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<sup>11</sup>While the man held on to Peter and John, all the people were astonished and came running to them in the place called Solomon's Colonnade. <sup>12</sup>When Peter saw this, he said to them: "Fellow Israelites, why does this surprise you? Why do you stare at us as if by our own power or godliness we had made this man walk? [Acts 3:11,12](#)



<sup>13</sup>The God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God of our fathers, has glorified his servant Jesus. You handed him over to be killed, and you disowned him before Pilate, though he had decided to let him go. <sup>14</sup>You disowned the Holy and Righteous One and asked that a murderer be released to you.

Acts 3:13,14

<sup>15</sup>You killed the author of life, but God raised him from the dead. We are witnesses of this. <sup>16</sup>By faith in the name of Jesus, this man whom you see and know was made strong. It is Jesus' name and the faith that comes through him that has given this complete healing to him, as you can all see.

Acts 3:15,16

<sup>17</sup>Now, brothers, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did your leaders. <sup>18</sup>But this is how God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, saying that his Christ would suffer. <sup>19</sup>Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord, <sup>20</sup>and that he may send the Christ, who has been appointed for you—even Jesus.     Acts 3:17-20

<sup>21</sup>He must remain in heaven until the time comes for God to restore everything, as he promised long ago through his holy prophets. <sup>22</sup>For Moses said, "The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own people; you must listen to everything he tells you. <sup>23</sup>Anyone who does not listen to him will be completely cut off from among his people." [Acts 3:21-23](#)

<sup>24</sup> Indeed, all the prophets from Samuel on, as many as have spoken, have foretold these days. <sup>25</sup> And you are heirs of the prophets and of the covenant God made with your fathers. He said to Abraham, "Through your offspring all peoples on earth will be blessed."

<sup>26</sup> When God raised up his servant, he sent him first to you to bless you by turning each of you from your wicked ways.

Acts 3:24-26



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*"For those of us who do not believe God exists are forlorn, for we cannot find anything to depend on either inside or outside ourselves. Morals are for us both unavoidable and impossible."*



# Madelyn Murray O'Hair

*"I can't believe in a final truth. A truth that's imposed on you. I don't believe in a final kind of absolute truth. I gave up on the idea of truth. Hitler said that truth was to kill six million Jews. Roman Catholic Church said the truth was to exterminate thousands through the Inquisition. So don't search for truth."*



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*Jesus told him, "I am the way,  
the truth, and the life.*

*John 14:6*



*"You are a king, then!" said Pilate. Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. In fact, the reason I was born and came into the world is to testify to the truth. Everyone on the side of truth listens to me." John 18:37*



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“In the past God spoke to our ancestors through the prophets at many times and in various ways, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, and through whom also he made the universe.

Hebrews 11:1,2



“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.”

2 Peter 1:21



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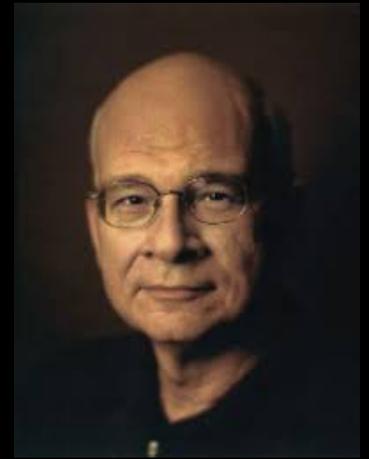
If you have a Bible you can pick and choose what you want to follow, then you don't have an ability to be corrected.

“For All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It corrects us when we are wrong and teaches us to do what is right. <sup>17</sup> God uses it to prepare and equip his people to do every good work.

2 Timothy 3:16,17



# Tim Keller-Pastor and Author



In the Old Testament, what was an idol?

