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SECTION ONE

What Does the Bible Say About the Existence Of a Creator?

I

It begins by assuming God's existence without presenting any "proofs" one way or another. (*Read Genesis 1:1.*) Then, in both the Old and New Testaments, the writers and speakers all give credit to a Living, Personal God for having made the earth and everything in it, including MAN. (*Read Isaiah 40:26; 42:5,8; 43:7-15; 44:6-8; 45:5, 7,12,21; and 48:3-11.*) In the passages, God speaks in the "first person singular"; that is, He Himself claims to have said what you just read. Those words are not what Isaiah said ABOUT God; they are what *God said about HIMSELF*. No religious book on earth (including all of the Moslem, Hindu, and Buddhist writings) claims to quote the Creator speaking about HIMSELF, AS THE CREATOR.

Note that "God" is recognized as the Creator throughout the New Testament (*Read John 1:3,10, Acts 14:15-17; 17:23-29.*) God claims to FILL the heavens and earth which He made. (*Read Acts 7:49 and Jeremiah 23:24.*) This means that the God of the Bible is present everywhere at the same time. (*Read Psalm 139:1-12.*) If this is so, no human being can escape His notice (*read Ecclesiastes 12:14*), and every human being will have to deal with Him at some time (*read Revelation. 20:11-15*). God is ALMIGHTY. (*Read Deuteronomy 32:39-40.*) He will do what He desires to do. (*Read Isaiah 48:3-13; 51:6; 55:1-9.*)

II

The thing that men resent about the Bible is that "it knows all about them and tells it." (*Read Romans 1 and Psalm 14.*) No other Book is so valuable, or so dangerous. There are nine countries in the world that forbid Bibles to be brought into them, yet none of them have a "ban" on nuclear bombs. No country forbids the *Koran*, the *Sutras*, or *Vedas*, or the writings of Marx or Mao Tse-tung, to be sold in it. The only Book that men consider to be a THREAT to their religions and their beliefs is the Holy Bible. While it is the world's most feared and hated Book, it is, at the same time, the most loved and valuable Book. Men have paid as much as \$5,390,000 for a copy of a Bible (a German Bible printed in 1455). Nothing written by Mohammed, Joseph Smith, Karl Marx, or Mao Tse-tung would bring one-fiftieth of that price; there is no real demand for any book on earth today but the Bible. (*Read Psalm 119:9, 11, 89, 105, 127, 130, 140, 162.*)

III

The question comes up "Is the Bible true?" Is it really the "word of God?" Can I find the "WORDS" of God in it? How can I be sure it is telling me the truth, especially when it deliberately brands other religious leaders as LIARS (*see Revelation 2:2*), and false

prophets (*read Jeremiah 23 and Ezekiel 14*), and calls their religions LIES (*read Matthew 23 and Titus 1:12–16*), and WORTHLESS (*read Galatians 1:4–9 and 2 Corinthians 11:13–15*).

Notice two things carefully: One, Jesus Christ said God's words were TRUTH (*John 17:17*), and that ANY MAN could find out if this was so or not. Two, God Himself challenges any reader of the Bible to put the Book to the test. (*Read Isaiah 40:15, 17, 25–26; 41:21–24; 45:11, 21.*)

In the Bible, when Satan shows up, the very first thing he does is question WHAT GOD SAID (*see Genesis 3:1*). Men have been doing just THAT since the first line of Genesis was penned by Moses (1500 B.C.). Your fate, and the destiny of every human being on this earth, depends upon finding out what is TRUE and what is NOT TRUE. This means you must eventually deal with a BOOK THAT PROFESSES TO BE WHAT GOD SAID, whether you believe it or not.

IV

The Bible presents a problem to the whole human race which they cannot handle. (*Read Proverbs 8:8–9 and Isaiah 29:10–14.*) God has placed a BOOK in their midst which CONDEMNS THEM. (*Read Romans 3 and Isaiah 24.*) This explains four thousand years of attacks against the Bible by EVERY RELIGIOUS GROUP ON THE FACE OF THIS EARTH, AT ONE TIME OR ANOTHER. (*Read Mark 7:7–14.*)

The Book says that God exists and that He lives “forever” (*Deuteronomy 32:40*): further, that He had no beginning (*read Exodus 3:14 and Revelation 22:13*). According to this Book, man is accountable to His Creator and will be judged, after death, by His Creator. (*Read Hebrews 9:27 and Philippians 2:10–11.*) This is what sinners cannot stand. They feel they must get rid of the Book. In every country in the world, the best educated people (and often the most religious people) have tried to get rid of the Bible. Sometimes they simply ignore it, while at other times, they deliberately attack it. Sometimes they simply go to the Greek language or the Hebrew language to change what they don't like in it, or what they don't understand; at other times, they literally burn the Bibles and (often) the people who read them. In America, no school child is allowed to read a Bible in a classroom.

V

Sinful men hate the Book (*read John 8:43–47 and Jeremiah 36*). Good men love it. Why is that?

The Book says that every man will have to give an account for his life, AFTER he is dead; that is, he will experience a literal, PHYSICAL resurrection. (*Read 1 Corinthians 15 and Revelation 20.*) This puts EDUCATED SINNERS and RELIGIOUS SINNERS into an emotional panic. Their response to this great truth is the invention of a dozen “faiths” or “religions” to get around facing the truth. We will look at these systems briefly.

SECTION TWO

Man's Attempts to Get Around the Revelation Found in the Holy Bible

I

Infidelity: This simply means he throws the Book out without reading it, and claims that if there is a God you can find Him in “nature.” The Bible is rejected as a pack of lies, myths, and “legends.” Infidels come in four classes: sinners who love money and want recognition from the world; sinners who are living a filthy life and love immorality; sinners who lack information, and will not search the Scriptures to see if they are so or not; sinners who have been brainwashed by Darwin’s theory of evolution into thinking that man came from animals, and therefore, has no immortal soul. (*Read Romans 1:22; 1 Corinthians 1:18–30, 2:1–14, 3:16–21.*)

Some infidels claim to be “honest doubters,” but if they will not TRY THE BOOK OUT (*see John 7:17*), they are nothing but DISHONEST SKEPTICS. An honest man will act according to John 3:21; a dishonest man according to John 3:20. John 7:17 does away with all guesswork; so does John 20:31.

