

“Is The Bible True?”

“Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth.” John 17:17

THE NATURE OF TRUTH

What it is: It is conformity to what is _____ or _____.

It is _____ and it is _____.

What it is not: It is never _____ or _____

THE BIBLE

- The source of inspiration is revelation, God’s thoughts put into words. 1 Cor. 2:10, 13.
- The product of inspiration is scripture, God’s words put unto paper. 2 Timothy 3:16.
- The scripture or “writings” are inspired, God breathed the very words which He put into writing through the pen of human authors. 2 Peter 1:20, 21.
- The word “Bible” is from the Greek word *Biblia* meaning *The Book*. God wrote a book! (Exodus 17:14; Numbers 5:23; Deuteronomy 17:18; Isaiah 30:8; Jeremiah 30:2, 36:2; Revelation 1:11)
- The Bible is a library of 66 books, penned by about 40 human authors, on 3 continents, in three languages, over a 1500 year period. Its contents manifest one Master Author.
- The Bible has one central figure, the Lord Jesus Christ and one central theme, the redemption of Humanity.
- The advantages of a written text book include;
 - ✓ Objective.
 - ✓ A standard to check against.
 - ✓ Preserves the original.
 - ✓ Is Independent of the speaker and writer.
 - ✓ Is mobile.

IS THE BIBLE FALSIFIABLE?

A common objection is that one cannot prove the Bible to be true by appealing to the Bible. The evidence must be based upon and derived from external sources. In other words, the Bible is not allowed to testify on its own behalf.

What is the basis for such reasoning?

Even scientific investigation (falsifiability) is predicated upon the certainty that one can prove or disprove the nature of an object by analysis. How do you prove gold is gold, salt is salt, etc...

We can therefore test the Bible by analyzing if it possesses the “properties of truthfulness.”

EVIDENCE CONSIDERED

1. Availability. 1 Timothy 2:4; Col. 1:6.
2. Indestructibility. Matthew 24:35; Psalms 12:6, 7.
3. Prophecy.
4. History.

Dr. W. F. Albright (Institute of Archeological Research) states that the Bible record of history "excels all others." There is nothing like it. There is nothing which compares.

5. Archaeology.

Dr. Nelson Glueck, probably the greatest modern authority on Israeli archeology, has said:

"No archeological discovery has ever controverted a Biblical reference. Scores of archeological findings have been made which confirm in clear outline or in exact detail historical statements in the Bible. And, by the same token, proper evaluation of Biblical descriptions has often led to amazing discoveries."

6. Science.
 - a. Circular Earth. Isaiah 40:22.
 - b. Water cycle. Ecclesiastes 1:6, 7.
 - c. Running water. Leviticus 15:13.
 - d. Rotation of the Earth. Job 38:14.
 - e. Springs of the Sea. Job 38:16.
 - f. Parting of light. Job 38:24.
 - g. Universe. Isaiah 40:22
 - h. Gravity. Job 26:7.
7. Eyewitness Accounts.
8. Spiritual Impact.

SO-CALLED ERRORS & CONTRADICTIONS

1. The Principle of Faith...Heb 11:1-3,6; John 4:24
 - a. Bible is not "literature." It is a spiritually living book. Heb 4:12, 13.
2. The Principle of Study. 2 Corinthians 4:2; 2 Timothy 2:15.

BIBLE TRANSLATIONS