GOD'S WORD, Our Foundation

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MY DECLARATION OF THE BIBLE AS GOD'S HOLY WORD

This is my Bible! It came from the Breath of God! It is His Holy Word spoken to me! It is the wisdom of God revealed to me! I reign in life by its kingdom revelations! I am everything it says I am! I can do everything it says I can do! It is a guide to my life! It lights up the pathway I walk! It is absolute Truth! It brings Life!



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THREE KEY BIBLICAL WORLD VIEW QUESTIONS

1. Do absolute moral truths exist?

- a. Absolute moral truths are ethical truths that apply in all times and places, across all contexts and all people.
- b. Absolute truths are not dependent upon our beliefs.
- c. Beliefs may vary...truth does not.
- d. Beliefs are based on what we accept as true.
- e. Creation demands there must be a source of truth for its design.

2. Is absolute truth defined by the Bible?

- a. God Created the earth with His Word. Gen 1
- b. Creation declares the truth of God and His Word: Psalm 119:1-11
- c. John 17:17 "Your Word is truth..."
- d. Psalm 119:89..."word of God stands firm in the heavens"

THREE KEY BIBLICAL WORLD VIEW QUESTIONS

3. Is the Bible God's Revelation of all truth to man?

- a. Jesus confirmed the truth of Scripture
 - i. Jn 10:35... "the Scriptures cannot be altered";
 - ii. Mt. 4:4, 6, 7, 10... "the Scriptures say...";
 - iii. Mk 4:12..."That the Scriptures might be fulfilled...:

HOW DO WE 'PROVE' THE BIBLE TO BE TRUE?

THE EVIDENCE OF SCRIPTURE

THE TRUTH OF GOD'S WORD External Evidence

- 1. Bible was written over a span of 1500 years
 - a. Earliest written during exodus out of Egypt
- 2. Bible written by 40 different authors
 - a. Kings, herdsmen, soldiers, legislators, fishermen, statesmen, courtiers, priests and prophets, a tentmaking rabbi and a Gentile physician, and others we know nothing about
- 3. Bible was written on 3 different continents
 - a. Asia, Europe and Africa
- 4. Different Literary forms and 3 different languages
 - a. Long and short narratives, poetry and song, genealogies and historical accounts, biography, letters and apocalyptic writing
 - b. Hebrew, Aramaic, Greek

THE TRUTH OF GOD'S WORD Internal Evidence: Peter Stoner "Science Speaks"

The probability of Jesus fulfilling just 8 prophecies of the 332 predictions found in Scripture about Him

1 in 100,000,000,000,000,000 Or 1 x 10¹⁷

If we take 10¹⁷ silver dollars and lay them on the face of Texas. They will cover all of the state two feet deep. Now mark one of these silver dollars and stir the whole mass thoroughly, all over the state. Blindfold a man and tell him that he can travel as far as he wishes, but he must pick up one silver dollar and say that this is the right one. What chance would he have of getting the right one? Just the same chance that the prophets would have had of writing these eight prophecies and having them all come true in any one man.

THE PRINCIPLE OF THE WORD OF GOD

Deuteronomy 32:46–47 (NLT)

46 ...he added: "Take to heart all the words of warning I have given you today. Pass them on as a command to your children so they will obey every word of these instructions. 47 These instructions are not empty words—they are your life! By obeying them you will enjoy a long life in the land you will occupy when you cross the Jordan River."

- "take to heart": to fix conclusively or authoritatively
- "empty words": vain, idle, fantasies, holding or containing nothing, "trifle"

... "words are your life"

THE PURPOSE OF THE WORD OF GOD

2 Timothy 3:16 (ESV)

All Scripture is *breathed out (inspired)* by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness,

• Inspired: breathed out by the Spirit of God

Benefit of the Word of God

- 1. Teaching: education in doctrine
- 2. Reproof: prove or test; conviction of sin
- 3. Correction: correcting a mistake; setting back in place; correct an error
- 4. Training: instruction upbringing n. the whole education and instruction of a disciple (both the cultivation of mind and morals); understood as the rearing and education of children.

THE POWER OF THE WORD OF GOD

Hebrews 4:12 (TPT)

For we have the living Word of God, which is full of energy, and it pierces more sharply than a two-edged sword. It will even penetrate to the very core of our being where soul and spirit, bone and marrow meet! It interprets and reveals the true thoughts and secret motives of our hearts.

The Word Is...

- Full of energy...
- Pierces sharply...
- Penetrates to core of our soul and spirit...
- Interprets...
- Reveals true thoughts and secret motives of the heart.

OUR ANSWER TO THE GREAT DILEMMA... A BIBILICAL WORLDVIEW!

- The dilemma we have in our nation is not one of political party, race, education or culture. The dilemma is the answer to the question, "do we believe the Word of God"?
- We do not have an abortion issue; a homosexuality issue; an immorality issue; a pandemic issue. What we have is a sin issue where we have not come into agreement with the Word of God, which is sin. To sin is to be out of harmony with God's will, as revealed by His Word.
- Every problem in our nation can be resolved by affirming the Word of God as truth and applying it as a reality.
- The Word of God brings healing, prosperity, peace and wholeness. It is revealed in the person of Jesus because He is the Word of God. (Jn 1:1)