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EDITORIAL

Why do People do what they do in the name of Religion ?

I have seen people cut their backs and beat their chests to bloody pulps in the name of religion. I have seen others offer animal sacrifices, go through all kinds of rituals and practices, and worship and reverence the cow, all for the sake of their religion. I have also seen Catholic and Protestant groups oppose each other while allowing the rest of the world to pass by without notice. But why do these people do such things even for religious purposes ? Because that is all that they have ever known. This is what they have been taught. Most of them are honest and sincere and so they do so with the belief that they must do such.

It is not enough to be religious. Many were religious in Jesus, day but they did the things that they did to be seen and heard of men instead of doing it because they were taught to do it. (Matthew 6). Others do what they do because of their ignorance of a better way. (Acts 17). There are also those who follow the teachings of men rather than the teachings of God. (Matthew 7 : 21-23 ; 15 : 9). Some are religious because of material gain. These people are described as hirelings. (John 10:12, 13). It doesn't matter what they are called on to do just so long as they are getting paid for it.

Regardless of how honest and sincere one may be in religion, the fact still remains that there are many things done

in the name of it that are ignorant, ridiculous, wasteful, harmful, and sinful. What one and all must strive for in religion is the truth. There is one truth and it does not contradict itself. Moreover, it is possible to know it and to act on it. (John 17:17 ; 8:32). When this happens then all will be one, living, working, and worshipping together as one. That which results from this will be sensible, logical helpful to man, and with God being honored.

How may we know the truth and have the truth ? We must begin on the premise that there is a creator. This is logical and conclusive from what we see all about us. Then if there is a creator we must realize that he is one and that he alone is God, But if there is a creator, and he is God, then how would he have us to acknowledge him ? Does he have a will ? Has he spoken ? How has he revealed it ? What has he said ? What are we to do about it ? The next logical step would be then for us to seek to know his will. But there are many books that are said to be from God. How may we know which one is his ? Compare them, if you will, and see if they don't settle that problem without too much difficulty ? For instance, which one tells about God, the creation, gives the history of man, tells both the good and bad sides of man, how man can be saved, and what will happen to him after this life ? And on and on we could go with many other questions, but I think one and all would admit that the book that would come out on top would be the Bible itself, the world's best selling book.

Don't listen to man on religion, but investigate for yourself. You have a good mind and you are intelligent. You can also understand, reason, and reach your own conclusions. Study for yourself. Search the scriptures and see what they teach. If you do listen to others, compare what they teach with the teaching of the Bible. If you will do that then you may be able to see whether they are teaching the truth or not.

God is one and the religion of God is one. Likewise he has but one book or but one will. When man begins to accept the truth of its pages then he will cease to do many of the things that he is presently doing and he will begin to do that which is sensible, logical, and right. The truth will make one free. (John 8:32). It will save when obeyed (1 Peter 1:22,23 ; Mark 16:16), and it will give hope of everlasting life to the faithful. (Revelation 2:10).

Remember that you don't have to be blind in your religious beliefs and practices. You don't have to be strange and different. You don't have to do a lot of the things that are done today. In spite of that, you can still be religious, but more important, you can be right in your religion. We ask you to think on these things and check up on it to see if it is not the truth. If you have already accepted it, then help us to take the same truth to others. We want to do only what God wants us to do in religion and only then will we be right.

When we do God's will we will be different from the rest of the world but not in a finatical, senseless, and foolish manner. Rather, we will be different from others by the way we live, by how we worship, and by what we teach. We will live good moral lives, be honest in our dealings with others, and always speak the truth. We will worship God humbly, reverently, and inteligently. It will not be strange and foolish, but it will be simple and logical. Our teaching will always be based on God's word, which is the truth, and it will be possible for all to understand it and follow it with pride and confidence that it is the one and only way to God. (John 14:6). At the same time, there will be no need to be ashamed or to have to offer an apology for anything said or done. The reason for it all will be clear and understandable to every responsible being, and especially to those who have enough interest to investigate these matters for themselves.

ASSOCIATE EDITORIAL

Who Is A Christian ?