Most infidels lack common sense, for common sense would tell any man that no man could have written the Bible. Good men couldn’t have written it for it professes to be what God said. (*Read Exodus 20 and Isaiah 55.*) If God did NOT say those words then the writer was not a “good man”; he was a LIAR. Bad men could not have written the Book for bad men justify sin, make fun of sin, and even enjoy sin. (*Read Romans 1:28–32.*) No bad man would think of writing sixty-six books which condemn every form of wrongdoing (*read 1 John 5:17; James 4:17; and Romans 14:23*), including lying, stealing, killing, swearing, kidnapping, lusting, coveting, and cheating.

Infidels don’t like to THINK. If a man THOUGHT, he would know that men often need a special revelation about all kinds of things, and without a special revelation they would not live to be ten years old. Parents, friends, teachers, and BOOKS reveal things to men as they grow up; things that CANNOT BE FOUND OUT BY SIMPLY “STUDYING NATURE.”

If man needs a special revelation about unseen things—God cannot be SEEN: at least not now—and he certainly DOES, is there any probability that God would give him this special revelation? That is, if there were any God or Creator present? If there is a probability, is there a POSSIBILITY? If God could give man a written revelation of Himself, would He do it? Would He not be obligated to do it if man got into bad trouble? If MAN was God’s creature (*read Genesis 1–2*), would God let him live, bleed, suffer, die, and perish without a chance TO FIND OUT WHAT WAS GOING ON? What kind of a

“Supreme Being” would do a thing like that? The Creator revealed in the Bible is said to be like a “MOTHER” (*Isaiah 66:13*), and a “FATHER” (*Psalms 103:13*), and is said to be “LOVE” (*1 John 4:8*). Would such a God leave His creatures in darkness and refuse to help them out? Men take better care of their pets and farm animals than that.

INFIDELS ARE NOT “INTELLIGENT,” EVEN WHEN THEY ARE EDUCATED.

II

Buddhism: This system was invented to get rid of suffering. It was to be accomplished by meditation and attaining “Nirvana” or “Samadhi” (Japanese Zen Buddhism)—sometimes called “Prajna” (Enlightenment). By following a “Noble 8-fold Path” and practicing Yoga (meditation), the sinner is “saved” by REALIZING HE HAS NOT SINNED AND NOBODY SINS. “Salvation” for Gautama Buddha was without confession of sin, payment for sin, and without any personal accountability to any God before or after death. You get “saved” by realizing that everything is “one”—all are identical: there is no heaven or hell, no God or devil, and actually no “good or evil.” The system is a complete denial of three-fourths of the Bible. It was intended to be so. (All of mankind’s religious systems are to get around the Book.)

In the Bible, Heaven is a real place (*read 2 Corinthians 12:1–4 and Revelation 21*), and Hell is a real place (*read Luke 16 and Revelation 20–22*).

In the Bible, there is not just ONE “spirit” or “reality” permeating the Universe: there are TWO (*read Revelation 12; Isaiah 14; and Ezekiel 28*). The Bible reveals an UNCLEAN SPIRIT IN OPPOSITION TO A HOLY SPIRIT (*read Revelation 17:1–9; Mark 3:3–15, and Acts 5:3*), and this unclean spirit comes from “**the prince of this world**” (*John 16:11*), whose job is to BLIND Buddhists (*2 Corinthians 4:4*), and damn them (*2 Thessalonians 2:12*). This prince is called “**THE GOD OF THIS WORLD**” (*read 2 Corinthians 4:4*), and he is in charge of hosts of evil spirits, fallen angels (*read Revelation 12*), and “**spiritual wickedness in high places.**” (*Read Ephesians 6:10–15.*)

Buddha was blind; he had no SPECIAL REVELATION. His substitute for Biblical salvation was man himself attaining “enlightenment” through his own effort. This is said to be FALSEHOOD in *John 1:12–13; Titus 3:5; Ephesians 2:8–9; and Romans 4:5–8.*

III

Roman Catholicism: In this religion, The Bible is used and quoted, and often much is made of Jesus Christ, although His Jewish mother is given Divine attributes which only Jesus Christ possessed. The Popes fashion a non-Biblical “Mary.” To match Jesus Christ in His sinless birth—they give *her* one; His sinless life—they give *her* one; and His resurrection, before the general resurrection of the dead—they give *her* one, too. In addition to this, they made a dead Jewish woman totally divine by pretending that she is OMNIPRESENT (everywhere at the same time), for they claim she can hear all of the Catholics in the Philippines, Spain, Italy, the USA, and Mexico PRAYING AT THE SAME TIME.

To do this, “Mary” would have to be more than 24,000 miles wide and more than 20,000 miles tall, and have to have “ears” more sensitive than 500,000,000 shortwave computers. Christians pray to GOD (*read Acts 12:5*), and ask petitions in the name of

Jesus Christ (*read John 14:13*); never “Mary.” In the Bible, Mary is an unclean sinner who needs purification (*read Luke 2:21–23*), and she confessed that she needs a Savior (*read Luke 1:47*). Christ does not call her His “mother” ONE TIME IN THIRTY-THREE YEARS (*read John 2:4; 19:26*). When He is asked who His “mother” is, Jesus Christ purposely ignores her (*read Luke 8:21*), and says that any woman who does the will of God is His “mother.” If that were not enough, this terrible Book (the Bible) names Mary’s children (*read Mark 6:3*) and tells you that they are NOT Christ’s “cousins” or “nephews,” but His MOTHER’S “CHILDREN.” (*Read Psalm 69:8.*) Notice that Psalm 69:8 is Jesus Christ talking about Himself, for the very next verse (*Psalm 69:9*) is quoted by John in the New Testament (*John 2:17*) as referring to Jesus Christ.