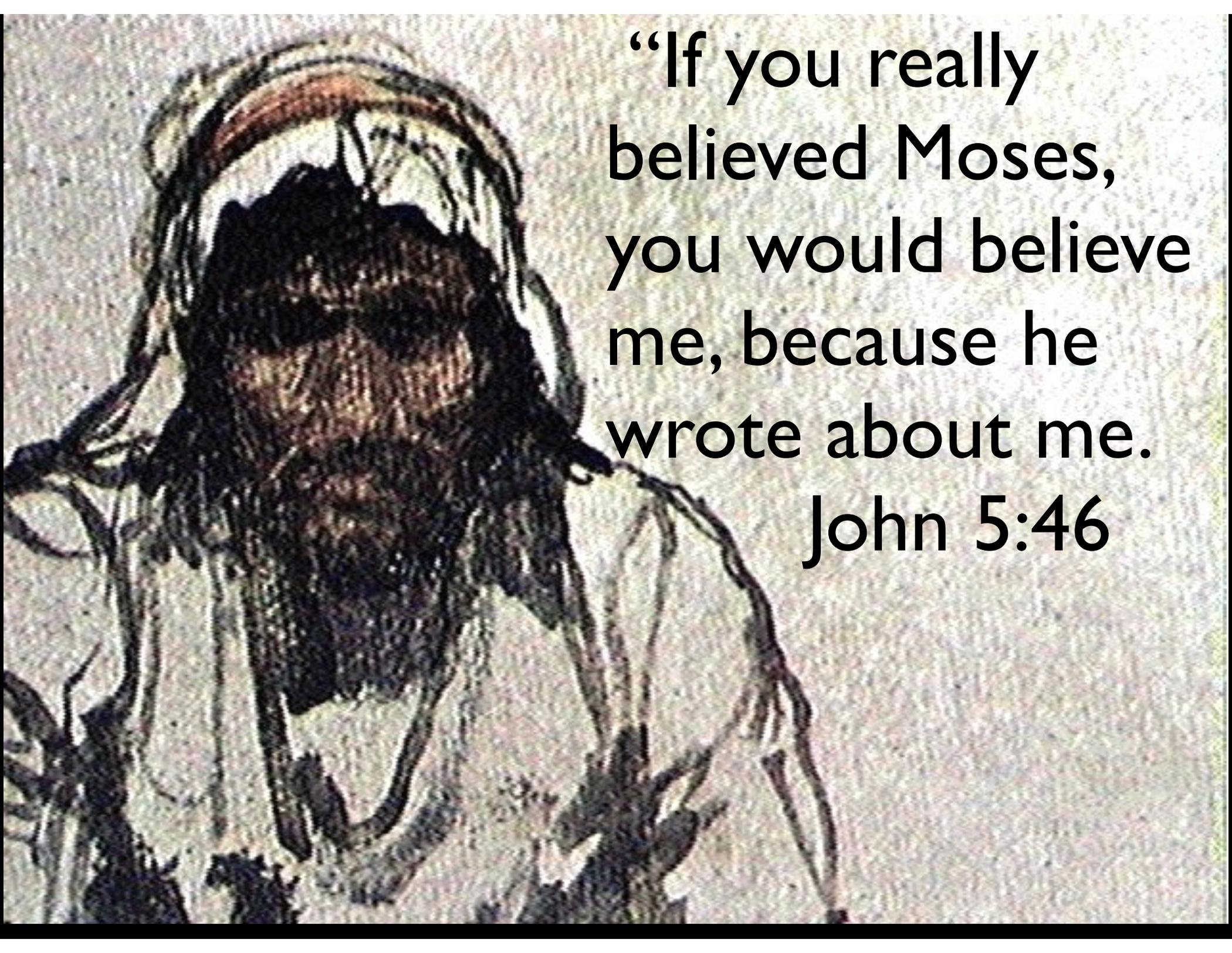
*"An idol was something you made in your workshop, something you shaped to fit you. The living God is one who makes you in the workshop, and he shapes you to fit him. There's no in between, because either you have a God who can contradict you, who can say, "That's your will, but I want you to do mine,"*

*For we are God's  
handiwork, created in Christ  
Jesus to do good  
works, which God prepared  
in advance for us to do.*

*Ephesians 2:10*







**“If you really  
believed Moses,  
you would believe  
me, because he  
wrote about me.**

**John 5:46**

“Therefore no one will be declared  
righteous in God’s sight by the  
works of the law; rather, through  
the law we become conscious of  
our sin.”                      Romans 3:20



“For what the law was powerless to do because it was weakened by the flesh, God did by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh to be a sin offering. And so he condemned sin in the flesh” ...

Romans 8:3



“Christ is the culmination of the law so that there may be righteousness for everyone who believes.”

Romans 10:4



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Acts 3:24,25

Even to this day when Moses is read, a veil covers their hearts.  
16 But whenever anyone turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away.

2 Corinthians 3:15,16



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Acts 3:26

It is true that some preach Christ out of envy and rivalry, but others out of goodwill. ...

<sup>18</sup>But what does it matter?

The important thing is that in every way, whether from false motives or true, Christ is preached.

And because of this I rejoice.

Philippians 1:15,18







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