Generally it is believed that if a person was born in some religious family he automatically belongs to the same religion of which his parents are followers. But such is not the case with Christianity which is revealed in God's word, the Bible. Many people use the expression, "I am a born Christian" or "I am a Christian by birth". This, infact, is an absolutely wrong expression, and it is not in the harmony of what the Bible teaches. Actually speaking, no one can become a Christian unless he knows what the Bible teaches,

because it is only the Bible which makes Christians. According to the teachings of the Bible, one becomes a Christian when he is old enough to hear and believe the truth, the Word of God (Romans 10:17; John 17:17; Hebrews 11:6); then the individual is required to repent of his sins (Acts 17:30); and to confess his faith in Christ (Matthew 10:32); and finally he must be baptized for the remission of sins, that is going down into water and coming out of it which is also a form of Christ's death, burial and resurrection. (Acts 2:38; Mark 16:16; Romans 6:3-6).

A Christian then is a converted person whose affections, relationship, and destination has been changed. Before becoming a Christian his affections were earthly but now they are heavenly. Now he no longer lays up treasures upon earth but in heaven. He doesn't seek first for the things of this world, but the kingdom of God, and his righteousness. He use to be man-pleaser but now he wants to please God. Christians are also spoken in the Bible often as the children of God, thus their relationship is changed. (1 John 3:10). Keeping this in mind, in speaking to fellow Christians, Apostle Peter said, "That he no longer should live the rest of his time in the flesh to the lusts of men, but to the will of God. For the time past of our life may suffice us to have wrought the will of the Gentiles. when we walked in lasciviousness, lusts, excess of wine, revellings, banquetings, and abominable idolatries." (1 Peter 4:2-3).

In the Bible Christians are often called disciples. A disciple is a learner who faithfully follow the teachings of his teacher. Jesus said, "If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed." (John 8:31), and again in Luke 14:27 he said, "And whosoever doth not bear his cross, and come after me, cannot be my disciple."

The Bible also describes a Christian as a soldier. His warfare is not carnal but spiritual. He has to fight the good fight of faith for which he has volunteered himself. (1 Timothy 6:12). Writing to his Christian brethren. Apostle Paul said, "Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand." (Ephesians 6:11-13).

Like a soldier, a Christian's loins must be girded with the truth, the word of God (John 17:17); he has to put on the breastplate of righteousness which means his heart must be preserved from evil; his feet are to be shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace (Matthew 28:19; Mark 16:15); his shield is his strong faith in the Lord he wears the helmet of salvation; he wields the sword of the Spirit which is the word of God (Ephesians 6:17).

Christians are also described, in the Bible, as saints (1 Corinthians 1:2), which shows they are sanctified people; and as priests (1 Peter 2:5), which means each Christian has privilege to offer up spiritual sacrifices unto God through Jesus Christ.

Some people have been deceived in thinking that all Americans or Europeans are Christians, such is not correct at all. It is also believed that western countries are Christian countries, it is also incorrect. Actually speaking, Christianity has its origin with Asia. This is proved not only by history but the Bible also teaches this fact. It was first preached and received in Asia, and then it went to other countries of the world in accordance to the command of Christ. We read, to his disciples, he said, "Go ye therefore and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost." (Matthew 28:19; Mark 16:15).

Another important fact which deserve our attention is that that even if a child is born in a Christian family, he does not, however, automatically become a Christian simply because he was born in a Christian home. Jesus said, "Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God." (John 3:3). Therefore a person must be born again to become a Christian, and thus to become a citizen of God's kingdom, which is His church. There are some certain laws and requirements contained in the constitution of every

country that one must comply with if he wish to become a citizen of that particular country. One does not become a citizen of some country simply because he resides there. He could be a citizen only if he was born there or he was a naturalized person. So it is with the kingdom of God. One does not become its citizen simply because he calls himself a Christian or he worship in some church on Sundays. But as Christ said, "Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God." (John 3:5). Therefore one must become obedient to God's command if he wish to enter into the kingdom of God, and thus to be a Christian.

Why Do You Open Your Mouth ?

W. C. Anderson

Sometimes one sins when he opens his mouth, James said, "Be not many of you teachers," my brethren, knowing that we shall receive heavier judgment. For in many things we all stumble. If any man stumbleth not in word the same is a perfect man, able to bridle the whole body also." (James 3:1, 2.) There is a grave responsibility resting on all who teach the word of God. It was because of this that James actually was saying, "Stop becoming many teachers." The divine injunction is really saying that people should not be teachers until they are prepared.