The “Mary” of Roman Catholicism is a mythological demon. The Bible calls this Satanic, female demon “THE QUEEN OF HEAVEN” (*read Jeremiah 44*). In the New Testament, she is called “MYSTERY BABYLON” (*read Revelation 17:1–9*). Notice that the “Babylon” of Revelation chapter 17 shocks John (*see Revelation 17:6*) because she was killing Christians. This could not have been ancient (pagan) Rome, as John would not have raised an eyebrow over THAT Rome killing Christians; why should he? They were holding him prisoner when he wrote the Book of Revelation! The Rome of Revelation 17 (*see Revelation 17:18, 18:24*) is the Rome of the twentieth century. She is connected with “The Son of Perdition” (*read 2 Thessalonians 2; John 17 and Revelation 13–14*).

Roman Catholicism is a huge political system which uses the PROFESSION OF CHRISTIANITY to control the governments of countries. It uses a child’s love for his mother as a force to get him to worship a Catholic “Mary,” who is no more connected with the “Mary” of Matthew 1 and Luke 1–3 than she is with Biblical Christianity.

For “**one mediator**” (*read 1 Timothy 2:1–5*), Rome will give you a dozen to pray to. For ONE SACRIFICE (*read Hebrews 10:8–12 carefully*), Rome will give you fifty-two every year, and a few in between (called “masses”). For every child of God being a priest (*read 1 Peter 2:1–10 and Hebrews 13:15*), Rome will give you five thousand black-robed “hoods” pretending they have authority to lead you (*read Matthew 23 carefully*). The word “CATHOLIC” doesn’t appear one time in any version of the Bible ever printed in any country, using ANY translation; it is not even found in a Catholic Bible. No Christian in the Bible (*read Acts 11:26*) is ever called a “Catholic.” He is called a “Christian” (*read 1 Peter 4:16*). Notice that Peter wrote that last verse. (Peter was supposed to have been the first “Vicar of Christ” and the first “Pope.”)

1. Peter was not in Rome before PAUL went there. See the list of Saints in Rome that Paul wrote to in Romans chapter 16, and notice that Peter *is not one of them*.
2. He was not in ROME after Paul got there. See the list of the Saints in 2 Timothy 4, right before Paul was killed. Peter is not mentioned, even as a church member or a “helper.”
3. Peter was MARRIED and had a MOTHER-IN-LAW (*read Matthew 8:14*).
4. Peter says the “**ROCK**” is Jesus Christ (*see 1 Peter 2:8*), and Paul says Jesus Christ is the “**ROCK**” (*1 Corinthians 10:1–4*), and JESUS CHRIST SAYS THAT PETER IS SATAN (*read Matthew 16:23 carefully*)!

Rome says Christ’s church is built on Peter, who is “the rock.” Moses said there were

DETAIL (*Mark 10:33*).

The most pitiful thing anyone has seen on this earth since 600 A.D. is millions of people in Asia and Africa talking about “one God (Allah) and Mohammed is His PROPHET.” Poor Mohammed couldn’t prophesy as much material in a LIFETIME as Isaiah or Jeremiah prophesied in thirty minutes (*read Jeremiah 1–10 and Isaiah 56–66*).

Jesus Christ makes more than twenty prophecies about the twentieth century (*read Matthew 24; Mark 13; and Luke 17, 21*), and He gave more than four hundred through John and Paul after the resurrection. (*Read 2 Timothy 3; 1 Timothy 4; and Revelation 6–7, 9, 11, 12–13.*) Mohammed hasn’t got FIVE in over two hundred pages of written material.

If Mohammed was his prophet (Allah’s), then why was Jesus Christ **THE PROPHET LIKE UNTO MOSES** (*read Deuteronomy 18:15 and Matthew 13:57*). John the Baptist was “**MORE THAN A PROPHET**” (*read Matthew 11:9*), so if Mohammed was Allah’s prophet, he would have to take a “back seat” to John!

Mohammed was an epileptic who foamed at the mouth and sweat like a camel. On his death bed he prayed to Gabriel (NOT ALLAH) and asked him to kill all the Jews and Christians. Christ’s prayer was, “**Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do.**” Which “prophet” was the greatest? (You don’t have to guess.)

Now this is a small sampling of the religions that men have invented to get out of believing the Book. The Jews invent a “*Talmud*” to contradict the Book. The Moslems invent a “*Koran*” to contradict the Book (the *Koran* says that Jesus Christ did NOT die, while Matthew 27; Mark 15; Luke 23; John 20; and Paul in Romans 5 say HE DID); the Christian Scientists invented a *Key to the Scriptures*, to deny them. The Lutherans and the Episcopalians have “*Catechisms*” which say that you can regenerate babies by sprinkling water on them; the Presbyterians and “Reformed” Churches claim no man can receive Christ of his own free will, and many men have been predestinated to go to Hell because Christ did NOT shed His blood for them. This damnable doctrine is called LIMITED ATONEMENT. (*Read 2 Peter 2:1–2; Hebrews 10:26–34; and 1 Timothy 2:1–10.*)

Anyone who reads the Bible very much, quickly learns something: EVERY MAJOR RELIGION ON THIS EARTH—INCLUDING ATHEISM, TAOISM, HUMANISM, CONFUCIANISM, ZOROASTRIANISM, etc.—is an attempt by lost sinners to justify themselves by their own works and their own righteousness. (*Read Isaiah 51:5–8, 57:15, 64:6.*) Notice especially the first five verses in Romans chapter 10.

Men are against the Book because it is against them. It knows all about them (*Hebrews 4:12–13*), and TELLS it. Whoever wrote that Book is going to meet man in judgment (*read Romans 3:1–4*) and deal with him.

Notice that mankind will go to any length in order to make a liar out of God; that is, if God is the One who produced the Bible. Men would rather whip themselves, fast, give alms, and even suffer death before admitting that their own righteousness cannot save them. Sinners are incurably self-righteous (*read Luke 16:14–17; 18:11*).

VI

In the final analysis, there are only TWO religions on this earth, and there have only

been TWO since 4000 B.C. We call these two religions “ABELism” and “CAINism.” They are found revealed, by special revelation (not a “study of nature”), in Genesis chapter 4. These two are the two original “religions”; the oldest religions on earth. The pagan superstition about “nature being alive” and spirits residing in trees, rocks, rivers, etc., is nature worship, a very old religion. It is always connected with adultery and fornication, or justified forms of either (*read Revelation 2:20–23 and 2 Kings 23:7*), so it has a male “god” and a female “goddess.” What the Roman Catholics call “Mary,” the Germans called “The Lorelei,” the Greeks called “Venus,” the Phoenicians called “Ashtaroth,” and other religions called her “Juno” or “Diana” or “Hesta” or “Ishtar,” and so forth.

