

THE GREAT WENCHOSTER BIBLE

JOHN 1: 1-14

1. In the beginning, my best beloved, was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word, in a most mysterious way, was God. Wow! And the Word was one Word, indivisible and yet distinct.
2. For the same was in the beginning with God, somehow, and incomprehensible, but stick with it and I'll have a go.
3. All things were made by Him; even those that are self-assemble and in pieces with badly-translated instructions. But follow the pictures, for without them was not any thing made that was made. Or returned to the maker. Yet some doubted and fell apart later.
4. In Him was life; and the life was the light of men, (and, yes, women - lest some raise the subject in centuries to come.).
5. And the light shineth in the darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not, for it was light, not dark, and shadows were cast, for without light there is no darkness. And without darkness there is, well, just light.
6. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. (No, not the author of this Gospel, but the strange one, who wore animal skins, and ate insects, had a thing for pushing people under the water in the Jordan river, and lost his head during a disco.)
7. This particular John came for a witness, to bear witness of the light, not the dark - for how can you bear witness to the dark when you can't see anything - that all men (and women - don't let's start that again) through him might believe.
8. He was not that light, of course he wasn't, but was sent to bear witness of that light, and to reveal the shadows that dwelleth in the hearts of many. And, ooh! They are quite dark. And naughty in places.
9. That was the true light, which lighteth every man (stop it!) that cometh into the world.
10. He (this is the personification of light, let the reader understand) was in the world, and the world was made by Him, and the world knew Him not.
11. He came unto his own, and His own received Him not, for they were too busy with pigeons and other things in the Temple, where bits are exceeding dark, and thanking God that they were not as other men (I said...) were.
12. But as many as received Him, to them gave He power to become the sons (or daughters) of God, even to them that believe on His name:
13. Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh (ooh-er!), nor of the will of man (for each hath a voice in the relationship), but of God.
14. Now - pay attention, for this is the good bit. And the Word was made flesh, (that's the same Word that was in the beginning, you know) and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father - which is God. Oh do try to keep up - full of grace and truth.