

Dear God “Our Lord and Savior,”

Thank you for submitting your manuscript, “The Holy Bible.” We’d be honored and totally enthused to publish your novel. That being said, for future reference, when you submit drafts of any kind, please do so via the postal service or email. While there was a certain enigmatic quality to the burning bush, it completely destroyed my garden. I’d appreciate it if you kept things a little more conventional next time.

Our staff, here at Random House Publishing Company, spent weeks reviewing your manuscript and subsequently found several areas that could use improvement. That’s not to say your novel was “lacking” in any true regard, but then again--it wasn’t perfect; few things are. With that in mind, we’d like to suggest a few revisions to more appropriately meet our editorial standards:

1. Consider changing the title. While “Holy Bible” does have a certain *Je ne sais quoi*, you are an unpublished author. Perhaps, a little modesty would serve you well. While I do believe your novel is divine in its prose and composition, to call it “holy” is a bit conceited.
2. We at Random House Publishing Company champion all ethnicities and cultures, we are not only accepting and tolerant, but actively in pursuit of equal rights for all. That being said, hispanic names don’t see as much success in American markets. Maybe instead of Jesús, your main character could be Chad? I think audiences would really resonate with a miracle-making Chad...
3. While Jesus does have some supernatural abilities, walking-on-water and such, he’s not exactly Ironman. What if, instead, Jesus had laser vision? Or super strength? I think few would complain if Jesus could fly or transform into a big green-rage machine. I don’t want you to pander, but I also don’t want you to bore.
4. I’d suggest giving Jesus a love interest. Preferably a white woman with big boobs and blonde hair. Not particularly progressive-- I’ll admit-- but undoubtedly successful. Food for thought...
5. Building off my last comment, I think the Holy Bible could use a sex scene or two. It doesn’t need to be especially graphic, but something hot and steamy would certainly increase your novel’s mass appeal.
6. The last supper is such a great scene. It’s well-paced. Its prose is elegant and simple. I see it being a timeless masterpiece. That being said, I found it quite odd that Jesus chose bread and wine as his *final* meal. I really couldn’t get past it. What if Jesus ate sushi at the Last Supper? Or if you want to keep the hispanic theme going, what about tacos? The man is about to die! He shouldn’t be eating like a peasant...
7. I think there’s a certain majesty to the Old Testament and the New Testament wrapped into a single book. It’s modest and straightforward, but--I think financially speaking-- you’d be better off starting with the Old Testament as a single novel, then the New Testament as its sequel. While I know your story is somewhat complete, I think the public would appreciate a trilogy. Consider calling the third instalment “The Newest

Testament” or “The Testament 3”. Even “Return of the Testament ” would work in today’s market.

8. Perhaps my favorite bit is the story of Adam and Eve. While I think it’s especially poetic that Adam and Eve were siblings, making the rest of humanity related in some way, I think the implications of incest complicate the narrative as a whole. What if Adam and Eve were *step* brother and sister? Now, THAT is sexy.

Again, we’d like to reiterate how enthused we are to be working with such a gifted author. While our feedback could be seen as harsh, it’s not meant to discourage, rather it’s intended to develop and mature an already marvelous piece of work. We look forward to hearing back from you! Our lawyers will mail you the paperwork next week.

Wishing you the best,

Jeffery Wagner

P.s. I’m passing this on to your agent, Abraham, but would love to connect in-person sometime soon. Does email work for you? Additionally, I noticed you didn’t classify the “Holy Bible;” is it fiction or nonfiction? The part where Moses split the Red Sea seemed a little far-fetched, but I’m willing to be open-minded.