Every pagan who believed in these female demons sacrificed to “DEVILS,” according to 1 Corinthians 10:20–21. Note how time and again, the SPECIAL REVELATION that comes from a written Book containing words completely denies and overthrows everything that sinners hold “dear” to them in their “religion.” For instance:

1. Abel’s sacrifice is accepted (*read Genesis 4*) exactly as a believer in Jesus Christ is “**accepted**” in Ephesians 1:6. Abel offers the BLOOD of a lamb for his sins. (*Read John 1:29; Colossians 1:14; Acts 20:28; and Revelation 1:5.*)

ABEL DOES NOT HOLD UP A CUP FULL OF FERMENTED ALCOHOL AND CALL IT “BLOOD,” WHEN IT IS NOTHING BUT STALE GRAPE JUICE.

2. Cain’s sacrifice is turned down (*read Genesis 4*) exactly as Israel’s offerings were turned down in Isaiah chapter 1 (*read it*). Cain knew what to do because he saw his brother’s sacrifice accepted. Read Genesis chapter 4. He knew that THE WORKS OF HIS OWN HANDS (*Genesis 4:2–3*) could not be accepted. “**The life of the flesh is in the blood**” (*Leviticus 17:11*).

ALL MAN-MADE RELIGIONS ARE DEAD AND POWERLESS, FOR MEN ARE BLOODY CREATURES. To counterfeit this, many ancient pagan religions had human sacrifices (*read Jeremiah 19:5*), but the blood of UNSAVED SINFUL MEN could never pay for anyone’s sins (*see 1 Kings 18:28*). It was wasted killing.

Now, all of man’s major religions are Cainite religions: you work to do SOMETHING to justify yourself before God. “Religions” vary on WHAT works you should do, or *how long* you should do them, or *how many* of them you should do. Some say “repent, believe, confess, and be baptized”; and some say “take the sacraments, come to confessional, go to mass”; others say “keep the Golden Rule and the Ten Commandments”; and others say “meditate, do good works, get rid of your Karma”; while others say “don’t drink any alcohol, pray to Allah three times a day,” etc. But every one of them will say that God lied when He wrote Romans 4:5; Ephesians 2:8–9; Acts 15:11; and Titus 3:5.

VII

There are two religions: God’s and man’s. With man it is “do, do, do, and hope for the best!” With God it is “done, done, done!” Read John 19:30; Romans 5; Hebrews 10:8–12; and Galatians 3:8–14.

Every man on this earth is either trusting HIS OWN RIGHTEOUSNESS to justify him at the judgment, or he is counting on God’s righteousness to justify him at the

judgment. (*Read Romans 10:1–3, 5:1–10.*)

We will now see why there are so many “Cainites” around. We will show you how the WORDS of God can be manipulated to teach ANYTHING that an unsaved sinner wants them to teach, if he doesn’t like them. Roman Catholics pretend that the many “faiths” on earth prove that ALL of them are false except her own “Roman” faith. She lies about this on the grounds that all Romans have always “believed the same things” since the Bible was written. Roman Catholics have always disagreed on dozens of things, one of them being the so-called “Infallibility” of the Pope. In America, many of them favor Marxism; in Haiti, many of them practice VOODOO; in America, many of them do not believe in whipping themselves for their sins, or wearing burial clothes, or making “pilgrimages,” and many Catholics practice abortion and think that “Fatima” was a UFO. In the Middle Ages (A.D. 1309–1379) there were three popes calling each other “The Antichrist,” and for seventy years, there were two popes reigning—one in Avignon, France, and the other one in Rome, Italy—at the same time.

The “UNITY” which Roman Catholics brag about is that they all agree that THEIR CHURCH can tell them what WORKS they have to do to get to Heaven, or at least to “purgatory.” That is the only “UNITY” they have. Cain; Cain “in the raw.”

SECTION THREE

Why Are There So Many Interpretations Of the Bible?

HOW CAN I TELL WHICH ONE IS RIGHT?

I

In the first place, **“No prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation”** (see 2 Peter 1:20). No individual (including ANY “pope”) can interpret anything. The **“INTERPRETER,”** according to Genesis 40:8, 41:16; Daniel 2:27–30; John 16:13; and Luke 24:45, is the Holy Spirit (*read 1 Corinthians 2:9–12 carefully*). The Author of the Book is the interpreter.

When the Roman Catholics run to 1 Timothy 3:15 to prove that their Catholic Church is the “infallible interpreter” they fail to inform you of three things:

1. **“The church”** in that passage is Christ’s BODY (*see Ephesians 5:30 and 1 Corinthians 12:13–20*): not a political organization in Rome. All the “members” (*see 1 Corinthians 12*) of this BODY (*see Colossians 1:24*) are SAVED: none of them are going to hell and none are going to “purgatory.” Every “member” of this “Church” IS PREDESTINATED TO BE CONFORMED TO THE IMAGE OF JESUS CHRIST. (*Read Romans 8:29; 1 John 3:1–3; and 1 Corinthians 15:48–54.*)

If **“the church”** of 1 Timothy 3 was the Roman Catholic Church, then the following sinners are in New Jerusalem with Jesus Christ: Franco, Mussolini, Hitler, Noriega, Marcos, and Castro (dictators); Genovese, Luciano, Bonnano, Capone, Marcello, Leggio, Escobar (Mafia); and Pope Innocent I, Bloody Mary, Bishop Bonner, Torquemada, Tully, Wallenstein, Katherine De Medici, Heinrich Himmler—eight of the cruelest, bloodiest KILLERS who ever lived on this earth.

“The church” in the Bible is never a reference to ANY “Catholic Church.”

