



Why misquotes from pop culture are not causing synchronized misremembering

What is more probable?

1. That the collective memory of virtually all of humanity, including pastors, has been magically overwritten like some worldwide lobotomy so that virtually all of humanity is identically misremembering 15+ familiar Bible passages, historical events, movie lines, book titles, places, spellings of words, product names and people's names, simply because they were all exposed to a few misquotes on Facebook? **OR**
2. There is an end-times prophecy that is being fulfilled in which God is allowing Satan to alter time and matter as part of a last-days judgment.

Summary of questions

- If the misremembering was caused by misquotes from pop culture, then why is everyone misremembering the same way?
- So what if you come across a misquote on Facebook? Don't you know your Bible?
- Can't you recognize a misspelled word and reject it? What makes you think a misquote is any different?
- If someone said, "There is no God" on Facebook, would you somehow become an atheist?
- Why would some random misquote be a greater influence on a pastor than his long-term exposure to the correct renderings?

Questions refuting the "misquote from pop culture" hypothesis

Can you quote even one passage from memory?

- Are there any passages of the Bible that you can quote from memory and are absolutely certain you would quote exactly as they appear in your Bible?
- How many times do you think you would need to see or hear that same passage misquoted before it could somehow wiggle its way into your long-term memory without you realizing it, so that when asked to quote it from memory you would say something different than what you just said?
- Isn't it true that you could see that passage misquoted a hundred times a day for ten years and it would never overwrite your long-term memory of what you just quoted?



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Do you have any evidence of misquotes?

- The intelligentsia of the entire body of Christ is relying on this unfounded fantasy to be true without ever lifting a finger to determine if these all powerful misquotes even exist. *"In my mind I want to do the will of God, but in my members, all I see is misquotes."* None of you have any idea whether or not these so called misquotes even exist, but you will all talk down to us like we are 4 years old and scold us for being so naive. Well, I don't believe they exist much less that they could ever have this kind of worldwide effect on the entire body of Christ. Are you even listening to yourself. I know this comes as a shock to your long held understanding of how God has promised to preserve His word, but it turns out that we've all been reading it wrong and it took a judgment of this magnitude to shake our teeth loose enough where we would slow down long enough to look at what the text is actually saying.
- If I gave you a list of the top 15 supernatural Bible changes, do you think you could go out and find these alleged misquotes and document them?
- Would it at least be correct to say that you are not in possession of them right now?

Only one misquote for each alleged Bible change

- Would you agree that in order for everyone to be misremembering the same way, there would have to be only one misquote for each of these 7 passages in the entire pantheon of the data sphere, including movie lines, books and magazine quotes, songs, artwork, and all social media platforms? Do you have any evidence to support the idea that there is only one misquote for the 7 passages that all pastors misremembered the same way in our survey?

Misquotes appearing on all nine platforms simultaneously

- Since most people only look at one or two different social media platforms, you would need to be able to show that these 7 misquotes regularly appear on at least the top nine social media platforms. Do you have any evidence that the 7 verses that were universally misremembered in my survey appear in only one form across all of the following platforms: **Facebook, YouTube, Twitter, Reddit, Instagram, Pinterest, LinkedIn, Quora, and Tumblr?**



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Misquotes appearing everywhere and all the time

- What is the probability that these 7 Bible misquotes that I showed are rendered in only one way across all nine platforms, often enough and over a long enough period of time to overcome all the influence of the correct rendering that pastors are consistently exposed to?

There is no evidence

- Just to recap: there's no evidence that the misquotes exist, there's no evidence that they appear in only one form, there's no evidence that they appear on all 9 platforms, and there's no evidence that they appear often enough and are ubiquitous enough to overcome the relentless exposure that pastors have to the correct rendering. Is that your testimony?

Why isn't everyone misremembering differently?

