

## THE BIBLE

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One may wonder why some busy themselves to point out that the Bible cannot be trusted. Why push the issue? So what if the Bible has error, what's the big deal? Isn't it true, that many say things that have no basis for truth? Why not reveal this error also? When these questions are examined very closely, one will find that the Bible is the only book written that truly penetrates the interior of man. And when this happens man naturally fights back. Because the Bible is a book which judges man and points out the sin of the heart. Man by nature does not like this; therefore, he fights with great vigor to bring peace back to his heart, which the Bible took away – but he does this without success – because the words of Scripture are sure.

Scholars in their study of either religious or secular books generally accept what one may call The Law of Ancient Documents. Under this law, whatever one may be studying, it is presumed that a document is genuine until sufficient evidence is brought forth to disprove the document in question. Why has the Bible outlasted its critics? Two reasons: First, because it was given to man by God; and what God does will stand the test of time. Second, because no sufficient evidence has ever been brought forth to destroy its trustworthiness. Therefore, it is my judgment, that when judged by this principle the books of both the Old Testament and New Testament are what they claim to be; and that they should be accepted at face value. Many great minds, such as lawyers, statesmen, presidents, doctors, and scientists have all put great confidence in what we call the Bible. So, I do not think that it is correct to say that the Bible was written for the weak-minded. It is God's Word and, in our study, we will treat it so.

Scholars with wisdom that far outreach my own, declare without doubt, that the Bible can be trusted. It is true that there are some areas in Scripture that we may never know the true meaning. But as I have already stated, because we do not know or fully understand does not mean error is present. We must look at Scripture when it comes to these passages as being inspired also. For example, if on examining the Bible we find that all its statements that we are able to verify are trustworthy, then we have greater confidence to believe that passages which we are unable to verify, are also trustworthy. Our position is that the writing of Scripture can be trusted even when we have no means of verifying them. The absence of proved error speaks volumes for the trustworthiness of the Bible.

Also, I believe that the Bible as we now have it is complete, and that no new books are ever to be added. I believe this because the Bible gives us sufficiently God's plan for all ages. In Genesis we have the beginning and in Revelation we have the consummation of the end and the eternal state.

Moses said, "Ye shall not add unto the word which I command you, neither shall ye diminish ought (anything) from it, that ye may keep the commandments of the LORD your God which I command you" (Deuteronomy 4:2). Jude said, "Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common salvation, it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort you that ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once (once and for all) delivered unto the saints" (Jude 3). John in the book of Revelation said, "For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book: And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book" (Revelation 22:18-19). Scripture is complete. God is not giving men new revelation.

When the Bible speaks it speaks with the authority of God Himself. And, if God said that the Scripture is complete, it is complete. God's Word is true because God is truthful. Scripture says in Titus 1:2 and Hebrews 6:18 that God "cannot lie".

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