



## IS THE BIBLE TRULY THE WORD OF GOD?

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There are “**many infallible proofs**” that the Bible is true and that it is indeed the Word of God. Now, we know that men are not saved by proving the Bible, but nonetheless this sort of thing can be helpful to the person who is sincerely seeking the truth and also be an encouragement to God’s people. Fulfilled prophecy is one of the strongest evidences that the Bible is true. There are literally hundreds (if not thousands) of fulfilled prophecies. Consider Sennacherib’s invasion of Israel. “According to a cuneiform inscription he says, ‘I laid waste the large district of Judah and made the overbearing and proud Hezekiah, bow in submission....I laid siege to 46 of his strong cities...and conquered them.’” (*TBC Today* 7/18/05). God had long predicted Assyria’s invasion: Isaiah 7,8,10, etc.; II Kings 18; II Chron. 32; etc. A century ago, it was common for the liberals and scoffers to point out that King Sargon of Assyria, mentioned in Isaiah 20:1, could not be found in any records of the Assyrians therefore, he did not exist. Then, some archaeologists discovered clay tablets with his name on them. Of course, the unbelievers never apologized; they just went on looking for other evidences of errors in the Bible. Some amazing prophecies which cannot be denied are found in Daniel. In chapters 2 and 7 we have predicted four kingdoms that will rule the world in succession. They were named hundreds of years in advance: Babylon, Medo-Persia, Greece, and Rome. The fourth is unnamed (probably because it did not exist as a nation when Daniel prophesied), but it is clearly distinguished by the description given in Daniel 2 and other passages such as Revelation 17. History confirms Daniel’s prophecies. I have a book on the prophets by a liberal seminary teacher (now deceased). In order to discredit these prophecies, he, and many others, claimed that Daniel did not write the Book of Daniel (about 600 BC) but some unknown author using Daniel’s name wrote it about 150 AD. They simply cannot believe a man could know such things beforehand. But all the ancient Jewish scholars believed Daniel wrote the book. Furthermore, the book of Daniel was in the Septuagint (a Greek version of the Hebrew O.T.) which was done around 250 BC., about 100 years before the “scholars” false late date. We could go on and on but there is little need. People believe what they want to. You know, don’t confuse me with the facts, my mind is made up.

The Bible says, “**For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: But holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.**” ~II Peter 1:21. The word “prophecy” means declaration or proclamation whether predictive or not. The writers of the Bible were “**moved**” (*carried along*) by the Holy Ghost so as to write down what God said. They were not given God’s thoughts and left to choose their own words! That is sheer nonsense! The Bible is the Word of God or it is not. There is abundant proof in the Word itself to show that it could not be of man but must be supernatural - “**God breathed.**” The Gospel itself is unique and clearly not of any human mind, for no religion founded by a man ever taught that salvation was totally by grace without works, man’s own efforts. “**For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: not of works, lest any man should boast.**” ~Ephesians 2:8,9. When speaking of the miracles which Jesus did, the apostle John wrote: “**But these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name.**” ~John 20:31. Scripture says, “**Let God be true, but every man a liar!**” ~Romans 3:4. Amen!

# FAMILY BIBLE CONFERENCE

**JULY 13 – 18, 2014**

**Sunday: 9:30, 10:45 & 6:00**

**Mon.-Fri: 10:00, 11:00, 7:00**

*Refreshments under the tent - 10:45*

**THEME:**

**“IT IS TIME TO SEEK  
THE LORD”**

**SEVERAL SPEAKERS \* SPECIAL MUSIC**

**FELLOWSHIP TIME \* REFRESHMENTS**

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**JESUS SAID, “FEED MY SHEEP!”** I once heard a man attempt to pour ridicule on the custom of Pastoral preaching. He didn’t believe much in going to church every week to hear the Word of God preached. He thought it quite unnecessary. When a man is converted, he should go out and win souls, not go to church to hear preaching. To prove his point he reasoned a farmer candles his eggs once, not every week. As soon as the eggs are candled, they are straightway they are crated and shipped off to the market, not taken out and candled again. No more preaching to eggs that are already candled! The very thought of the farmer candling the eggs every week is just too much. Where have I been all of my life not to have thought of this before? But there was one very serious defect in his argument. Christ did not say to Peter, “Candle my eggs.” He said, “Feed my sheep.” Christians are not eggs to be candled but sheep that need to be fed. Feeding sheep is not something to be gotten over once for all. It is a loving act to be repeated at regular intervals as long as the sheep live. Peter understood that and wrote that the elders were to “feed the flock of God which is among you.” There is not one word in Scripture about candling eggs! -A. W. Tozer

