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Sing praises to God, sing praises! Sing praises to our King, sing praises! For God is the King of all the earth; Sing praises with understanding. (Psalm 47 : 6–7)

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It's Complicated

We often hear people say “It's Complicated.” But what does it mean? How can something be so complicated that it can not be explained?

The expression is often used when someone, maybe even you, tries to explain or justify one's actions, beliefs, or non-actions. As they are explaining, the response given from the other party changes from understanding to disbelief or bewilderment. Knowing that their efforts to try and explain are futile the explanation turns into the phrase “It's Complicated.” A way of saying—“You just don't get it.”

The best response I can come up with when someone tells me “It's Complicated,” is, “Is it?” Once again, how can something be so complicated that it can not be explained? With the seemingly infinite number of words in our vocabulary, how is it that we define things as being so complicated to explain?

Furthermore, why can't we accept the simplest of answers to our problems? Why is it that the simplest solution is often the solution we don't take? We look for the complicated—which is to say we look for more problems. What is so complicated about salvation that men do everything except listen to God's plan? When you start to think about it, it's not complicated it's actually fairly simple.

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- * Why do we make things more complicated than they need to be?
Consider the Flying V Formation
Why is one side longer? - The age old question
- * Can't we just except simplicity?
Naaman expected something extravagant, something complicated
He received something simple and easy—He wasn't willing to accept it
- * What if we want it to be complicated?
Dangerous consequences occur—remember Uzzah!
- * Following God's simplicity keeps us away from danger
Where do we go wrong? Over complication
- * The greatest question ever asked received the greatest answer
“Good Teacher, what shall I do that I may inherit eternal life?”
“...Keep the commandments.”
Yes—it is that simple!
- * What are the commandments
Hear, Believe, Repent, Confess, Baptism
- * It's not complicated....
It's fairly simple