I do not want anyone sitting in the captain's seat of a jet airliner who is not prepared to operate it if I am a passenger. If a person is properly prepared to teach he is "perfect," he is a mature, prepared teacher and will not make the mistakes a novice will make.

Jesus was the best teacher ever to walk on this earth.

He was *the* perfect teacher. "And seeing the multitudes, he went up into the mountain : and when he had sat down, his disciples came unto him : and he opened his mouth and taught them." (Matthew 5:1, 2.)

Jesus opened his mouth and taught a better way of life than the one provided by the law of Moses so the New Testament could be filled with better principles and promises. No better rule for a happy life has ever been given than this one : "All things therefore whatsoever ye would that men should do unto you, even so do ye also unto them." (Matthew 7 : 12.) Try treating other people the way you would like to be treated and see how much happier you will be.

Peter taught the same beautiful rule for living a happy life. He said, "He that would love life, and see good days, let him refrain his tongue from evil, and his lips that they speak no guile : and let him turn away from evil, and do good : let him seek peace, and pursue it." (1 Peter 3 : 10, 11.) If we want to love life and see good days, we must be careful when we open our mouths to speak. Sometimes we open letters by mistake. The thing that we open most often by mistake is our mouth.

Jesus opened his mouth and told us who will go to heaven. Hear him : "Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven ; but he that doeth the will of my Father who is in heaven." (Matthew 7 : 21.) One cannot do his own will and go to heaven unless his will is to do God's will. Failure to realize this fact is the reason there are so many different churches in the world.

It is necessary to open the mouth to eat when we are hungry, but it is not necessary to open the mouth every time we would like to speak. Solomon said, "Be not rash with thy mouth, and let not thy heart be hasty to utter anything before God ; for God is in heaven, and thou upon the earth ; therefore let thy words be few." (Ecclesiastes 5 : 2.) We should

be careful about what we eat and what we say. If what we want to say will be good for others to hear, we should open our mouths. Paul wrote, "Let no corrupt speech proceed out of your mouth, but such as is good for edifying as the need may be, that it may give grace to them that hear." (Ephesians 4 : 29.)

It is wise to meditate carefully before we express what we are thinking. If we can see that what we would like to say will not edify, it would be best to keep the mouth closed. David said, "Set a watch, O Jehovah, before my mouth ; keep the door of my lips." (Psalm 141 :3.) David was evidently aware of one of man's most perplexing problems. That problem is knowing when to open the mouth and when to keep it closed. Solomon spoke of this problem, He said, "For everything there is a season, and a time for every purpose under heaven . . . a time to keep silence, and a time to speak." (Ecclesiastes 3 : 1, 7.)

A Christian should not open his mouth to tattle. It was wrong to do so in Old Testament times. Jehovah commanded, "Thou shalt not go up and down as a tale-bearer among thy people." (Leviticus 19:16.) It is wrong to gossip now. Paul said that young widows "learn also to be idle, going about from house to house ; and not only idle, but tattlers also and busy-bodies, speaking things which they ought not." (1 Timothy 5 : 13.)

Instead of wasting time tattling we should imitate Peter who "opened his mouth" and said, "Of a truth I perceive that God is no respecter of persons ; but in every nation he that feareth him, and worketh righteousness, is acceptable to him." (Acts 10:34, 35.) We do not open our mouths too often ; we just open them for the wrong purpose too often. Actually, we do not open our mouths often enough to teach sinners how to be saved.

An evangelist named Philip "opened his mouth, and . . . preached unto him Jesus." (Acts 8 : 35.) Do you ever open your mouth to preach Jesus to anybody ? It may be that more of us fail in this duty than in any other. James said, "To him therefore that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin." (James 4 : 17.)

Is The Bible The Inspired Revelation of God ?

by **Vurel A. Vick**

This is a question that has come to the minds of many. In this day of skepticism and doubt, some refuse to believe that the Bible is the inspired Word of God even before they have given very much serious consideration to it. Thinking men and women will be wise enough to gather evidence before they make the momentous decision to accept or reject it. Herein are presented some evidences that you may want to consider carefully.