2. **“The church”** in the passage (*1 Timothy 3*) is called **“the church of God”** in 1 Corinthians 10:32. Local churches composed of Bible believers are called **“the churches of Christ”** (*Romans 16:16*)—not ROME.
3. **“The church”** in the passage (*1 Timothy 3*) has MARRIED BISHOPS WITH CHILDREN (*read 1 Timothy 3:1–7*) mentioned in the same chapter. None of these bishops are over large areas (“dioceses” or “parishes”); all of them are PASTORS of local churches. (*Read Acts 20:17; 28; Philippians 1:1; and 1 Peter 5:1–6.*)

The infallible **“pillar and ground of the truth,”** in 1 Timothy 3:15, is no more a

reference to the Vatican hierarchy at Rome than it is a reference to a banana boat leaving Manila harbor.

The INTERPRETER of Scripture is the AUTHOR of Scripture.

II

Now, stay awake and study (*2 Timothy 2:15*), for you were told, **“let no man deceive himself”** (*1 Corinthians 3:18*) and you were told again, **“let no man deceive you”** (*2 Thessalonians 2:3*) and again, **“be not deceived”** (*Galatians 6:7*.)

The Bible is so written that it can destroy a man as well as save him. (*Read Ezekiel 14 carefully.*) The Book can bless a man or damn him. (*Read 2 Thessalonians 2 and 1 Kings 22:16–23 carefully: CAREFULLY!*) The Pope takes advantage of the fact that many people have been destroyed by the Book, so he offers HIMSELF and HIS CHURCH as a substitute for the Book! You are to believe, from this, that neither he nor his church would destroy you! They are “safe!” The moral, economic, social, and spiritual conditions of Mexico, Italy, Spain, and South America (A.D. 100–1995) show how “safe” the Pope’s recommendation is. He had you call him **“HOLY FATHER”** (*see John 17:11*), which is the title of God the Father (*read John 17*).

Now here is the problem:

1. Suppose a man wants to kill someone. Can he find a verse of Scripture to justify it? Of course: look at Ecclesiastes 3:3. Suppose he wants to wipe out a whole family, or “tribe.” Okay, use 1 Samuel 15:3.

See how it is done? Watch it again.

2. Suppose a man wants to commit adultery, or fornicate with his sister, or his daughter. Can he find a verse of Scripture to justify such acts? Of course: look at Malachi 3:15; and Amos 4:4,13.
3. Suppose a man wants to rob a bank or a cash register in a store. All right, all he has to do is quote Job 12:6.
4. Do you want to get drunk? Quote Deuteronomy 14:26 or Proverbs 31:6.

See how it is done?

5. Do you want to prove that the church you joined is the only “one, true, Holy and Apostolic Church of Jesus Christ?” Just quote Matthew 16:18 and mix it up with John 6:55–56 and John 20:23, and you have a perfectly, justified, “scriptural” MADHOUSE with which to damn sinners.
6. Do you want to prove that water baptism regenerates a lost sinner? Simply add the word “baptism” to John 3:5—where it does NOT appear; and then add “water” to Romans 6:3 and Galatians 3:27, where it does NOT appear.

See how it is done?

The Bible calls this operation wresting **“the...scriptures unto their own destruction”** (*see 2 Peter 3:16*). It is practiced to some extent by 90 percent of all the main religious leaders in the world today, who profess to be Christians, or even Bible believers.

III

Now we will show you how anyone can make the Holy Bible “teach” anything they want it to teach, without regard for what it SAYS. This is done (always) by one of four operations:

1. You ADD words to the verse that are not in it. Thus, you can add “water” to 1 Corinthians 12:13 and Ephesians 4:5 when it is not found in either verse. This sin was first committed by EVE (*see Genesis 3:2–2*).
2. You SUBTRACT words from the verse that are in it; for example, you quote only part of Mark 16:16 or 1 Peter 3:21 or you remove the word “**blood**” from Acts 17:26 or you remove the word “**now**” from John 18:36 (*Amplified Version*). This sin was first committed by EVE (*Genesis 3:2–3*).
3. You remove the verse from its context in which it appears. For example: after saying that Peter is the “rock” on which the church is built (*Matthew 16:18*), you fail to inform the student that Jesus refers to that rock as “**SATAN**” IN THE SAME CHAPTER (*Matthew 16:23*). Or you quote Acts 2:38 as a “plan of salvation” for Gentiles, and forget to tell your audience that the entire discourse from Verse 1 to Verse 39 was given to OLD TESTAMENT JEWS (*see Verses 5, 14, 22, and 36*) still under the Law. You also forget to inform your congregation that the “tongues” in that chapter were all FOREIGN LANGUAGES (*see Verses 7, 8, and 11*). There were no “unknown tongues” present at Pentecost.

You ignore the CONTEXT of Acts 2:38. You “**wrest**” the Scriptures “to your own destruction,” and anyone stupid enough to follow you.

4. You alter the meaning of a verse by going back to what scholars call “the original” (knowing there doesn’t exist on this earth one verse of ANY “original manuscript” any apostle wrote!), and pretend that you are quoting from “THE GREEK TEXT.” (No such animal exists. There are more than twenty-four “Greek” texts: Erasmus, Elzevir, Colinaeus, Beza, Stephanus, Hort, Scholtz, Lachmann, Aland, Tischendorf, Metzger, Nestle, et al.)

For example, you go to “EIS” (a Greek word) in 1 Corinthians 12:13 to prove that water baptism puts you into the Body of Christ; or you go to Acts 2:38 to prove a man must be baptized in water to have his sins “remitted.” Or else you go to John 1:12 and try to prove that the word “**power**” should have been “AUTHORITY,” or the word “**Easter**” (*Acts 12:4*) should have been “Passover,” and so forth. You force the Scriptures to SAY *what you think they should say*.

You wrest the Scriptures to your own destruction.

IV

This explains, thoroughly, the many sects, factions, and denominations that have split the church since 200 A.D. Every Bible teacher, or preacher, who practices the four things mentioned above, is responsible for the damnation of scores of souls, or else at least the blindness and confusion that exists in the church today. The greatest “private interpreter” of the entire lot is the Roman Catholic Church. That one church has done more since 500 A.D. to pervert the words of God (by tradition) than any other four churches on earth.

