commonly in the Bible – Eph 5:26; 2Ti 4:2) are also logical—and are expected to be understood in a logical way. This is further supported by the fact that they are God’s Word (i.e. words coming from a perfectly logical Being—which means there is only one thing they can be—perfectly logical themselves!).

10.1.3. The FOUR MAIN LAWS of LOGIC are demonstrated throughout the Scriptures (as evidence that it is indeed a logical book which God expects us to understand in a logical way---AND---that these LAWS are not man-made BUT RATHER an expression of GOD’S character):

10.1.3.1. (#1) Law of Identity = The meaning and scope of “A” is bound by the context/argument in which it is found (i.e. the author’s context—not your own!). (e.g. Mat 16:1-12...(context = Mat 14-15; 1Co 5:9-11; Amo 5:25; Heb 13:8))

The fallacy associated with this 1st Law (and which those in our examples are guilty of):
Equivocation = to give meaning or scope to “A” which is not supported by the author’s
context/argument (i.e. you take it out of its context!)

(e.g. Isa 55:8: “God’s logic is never reasonable nor prudent but generous and superabundant
(versus man’s which *is* reasonable and prudent).” —Bruce Prescott, Executive Director of
Mainstream Oklahoma Baptists---see context: Isa 55:6-8, 10-13).

10.1.3.2. (#2) Law of Non-Contradiction = “A” cannot equal “non-A” in the same
context/argument.

(e.g. 1Co 15:12; Tit 1:16---this is people today and a violation of this 2nd law; “he’s a Christian
even though he doesn’t act like it”) (Mat 22:41-46): Jesus is employing the Law of Non-C as a
way of showing the Pharisees that they did there was Scripture they has NOT dealt
with/reconciled to their theology (though they thought their theology was air tight). The only
way however applying this Law to the Scriptures is if the Scriptures were seen to be logically
consistent (which is just another aspect of inerrancy)---which means these verses prove (esp.
the response of the Pharisees-v46) that (at the very least) Jesus and the religious leaders saw
God’s Word as logical (otherwise again NO such argument could be proposed—since the
Pharisees would have just responded by claiming the Bible contradicts itself and possesses
error).