First, it may be well for us to define the terms used in the title of this study. By GOD we mean the eternal, supernatural Creator whose existence is evident by the creation itself. By BIBLE we mean the 66 books of the Old and New Testaments which have been generally accepted by many outstanding scholars. By INSPIRED is meant that God moved those who wrote by the Holy Spirit to write His revelation to human beings upon earth (see 2 Peter 1:21). By REVELATION we mean, as someone has said, "the process by which God made known unto man, things beyond humanity's ability to discover." Such things would include the creation, origin of man, right and wrong, need for a Saviour, and the hereafter.

Evidence that the Bible is indeed the inspired Word of God may be classified under two general headings :

I. EXTERNAL EVIDENCE

II. INTERNAL EVIDENCE

Each of these will also have its sub-topics. Under "external evidence" we shall consider archaeology and science as they relate to the Bible. Then under "internal evidence" we shall consider the unity of the Bible, prophecies and their fulfillment, and miracles.

I. EXTERNAL EVIDENCE

Archaeology Testifies For The Authenticity Of The Bible Record

Much evidence has been gathered by archaeologists which substantiates the Bible. Professor E. Navill discovered bricks in Egypt at the site of Pithon which were made with both straw and stubble. The Bible account of the use of stubble instead of straw is found in Exodus 5:12 and relates to the Israelities while they were in bondage in Egypt.

Another example is that of the discovery of the TEL EL AMARNA TABLETS. These clay tablets were found by an Egyptian peasant woman in 1887 at the village by the same name some 200 miles south of Cairo on the east bank of the Nile River. These clay tablets, between two and three hundred of them, were a series of letters written some 3500 years ago. They involved nations such as Egypt, Babylon, Palestine, Syria, Phoenicia, Philistia, etc., and made many references to events described in the Bible...confirming the ancient Bible !

Then there is the MOABITE STONE which was discovered in 1868 by a German missionary. It was in the possession of some Arabs, east of the Dead Sea. After some difficulty this stone was obtained and is now on display in Paris. This stone was cut in 850 BC in the reign of Mesha, King of Moab, and it tells of his being subjected to the Israelities. It mentions that Omri, the captain of their host, was made king that day. The scripture in the Bible which mentions this event is found in 1 Kings 16:16.

The DEAD SEA SCROLLS also confirm the authenticity of the accounts revealed in the Bible. These scrolls were discovered by some Arabs as they threw a stone into a hole in the ground which turned out to be a cave in which were many pieces of pottery. In some of these earthenware were found four scrolls containing the Book of Isaiah and a commentary on Habakkuk written in archaic Hebrew. Later expeditions

brought forth manuscripts of portions of Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Deuteronomy, Judges and some of the books of the Apocrypha. Much evidence and many scholars indicate that these date back to approximately 200 BC (see HOW THE BIBLE CAME TO US, pp. 130-139).

Much more evidence could be cited which has come to light because of the spade, all of which further substantiates the fact that the Bible is inspired of God. Here is just one other case. The Bible very plainly speaks of a Babylonian king by the name of Belshazzar, and it refers to him in the book of Daniel. Yet it had been assumed that a complete list of all the kings of Babylon was in existence, which list did NOT contain any mention of a "Belshazzar"! Archaeology provided the answer and the proof of the Bible. In 1876 Sir Henry Rawlinson discovered more than 2,000 tablets concerning Babylon and these disclosed records of a man named Belshazzar who became king in the absence of his father, Nabonidus.

The Bible Substantiated By Scientific Discoveries

We all recognize the fact that books are the products of their times. Books of mere men will express the knowledge, or lack of knowledge, of the day wherein they were written. This is not always the case in the Divine Book, however. It is true that many things were naturally in the setting of the day in which they were written, but there are scientific statements made which were far removed from that day and age. These facts mentioned in the Bible were not scientifically discovered until much later, in many cases.

For instance, how did Solomon know so long ago and in his limited world of communication and transportation, that "all the rivers run into the sea ; yet the sea is not full ; unto the place from whence the rivers come thither they return again" (Ecclesiastes 1:7) ? The answer to this question is found in 2 Peter 1:21.