## **THE KIND OF CHURCH MEMBERS WE NEED.**

Rowland Hill hired a horse and buggy to take his wife for a ride. He told the livery man: “My wife deserves the best. I want your best horse.” As the man trotted out the horse, he tried to sell it to Pastor Hill. He said, “This horse is well nigh perfect. He will obey every order; he is willing, gentle, ready, never balks, anticipates your wishes and would die to please you.” Dr. Hill said, “I’m sorry, I cannot buy your horse, but do you suppose I could get him to join my Church? That’s just the kind of members I’m looking for.” Indeed, there are some good qualities for God’s people there. What kind of a Church member are you?

## **DEFINITION OF FAITH.**

The best definition of faith that I know is this; “Faith is taking God at His Word.” In Hebrews 11:1-3 we read: “**Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. For by it the elders obtained a good report. Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of the things which do appear.**” Now, it is not “blind faith” for true Bible faith is not blind; it sees what others cannot see. Indeed, the Bible says unbelievers are blind; they are dead to the things of God. “**But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.**” ~*1 Corinthians 2:14.* The evolutionist has “blind faith” for what he “sees” doesn’t really exist. Because he does not want to believe God, he believes what he wants to believe. One thing is apparent; there is no contradiction in what the Bible says about creation or anything else. There are many contradictions in the theory of evolution. By-the-way, don’t ever forget it; evolution is only a theory; not a fact though many speak as though it is. The Scriptures declare: “**By the word of the Lord were the heavens made...**” ~*Psalms 33:6.* You can believe man’s speculation or God’s Revelation! It is all a matter of who or what you want to believe. Personally, I believe God! “**But without faith it is impossible to please Him; for he that cometh unto God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him.**” ~*Hebrews 11:6*

## **TRUTH ABOUT BIBLE VERSIONS**

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## NEWS YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT

**MORE US PRESSURE ON ISRAEL.** US Secretary of State John Kerry told a group of senior international officials that Israel risks becoming an “apartheid” state if it does not make peace soon, a US news website reported. Kerry made the controversial remarks at a closed-door meeting of the influential Trilateral Commission on Friday, The Daily Beast news website reported Sunday. The Daily Beast said a source at the gathering provided them with a recording of Kerry’s remarks. “A two-state solution will be clearly underscored as the only real alternative. Because a unitary state winds up either being an apartheid state with second class citizens -- or it ends up being a state that destroys the capacity of Israel to be a Jewish state,” Kerry said, according to The Daily Beast. “Once you put that frame in your mind, that reality, which is the bottom line, you understand how imperative it is to get to the two state solution, which both leaders, even (Thursday), said they remain deeply committed to,” he reportedly said. The online publication said that US, Western European, Russian, and Japanese senior officials and experts were at the event. The term “apartheid” is a reference to South Africa’s 1948-1994 oppressive and racially segregated social system. While both Kerry and President Barack Obama have refrained from using the term when speaking of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, former president Jimmy Carter (1977-1981) titled a 2006 book that he wrote on the subject “Palestine: Peace Not Apartheid.” Kerry also insisted that the peace process was not dead. Read Latest Breaking News from Newsmax.com –*NewsMax* (4/28/14) Ed. In case you didn’t know, the Trilateral Commission is an International organization aimed at producing a one-world government.

**MARIJUANA USE LEADS TO SHARP RISE IN DRUGGED DRIVING FATALITIES.** Excerpted from “Marijuana Led,” *Science 2.0*, Jan. 30, 2014: “The prevalence of non-alcohol drugs detected in fatally injured drivers in the U.S. has been steadily rising and tripled from 1999 to 2010. Marijuana is the most commonly detected non-alcohol drug involved. Toxicological testing data from six U.S. states that routinely performed toxicological testing on drivers involved in fatal car crashes (California, Hawaii, Illinois, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, and West Virginia) for the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration’s Fatality Analysis Reporting System shows that of 23,591 drivers who died within one hour of a crash, 39.7% tested positive for alcohol, which has remained steady. Other drugs were involved 24.8% of the time with marijuana

showing sharp increases, from 4.2% to 12.2, which corresponds with increased usage of ‘medical’ marijuana. ... Joanna Brady, author of the study, said, ‘The marked increase in its prevalence as reported in the present study is likely germane to the growing decriminalization of marijuana.’ Over the last 17 years, 20 states and Washington, D.C. have enacted legislation, and four more states have legislation pending, to decriminalize marijuana for medical use. ‘Although each of these states has laws that prohibit driving under the influence of marijuana, it is still conceivable that its decriminalization may result in increases in crashes involving marijuana.’” –FBIS (5/2/14). Ed. I don’t think it will be long till marijuana will be legal in all states. “Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil.”