While bragging about her “unity” (around a wine drinking sinner), she herself is the greatest schismatic on earth. Catholics are against the Book. They have always been against the Book; even when they profess to be for it—and they have done more to pervert it than Mohammed or Buddha. We will show you how in a minute.

SECTION FOUR

What Does the Book Say About Itself? Can You Believe This Testimony?

I

No one could guess why the Book is so hated and “worked on” aside from the fact that it (like Jesus Christ—*see John 7:7*) testifies that the world and the men in it (*see Matthew 7:11*) are EVIL: they are not “good.” They do not have any “potential.” They are BORN wrong (*John 3:1–7*). The Book says that a man who is following a religion and trusting his good life to save him is “**dead in trespasses and sins**” (*read Ephesians 2:1–4*), and is a child “**of disobedience,**” who is alone in the world, “**having no hope, and without God**” (*read Ephesians 2:12*).

Every lost sinner engaged in “wresting the scriptures” will reject all these verses (and any others like them: *John 8:40–44* etc.), and choose verses that magnify the FLESH (*see Matthew 7:12 and 1 John 4:7–8, for example*). The Book can destroy a man.

II

It is the very nature of the Book that makes it a deathblow to “religions” and “faiths.” You see, the Bible is not a “religious” book. The moment you compare its first three chapters with the first three chapters in the Sutras or Vedas or Shastas or Puranas, etc., you see the difference immediately. The Bible professes to be a HISTORY BOOK. It does not fall into the realm of “a philosophy of religion” or a “religious philosophy.” It deals with documented historical FACTS. That is what educated people can’t stand. They must classify it as religious FICTION in order to get rid of the parts that deal with their own vanity, their sins, and their “faiths.” “Faith” is not always FACT. In the Bible, no one is told to believe in anything that is not FACTUAL.

If the miracles of Christ did not take place (*read Matthew 8–17*), either He was a FRAUD and a HYPOCRITE, or His biographer, Matthew, was a LIAR and a CHARLATAN. The Bible gives you no other options. If Jesus Christ did not come up literally and bodily from the dead (*read 1 Corinthians 15:1–23*), I am a liar; Peter, James, and John were liars; Paul was a liar; and no one is going to come up “from the dead”; and no one is saved, or about to get saved. (*Read 1 Corinthians 15:12–19*.)

If the FACTS recorded in the Holy Bible are not HISTORICALLY TRUE, the whole Book is a joke.

This is the real explanation about why intellectual scholars and educated religious people have spent centuries trying to find “errors” in the Bible. IF they could prove, for example, that the first three chapters in Genesis are not HISTORY, then they could excuse themselves from believing that there is any necessity for the “new birth.” If you are not

“dead in trespasses and sin” (see *Ephesians 2:1*) you do not need another birth. But if the thing actually took place—Jesus Christ said it did (*Matthew 19:4–5 and Mark 13:19*)—then mankind is LOST and needs a spiritual “new birth” ON AN INDIVIDUAL BASIS in order to get back in fellowship with God, the way Adam was in Genesis 2. (*Read all of Romans 5, now, carefully.*)

If Genesis 1–3 is not literal history (i.e., historical facts) then the New Testament is nothing but some more pagan discourses on religious philosophy. All educated people know that. Every little, self-righteous “do gooder” in the world likes “The Sermon on the Mount” (*Matthew Chapters 5–7*), because it contains no references to:

1. A blood atonement for sins.
2. The necessity of the new birth.
3. Salvation by grace through faith.
4. The death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, which is the heart of the **“GOSPEL.”** (*Read 1 Corinthians 15:1–6 and Galatians 1:8–12.*)

III

Consider! **“No man cometh unto the Father, but by me.”** Is that a lie or a true statement? If it was a lie, why would any honest man pay any attention to the “Sermon on the Mount.” THE SAME MAN SPOKE BOTH PASSAGES. Consider! **“Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do.”** Is that anything for a “New Age Global citizen” working for “peace on earth to men of good will” to say if it is NOT so? Jesus Christ said it. Does your pastor talk like Jesus Christ? Jesus said, **“Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels.”** Do you call that “sharing the love of God”? Is that proper speech for a tolerant, kindly, Christian Bible teacher? If not, why do you quote the same man when HE said, **“Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.”**

The Bible says that Moses and the children of Israel crossed the Red Sea. Did they or did they not? “RELIGION” is not involved; either they did, or they did not. Every map of the Red Sea crossing, in the back of every Bible published in America, says they did NOT. Look at the map in the back of your Bible. Every one of them has Israel crossing NORTH of the Red Sea.

The Bible says that Jesus Christ died and was buried, and after three days He arose BODILY FROM THE DEAD, VISITED WITH PEOPLE (*read Luke 24*), ATE MEALS WITH PEOPLE, and preached to people (*see Acts 1:3*), after being seen of five hundred witnesses. (*Read 1 Corinthians 15:6.*)

All right! Did He or did He not?

I am not talking about “religion,” faith, “faiths,” philosophies, churches, creeds, or “catechisms.” I am talking about HISTORY: *did He or did He not?* If He didn’t, the Book is a lie, and you have no business adopting it as a guide for any “religion” or “faith.” Faith not based on fact is “credulity.” It is illusion, or deception: hallucination. You say, “I have faith to believe such-and-such.” Fine. You will go to Hell like a bullet if it didn’t happen. Faith is “SUBSTANCE,” (*read Hebrews 11:1*) and “EVIDENCE.” It is not simply “faith,”

as in, “I have my faith and you have yours, etc.” Jesus Christ said if a man wanted to find out if He was telling the truth, all he had to do was make himself WILLING to do God’s will (*John 7:17*) and he would find out.

You have not disproved Christ’s resurrection as a historical FACT until you have nullified the eyewitness testimony of five hundred witnesses (*1 Corinthians 15:6*).