Then take Genesis 1:10 where it is said that the waters are gathered together and called "seas". Now, it is known that the oceans consist of one body of water. While we are considering the sea, we should make mention of Matthew Maury, the founder of oceanography. While he was sick, his son read to him from the Bible where in Psalms 8:8 it says, "The fowl of the air, and the fish of the sea, and whatsoever passeth through the paths of the sea." Maury pondered this scripture and then exclaimed, "If the Word of God says there are paths in the sea, they must be there. I will find them!" And he did. Ocean liners and ships use them until this day.

Astronomy now reveals that there is a vast empty place in the north. We are told that there are no revolving planets or twinkling stars in the north. Job said in the far-removed centuries before Christ, "He stretcheth out the north over the empty place and hangeth the earth upon nothing" (Job 26:7). How did Job know this? Who informed him that the earth hangs upon nothing? Men long after his time clung to what they considered to be "scientific fact", namely that the earth was flat. Some foolishly thought of it as being held by an atlas or an elephant which was in turn standing upon a giant turtle!

Not only did God reveal through Job that the earth hangs upon nothing, but He also revealed through Isaiah that the earth was round (Isaiah 40:22): "It is He that sitteth on the circle of the earth." Pseudo-scientists in the past contradicted the Bible and thought of the earth as being flat, but all have now acknowledged the truthfulness of God's Word in this matter. It was revealed in the Bible long before, but men though ever learning, had never come to a knowledge of the truth. It might be noted also that Job 38:14 indicates that the earth rotates or "turns", a fact which man learned by natural science much later.

There is also a thought in Hebrews 11:3 which may very well indicate that the atom is the basis for God's creation. In this passage we read: "Through faith we understand that the world were framed by the Word of God, so that the things which are-seen were not made of things which do appear." Science has revealed much about the unseen basis of all matter, but the Bible spoke of it long before.

There are different kinds of flesh such as the flesh of man, of beasts, of fish and of fowl. Men have discovered this recently, but the apostle Paul, inspired of God, wrote this very

thing before the end of the first century AD in 1 Corinthians 15:39.

We understand that Parke-Davis Laboratories have produced a reagent "Anti-human Preclpitin" whereby it may be determined whether blood is human or animal. Paul revealed that God had made of one blood all nations (Acts 17:26). Thus, there is no difference between the blood of human beings regardless of racial differences, but there is a definite difference between blood of animals and blood of human beings. Again it may be noted that God revealed in the long ago what man has discovered through science much later and that is that the life is in the blood (Genesis 9:4).

There was a time when scientists hailed Mr. Darwin as one who had refuted the Bible with his theory of evolution. However, now many have changed their views about this and the speculations of their former champion have been refuted ! And on goes the discovery of new things in science, many times refuting that which scientists previously believed to be truth. Whenever TRUE SCIENTIFIC FACTS are known about which the Bible has spoken, science substantiates the Book. The most logical explanation of the creation is still : "In the beginning God created...And God said, Let there be... and it was so." As for evolution, it is still an unproven theory (or guess) which science cannot prove. It starts with something, which they cannot explain, and deals with a process which they TRY to explain, and it ends with a product which chance could not possibly produce.

II. INTERNAL EVIDENCE

We believe it is unreasonable to condemn the Bible without giving it a fair investigation. Many reject it without ever reading it, much less studying it. If the Bible cannot vindicate itself to some extent, if it is given a fair and impartial chance, then it is not worthy and it should be discarded as a fraud.

We do know that anyone should have the right to testify on his own behalf ; should not a book have the same right ?

The Unity Of The Bible Vindicates Its Divinity

The Bible was written over a period of about 1600 years by about 40 writers. These men came from different backgrounds, some being learned men and others being poor humble men and many of them never knew anything about some of the other writers. Yet the Bible holds together without any contradictions. It has one theme : the creation, the fall, and the redemption of mankind. It shows so very clearly God working in His providence through both good and bad to accomplish His purpose through Christ Jesus, His divine Son, who tasted of man's infirmities and died for his redemption. The Old Testament is so wonderfully woven into the New that the prophecies and types of the Old are fulfilled in the New.

The Fulfillment of Prophecy Shows the Bible to be Divine.

Many of the prophecies and their fulfillment revolve around Jesus. He said in Luke 24:44, "These are words which I spake unto you, while I was yet with you, that all things must be fulfilled which were written in the law of Moses, and in the prophets, and in the Psalms concerning me."