**U.S. SUPREME COURT RULES IN FAVOR OF PRAYER AT PUBLIC GATHERINGS.** In what should have been a unanimous decision, a slim majority of Supreme Court justices (5-4) ruled that a town’s practice of starting legislative sessions with prayer does not violate the First Amendment, and those prayers can even include the name of Jesus Christ. This is a welcome push-back against secular activists who have sought to forbid prayers mentioning Christ and who desire freedom from being “offended.” Writing for the majority, Anthony Kennedy observed that the U.S. Congress appointed chaplains just days after approving the First Amendment, so it is obvious that the Establishment Clause does not forbid such a thing. He wrote, “An insistence on nonsectarian or ecumenical prayer as a single, fixed standard is not consistent with the tradition of legislative prayer outlined in the Court’s case. –FBIS (5/10.14)

**DAWKINS A SECULAR CHRISTIAN.** Speaking at a literature festival in Wales, British atheist professor Richard Dawkins admitted that while he surely doesn’t believe in the supernatural elements of Christianity, he wouldn’t mind being called “a secular Christian.”---“I would describe myself as a secular Christian in the same sense as secular Jews have a feeling for nostalgia and ceremonies,” Dawkins said at Britain’s Hay Festival, according to The Telegraph... Dawkins was speaking while presenting the first volume of his memoirs, *An Appetite For Wonder*. “But I am a secular Christian, if you want to call me that,” Dawkins repeated. Ed. This man doesn’t have a clue! Basically, he is saying that he is an atheistic Christian. “**The fool hath said in his heart, There is no God...**” ~*Psalms 14:1 & 53:1*



## WHAT DO YOU KNOW?

In John 9 you have a man born blind whom Jesus healed. The Scribes and Pharisees, the enemies of Christ, said: (1) "**We know that this man (Jesus) is a sinner.**" (2) "**We know that God spake unto Moses:**" (3) "**As for this fellow, we know not whence he is.**" Like many people, some of the things they know, just aren't so! I meet this kind of person from time to time; they know the Bible is full of errors, that doing the best you can is all that is required to be saved, etc. The thing that was most important, they didn't know - they said they didn't know where Jesus came from. They were well educated and very religious, but were ignorant of the Person of Christ and ignorant of salvation. The poor blind man, while he could not explain exactly how his sight came, said: "**ONE THING I KNOW, that whereas I was blind, now I see.**" He knew the one thing that was really worth knowing - he could now see. Not only could he see physically, but he could also see spiritually. When Jesus revealed who He was to him, the man said: "**Lord I believe. And he worshipped Him.**" Multitudes today are like the Scribes and Pharisees, most of what they *know* is simply not so, and what they do not know damns their souls. What about you? Do you know that Jesus Christ is the Son of God and that He came into this world to die on the cross for your sins? Do you know your sins are forgiven? You can! "**These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God THAT YE MAY KNOW that ye have eternal life...**" Now that's something really worth knowing!

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## WHAT IS A CHRISTIAN?

One of the great puzzles and enigmas to unbelieving scientists is Francis Bacon, who was one of the greatest scientists, and a true believer in the Lord Jesus Christ. In his essays on Different Characters of the Christian he wrote: "A Christian is one that believes things his reason cannot comprehend, and hopes for things which neither he nor any other man ever saw. He believes Three to be One and One to be Three; a Father not to be older than His Son, and the Son to be equal to the Father. He believes himself to be precious in God's sight and yet loathes himself in his own (sight). He dares not to justify himself even in those things wherein he can find no fault with himself, and yet believes that God accepts him in those services wherein he is able to find many faults. He feels so ashamed that he dares not open his mouth before the Lord, yet with boldness comes to God, and asks Him for anything he needs. He hath within him both flesh and spirit, and yet he is not a double minded man; he is often led captive by the law of sin, yet it never gets dominion over him. He cannot sin, yet he can do nothing without sin. He is so humble as to acknowledge himself to deserve nothing but evil, and yet he believes that God means him all good." Where can you find all of this but in the Bible, the Word of God? To the unbeliever, this is but a jumble of words and illogical thoughts. But, we are reminded: "**But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.**" ~1 Corinthians 2:14.