IV

We are dealing with a HISTORY BOOK. It professes to give the only true HISTORY of God’s dealings with man in regard to MAN’S MORAL AND SPIRITUAL CONDITION, and the remedy for it. (*Read Genesis 1:12.*) This history covers four thousand years and deals not only with individuals (Adam, Enoch, Abel, David, Noah, Jacob, Pharaoh, Nebuchadnezzar, Herod, Pilate, Peter, Ruth, James, John, Paul, Demas, Sarah, et al.), but with nations (Israel, Babylon, Persia, Greece, Rome, Edom, Moab, Syria, Egypt, Ammon, etc.). This history proves itself to be 100 percent accurate by both external proofs and internal proofs. For example:

THE EXTERNAL PROOFS

1. Outstanding men in history have been made even better by their conversion to Jesus Christ. A conservative estimate would be one million.
2. Millions of bad men—literally “millions”—have made a complete “turnabout” and were changed overnight by conversion. Mohammed couldn’t number one thousand in one hundred years.
3. The elevating influence the Book had on the inhabitants of the continent of Africa, who could not read or write (or even dress right), until the “Capitalistic Imperialist” countries sent Bible-believing missionaries to their tribes. (The Communists did not teach the members of the African National Congress [ANC] how to read or write: their grandfathers were taught how to do that by Bible-believing missionaries.) (*Read Acts 1:8, 28:28; and Romans 10:11–16.*)
4. All of the devilment and hell-raising in any community never comes from anyone who OBEYS the instructions given in Romans Chapters 12–14 and Ephesians Chapters 4–6. It is disobeying and rejecting the Book that drives men insane; not believing it. Every religious killer, every persecuting Communist or Catholic, who ever lived (of any rank or station in life), was simply a hypocrite who refused to OBEY Romans chapters 10–14.

THE INTERNAL PROOFS

1. The Bible’s profound, yet rational picture of God: God is Holy (*Isaiah 6:3*); God is Love (*1 John 4:8*); God is Faithful (*1 Corinthians 1:9*); God is Merciful (*Deuteronomy 4:31*); God is Just (*Psalms 19:9*); God is Eternal (*Psalms 90:2*); God is Unchangeable (*Malachi 3:6*); God is All-Powerful (*Job 42:2 and Jeremiah 32:27*); God is All-Present (*Psalms 139*); and He is All-Knowing (*2 Chronicles 16:9 and Job 34:22*).
2. The unity and purity of its teachings: All the writers line up with each other without knowing each other, or even knowing what the writer after them was going

to write. These writers are more than forty authors, writing two thousand years apart on three different continents. How could they have agreed on their subject matter? MOHAMMED WROTE THE *KORAN* BY HIMSELF IN LESS THAN FIFTY YEARS. What a sterile, childish, ridiculous manifestation of real spiritual revelation from God!

3. The history of its names, dates, and places: To this day (1994), after nineteen centuries of excavating, examining ancient records, and consulting every ancient authority known to man, no one has yet been able to prove ONE historical error in either Testament; this, after the best brains of twenty centuries (on five continents) have devoted entire lifetimes to the prospect.

The dates for the births and deaths of kings are given; you are told how they died, and where they were buried. The dates and places are given for the births and deaths of whole families, through five hundred or more years; the times and locations are given for more than fifty military engagements, and the casualty lists are published. The materials used in building are described, with the exact measurements of everything in the buildings. You are given the routes for evacuations, prisoner deportations, spy missions, and commerce; and you are told about the fruits, cattle, animals, and topography of a dozen different pieces of land. THE BIBLE IS A HISTORY BOOK.

It has more information in it on the erection of a grey tent on the backside of a desert (*Exodus chapters 25–40*) than it does on THE CHURCH, WATER BAPTISM, AND THE COMMUNION (“The Eucharist”) combined.

4. Its universal appeal to people of all ages, in all periods of history, regardless of race or sex: Asiatic, African, and European WOMEN AND CHILDREN enjoy Bible stories, and enjoy the CIVILIZED approach of Galatians–Colossians to the family and marriage more than they enjoy ANYTHING in the *Koran* or the “*Tripitaka*.” We can teach the Bible to children five to twelve years old, to women (single or married, of any age), and to men of any age, including those with IQ’s of ninety or those of one hundred fifty. I am a Ph.D., with twenty-two years of formal education, and thirty-years teaching experience on a Post-Graduate College level. I am still fascinated by the BOOK.
5. But the surest proof that the Bible is primarily a HISTORY BOOK lies within the scientific realm of mathematics. We call this “statistical probability,” which simply means that the Book forecasts the future in such detail, and with such accuracy, that no other religious book, including all of the so-called “sacred scriptures” of other religions, can get on the shelf next to it.

The only Book on this earth that proves to be really “scientific,” according to the scientific standards set up by the scientists themselves, is the Holy Bible. The *Koran*, judged by these standards, turns out to be a farce.

V

Now here is what is found in THE BOOK.

The Author publicly challenges all of the “best brains” of more than twenty-eight

centuries (800 B.C. to 1990 A.D.) to predict the future: *read Isaiah 45:21, 48:3, 5, 7–8.* He says, “YOU CAN’T DO IT AND I CAN!” (*Read Isaiah 42:9, 43:12–13, 44:6–8.*)

Notice how the Author of the Book derides the educated monkeys who don’t believe His Book—ISAIAH 41:21–24: **“Behold, ye are of nothing, and your work of nought: an abomination is he that chooseth you.”**

God said if you were dumb enough to choose a teacher who thought there were errors in His Book that YOU were an **“abomination.”** (*Read Luke 16:15.*)

Now, to prove that He is right in ridiculing educated asses who mess with His Book, the Lord proceeds to predict forty-eight details of a man’s life who had not been born yet, and was not born until more than four hundred years after the predictions were made. There are forty-eight prophecies on Jesus Christ in the Old Testament, which are all literally fulfilled at His First Advent. Some of them were written more than fourteen hundred years before His birth (*see Genesis 3:15; 49:10*).

Poor old Mohammed—“There is one God, Allah, and Mohammed is His PROPHET”—couldn’t prophecy *five details* about any man to follow him within one hundred years of his own death. Mohammed was a faker.

Now, the chances of forty-eight prophecies on one man being fulfilled—if you go by scientific, computerized MATHEMATICS (like Einstein professed to believe in!)—are 1 out of 10 with 157 zeros after it: 10,000, etc.

