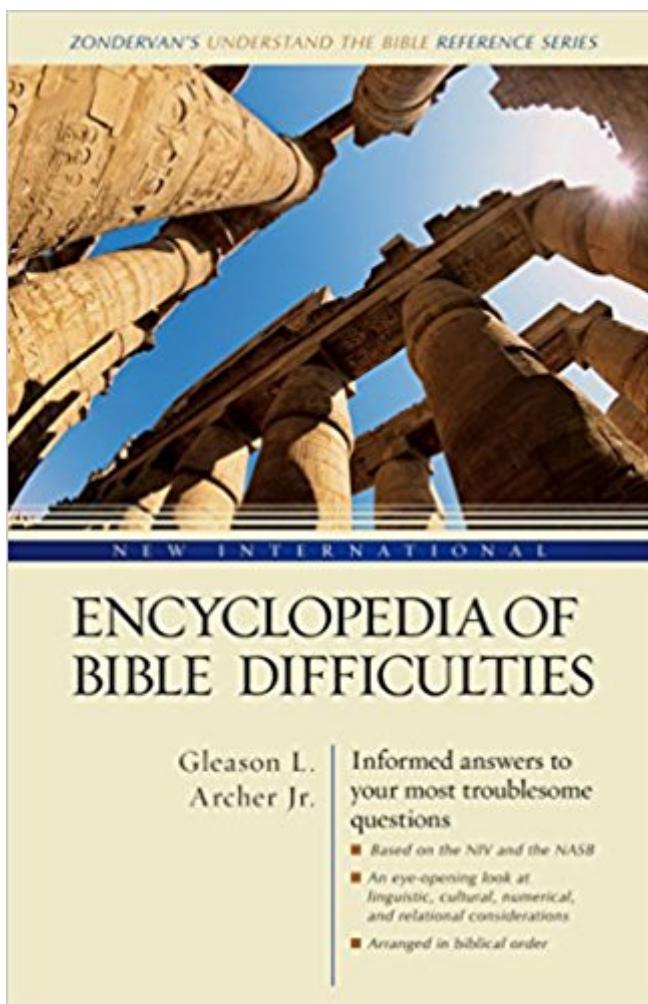


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Gleason Archer Jr. received a PhD in Classics from Harvard University, an LL.B from Suffolk Law School and a Bachelor of Divinity from Princeton Theological Seminary. Early in his career, Archer served as assistant pastor at Park Street Church in Boston. In 1948 he became Professor of Biblical Languages at Fuller Theological Seminary in California and in 1965 Professor of the Old Testament and Semitics at Trinity Evangelical Divinity School in Illinois, where he later became an emeritus faculty member in 1989. He spent the remainder of his life researching, lecturing and writing.

I preach part-time and Archer's book is very helpful when I come to a rather difficult passage. Archer knew approximately 23 languages during his lifetime, and while his knowledge of the Biblical languages is helpful at times, at other times it can be overwhelming.,

Good at many points, but occasionally a little too pat, or confident, in its explanations. Valuable, but remember that God's Word ultimately needs no defense. Spurgeon once said he would rather defend a roaring lion than the Word of God.I've given it to men studying for ministry more as an example of how alleged discrepancies can be handled than as a specific guide to defending difficult passages.

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A good buy for all bible students young and old this book give a good answer too those tough questions

A good book, I just wish there could be more like it. The scholarship is sound, and he goes a long way to giving credibility to things previously in doubt.

The author - Gleason L. Archer Jr. (1916-2004 - B.A., M.A., Ph.D., Harvard University; B.D., Princeton Theological Seminary; L.L.B., Suffolk Law School) was a biblical scholar, theologian, educator, and author. He served as an assistant pastor of Park Street Church in Boston from 1945 to 1948. He was a Professor at Fuller Theological Seminary for 16 years, teaching New Testament, Greek, Hebrew, and Arabic. From 1965 to 1986 he served as a Professor of Old Testament and Semitics at Trinity Evangelical Divinity School, Deerfield, Illinois. He became an emeritus faculty member in 1989. He also served for many years as a minister of the Evangelical Free Church of America. The remainder of his life was spent researching, writing, and lecturing.Legend has it, (I have not been able to verify whether this is 100% true or not) that he was so gifted in languages that for fun (and as a challenge) he would study the Bible in a different language every year to continue to grow and develop mentally.Archer served as one of the 50 original translators of the NASB published in 1971. He also worked on the team which translated the NIV Bible published in 1978. I give this introduction, because many people are not familiar with Archer (unfortunately), but he was

a brilliant Christian scholar who could have excelled as a lawyer (his father was the founder and president of Suffolk Law School), and chose to use his exceptional gifts to defend the inerrancy and integrity of the Scriptures over the span of his entire adult life. I would say that along with Bruce Waltke and Walter Kaiser Jr., he was one of the most elite and influential Old Testament Evangelical Scholars at the end of the Twentieth Century. As for this book - it's simply outstanding. It covers all the thorny issues from Genesis to Revelation in biblical order, and considers questions from the cultural, linguistic, and authorial intent of each passage considered. Of all the books I have on questions, and Bible answers, this is the one I turn to the most. It is extremely thorough and will increase anyone's' belief in the supernatural authorship of the sixty-six books in the Protestant Canon. It is definitely a "must have" for any interpreter/student/teacher of the Bible, or an apologist for the Christian faith.

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