- If the worldwide unified misremembering was caused by misquotes from pop culture and the unreliability of human memory, then why is everyone misremembering the same way?
- **Summary of our national pastor survey – 28 pastor participants – 7 responses out of 34 shown. RESULT: An average of 22 pastor misremembered 7 familiar passages the same way. Probability that this happened by chance 10^{65}**
Conclusion: There has to be a cause

#	Passage	Version Note	# Chose Same Wrong Answer	Misremembered Wording
1	Job 1:21	KJV only	27	"giveth and taketh."
2	Genesis 3:19	KJV only	25	"by the sweat of thy brow."
3	Genesis 7:9	KJV only	22	"two by two."
4	Matthew 7:1	KJV only	20	"lest."
5	Isaiah 11:6	—	21	"lion."



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#	Passage	Version Note	# Chose Same Wrong Answer	Misremembered Wording
6	Matthew 26:52	—	19	"live by the sword shall die by the sword."
7	John 12:24	KJV	19	"Except a grain of wheat."

- I would not expect this kind of catastrophic memory failure with 7 familiar Bible passages from 22, first-year Bible students, much less 22 seasoned pastors. I would have to give this entire class an F on this test. **So here's my question:**
 - Understand that I can do the same thing with you right now with any number of known Mandela Effect Bible changes. I can pull up any number of known Bible changes, and you will answer incorrectly from memory the same way everyone else does, just like these 22 pastors did. This is not run-of-the-mill, everyday misremembering; this is a catastrophic memory failure that would normally elicit a dementia diagnosis. But it's way more than that. Your "dementia" is somehow synchronized with everyone else in the world. So if your explanation for this observable, measurable, repeatable worldwide unified misremembering is "misquotes from pop culture," then you are either going to have to own the fact that you have now contracted some rare form of synchronized Alzheimer's, or you will have to concede that there must be a more nuanced understanding of the doctrine of preservation and humble yourself and be instructed. You will need to put your sword down and understand that God has not broken His promises if this is happening.
- Content experts and Christians commit the Scriptures to memory and live in a constant state of vigilance to reject lies, untruth, and inaccuracies. The church is an environment that has an extremely high expectation for accuracy. Can you explain why you believe that virtually all content experts would be so susceptible and so careless as to allow so many misquotes to so easily overpower them?
- The Bible is one of the only books in the world that people commit to memory. Would you agree that people who have studied and memorized



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their Bibles for decades would be very resistant to implanted thoughts from misquotes in pop culture?

- So my response to this whole idea is, “So what if you see a misquote on Facebook or in some song—**don't you know your Bible?**”
- Are you able to identify a misspelled word? If yes, can you explain why content experts would not recognize that something is misquoted and reject it?
- If you saw someone claiming on Facebook that there was no God, do you think it's possible that you could subconsciously, over time, adopt that idea without ever making the conscious decision to do so and then wake up one day as an atheist? Explain why misquotes would be different.
- The idea that this could be explained by misquotes from pop culture implies that a misquote influences long-term memory. But pastors are aggregately exposed to the correct renderings on the average of two to three hours per day, seven days a week. Can you explain why the periodic influence of alleged misquotes would be stronger than the consistent influence of the correct renderings?
- If content experts are confused by misquotes from pop culture, then why did writings or recordings of John Bunyan, Dr. J. Vernon McGee, and Aimee Semple McPherson reveal that they all misremember Isaiah 11:6 in the same way long before any social media existed? And why did 25% of the people in my international survey indicate that they are never on social media, yet still misremembered the same way?
- Given the diversity of cultural contexts and the varying degrees of access to media worldwide, how would misquotes from a limited number of sources manage to uniformly alter the memory of an untold number of people across different regions and backgrounds?
- What is your expectation if you asked 10 seasoned commercial airline pilots to identify the names of 10 of their cockpit instruments? What is your expectation if you asked 10 seasoned doctors 10 simple anatomy questions? What is your expectation if you asked 10 seasoned KJV-only pastors 10 simple KJV Bible quiz questions? Of course, everyone would expect that the pastors would get all 10 memory questions correct, but you can watch pastor after pastor get all 10 wrong. How is that possible?