Moses said in Deuteronomy 18:18 that God would raise up a prophet like unto him and all who would not hear Him should be cut off from the people. Peter quotes this in Acts 3:22-23 in the New Testament and applies it as being fulfilled in Christ Jesus.

The prophets also wrote of the birth of Jesus. Isaiah, who wrote at least 700 BC and probably much earlier, foretold of Jesus in chapter seven, verse fourteen : "Therefore the Lord Himself shall give you a sign, Behold a virgin shall conceive and bear a son and shall call His name Emmanuel." This is

stated as fulfilled in Matthew 1:23 and Luke 1:31. In Isaiah 9:6 we find a similar passage which is also fulfilled in the New Testament. Then in Isaiah 53, a prophecy dealing with the suffering of Christ is set forth. Critics find this passage most difficult to ignore. The 53rd chapter, verses 4, 5, and 7 are so vivid in setting forth the suffering of Christ, that it is difficult for anyone not to see their fulfillment in Christ as stated in Matthew 27:57-60. Hupfeld, a pronounced rationalist, acknowledges this difficulty.

There are some prophecies in Psalms 22 that we want to consider also. In the first verse we read, "My God, My God, why hast thou forsaken me?" This is quoted by the Lord Jesus Himself while on the cross (Matthew 27:46). Psalms 22:16 also sets forth a striking fact: "They pierced my hands and my feet." This they literally did when they crucified the Lord. Then in Psalms 22:18: "They part my garments among them, and cast lots upon my vesture." This they did as stated in Matthew 27:35 and in John 19:23-24 in the scene around the cross of Jesus. These are only a few of the many prophecies which show the inspiration of the Bible.

Miracles also Show the Divinity of the Bible.

It is most difficult to deny that God through His Son and other chosen men performed miracles in the first century. There was a reason for these miracles. God, by these miracles, which were performed before many intelligent men and women, confirmed the words spoken by His Son and other inspired men. Jesus came to redeem man, to establish His church, and to set forth His divine instruction for the Christian age, which would be revealed by the Holy Spirit through inspired men. Jesus, in anticipation of His ascension to heaven, told His apostles that He would send the Holy Spirit unto them (John 16). He further stated that the Holy Spirit would guide them into all truth (John 16:13). The Holy Spirit did come unto them as promised. This is shown in Acts chapter two. The

Holy Spirit enabled them to speak as He gave them utterance, and God verified their words with signs and wonders and miracles which He enabled them to perform. The scripture say that God worked with them, confirming the word with signs following (Mark 16:20). Also we read in Hebrews 2:2-4 which first refers to the law of Moses and then to the teachings of Christ: "Therefore we ought to give the more earnest heed to the things which we have heard, lest at any time we should let them slip; For if the word spoken by angels was steadfast, and every transgression and disobedience received a just recompense of reward, how shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation; which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed unto us by them that heard Him; God also bearing them witness both with signs and wonders, and with divers miracles, and gifts of the Holy Ghost, according to his own will." In this way through inspired men is revealed God's will to man for this age, that he may be pleasing unto his Creator and be blessed of Him here and hereafter (2 Timothy 3:16-17; Jude 3; 2 Peter 1:3; Revelation 22:18-19).

Other Reasons why you should Believe the Bible is God's Word :

1. The Bible has stood the test of time. Books of men become out-dated, but not the Bible. It is eternal in nature (Matthew 24:25). It's scope is all nations (Matthew 28:18-20). It's message is salvation (Mark 16:15-16),

2. It has withstood the attacks of it's enemies and even flourished in the face of persecution.

3. The Bible is not a mean, harmful book that needs to be avoided or refuted. It does good, not harm, wherever it goes. Look at the civilizations with and without it.

4. The Bible shows the way of escape from eternal punishment, fears, guilt, and mind-destroying problems.

5. The Bible gives hope, joy, peace, comfort, guidance, instruction and warnings.

6. The Bible shows the way of the abundant life here and eternal bliss in the world to come.

7. We are to be judged by the Bible (Revelation 20:11-12; John 12:48).

The choice is yours, but the BIBLE IS SEEN EVIDENTLY TO BE THE INSPIRED REVELATION OF GOD TO MAN.

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