

the exploits of the children whom these women have born to Lamech. His suggestion, then, that "the rebellious women either preferred to remain unmarried -- rather than to marry and have children who would perish -- or to marry into the tribe of Seth" requires cutting out of the Bible the previous three verses. Moose dwells at length on this "strike against marriage", but it is pure nonsense. Moreover, it is absurd to suggest that his claim that he will be more greatly avenged than Cain, means that he considers himself more wicked than Cain. This again is substituting Moose's imagination for the clear teaching of the context. The previous verses tell us that the children of Adah and Zillah have discovered the improved use of bronze and iron. Lamech is gloating over this scientific progress. Arrogantly he states to his wives that he is now so strong, as a result of the inventions of their children, that he has killed two men for slightly injuring him. He asserts that if poor Cain, who had nothing but God upon whom to rely, would be avenged seven fold, surely he with these new weapons, would be avenged seventy and seven fold. Moose says "The common translation is ridiculous. It doesn't tell anything or mean anything, just empty words with no sense." Actually if one reads the context, the Bible itself makes good sense and Moose's theorizing simply confuses the whole matter.

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Dear Dr MacRae,

I am a graduate student working toward my Ph.D. in Applied Mathematics at Cornell University. Recently I have become