There are not that many ATOMS in four universes as big as our present known universe. Eighty-seven zeros after ten given for a number of atoms, would make a cube of space that would be one million, billion cubic miles in size.

That isn’t the worst of it (or the BEST of it from the believer’s standpoint). You see, the Book also makes five hundred more prophecies about His Second Advent that are still to take place (*Matthew 24; Zephaniah 3; Habakkuk 3; Psalm 68; Revelation 6–19; Mark 13; 2 Timothy 3; etc.*). Mohammed is not “in the running.” As a “prophet” he is a joke; a TRAGIC joke.

The chances of anyone making 500 prophecies about the future (in detail) and having them deal with places, persons, times, locations, weather conditions, natural phenomena, spiritual conditions, and lengths of time are 1 out of 10 with more than 900 zeroes after it. There are not that many electrons in a universe that is 900,000,000,000,000 “light years” in all directions.

VI

The Bible is supernatural; it is a supernatural HISTORY BOOK. It deals with past history, present history, and future history. (*Read Revelation 1 and John 16:13.*)

The Catholic church has not made TEN PREDICTIONS in five hundred years (in any detail) that ever came to pass; **“for the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy”** (*Revelation 19:10*).

The Book claims it can regenerate you (*read 1 Peter 1:23*); the Catholic Church cannot. The Book claims it can SAVE you (*read James 1:21*); the Catholic church cannot.

The Book can clean you inside (*read Psalm 119:9; John 15:3; and Ephesians 5:26*); the Catholic Church cannot. The Book can give you ALL things that “pertain to life and godliness”; the Catholic Church cannot (*see 2 Peter 1:3*). The Book is absolutely pure and without error (*Psalm 12:7; 119:140*); the Catholic church is neither. The Book is profitable so that a man can be “**perfect**” (*2 Timothy 3:17*); the Catholic church is stuffed with imperfections. The words in the Book are the words of ETERNAL LIFE (*John 6:68*) for they are “living” (*John 6:63*); the words of priests, nuns, cardinals, and bishops, many times, are just Marxist or Humanistic nonsense.

The Book claims to be a CRITIC AND JUDGE OF ITS READERS. (*Read Hebrews 4:12–13; and John 5:39–47, 12:48.*)

Then, the Book proves its authority by performing a supernatural feat (a miracle) which no writer or group of writers before or since has ever duplicated. Such a phenomenon is not found in ANY other book in the Library of Congress in Washington, D.C. There have been nine million publications.

SECTION FIVE

What You Actually Hold In Your Hand When You Have the Holy Bible

I

Since men communicate to each other with WORDS, it is absolutely necessary for God to communicate with them through WORDS. This is why He called His own manifestation **“in the flesh”** (the Lord Jesus Christ; *1 Timothy 3:16*), **“the Word.”** God’s greatest revelation of Himself, in trying to “communicate” with His fallen creation, was His Son. (*Read Hebrews chapters 1 and 2.*)

No man could ever really understand God, or even have fellowship with Him had He stayed in His **“high and holy place”** (*see Isaiah 57:15*), and not come down to a manger. Jesus Christ was **“God...manifest in the flesh”** (*1 Timothy 3:16*), so you could find a common ground for fellowship with Him. Buddha tried to make contact without dealing with his own “kind,” but if God had not become **“flesh and blood”** (*see Hebrews 2:14*) and suffered, resisted temptation, bled, and died, He could not have saved any of us permanently. Old Testament Saints were saved “on credit.” Their sins were not taken away (*see Hebrews 10:4*); they were not “cleared” (*see Exodus 34:7*); they were not spiritually circumcised (*see Colossians 2:11*); and they were not regenerated (*compare Colossians 3:10 with Genesis 5:3*).

How could sinners like you and I have “fellowship” and “enjoy the presence” of a Holy, Sinless, Perfect Sovereign God who “filled Heaven and earth”? Imagine living with someone who could create a solar furnace (the sun) of eight thousand degrees! You see, we need “bone of our bone and flesh of our flesh” (*Hebrews 2:14*). God did it. **“The Word was God...and the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us”** (*John 1:1,14*). Notice that this **“Word”** is a reference to the original Creator we mentioned under Section One. (*Read John 1:3, 10 and Colossians 1:14–17.*) He was the Creator. (*Read Revelation 22:13.*)

II

Jesus Christ is the INCARNATE WORD, and the Holy Bible is the CARNATE WORD. Notice the similarities:

1. Both the Bible and Jesus Christ have two natures: a human nature (**“Son of Man,” “seed of David,”** etc.), and a Divine nature (**“Son of God,” “the everlasting Father,”** etc.).
2. Both can produce the new birth (*1 Peter 1:23*).
3. Both are LOVED, and both are HATED (*see John 14:21, 15:25*).

4. Both of them can be received (*John 1:12, 12:48*) or rejected (*John 5:43, 12:48*).

5. Both of them will live forever (*Psalms 119:89; Matthew 24:35*).

The longest chapter in the entire Bible (66 books), Psalm 119, is about—guess what? IT IS ABOUT THE WORDS OF GOD: the Bible (*see Verses 9, 11, 16, 18, 25, 29, 32, 41, 57, 61, 74, 81, 89, 105, 128, 140, 158, 160, and 167*).

The Book professes to be a complete spiritual diet, apart from any spoken traditions, any opinions of “church fathers,” or anything taught by the Catholic Church to the contrary:

1. The BREAD is your starch (*Luke 4:4*).
2. The HONEY is your dextrose (*Psalms 119:103*).
3. The MILK is your calcium and Vitamin A (*1 Peter 2:2*).
4. The MEAT is your protein (*Hebrews 5:14*).
5. The APPLES are your Vitamin C (*Proverbs 25:11*).

Job said that he considered these words more valuable than his “**necessary food**” (*Job 23:12*). Do you? Does your church?

That isn’t all. Since the Author of the Book created man, and has seen “man” in every kind of a mess and trouble for more than five thousand years, He knows what it takes for an individual to “survive,” so he gave us a Book that would enable us to survive anywhere on the planet, under any set of circumstances.

If a man has weapons, tools, fire, water, food, and light he can survive at the North Pole or in the Sahara Desert. The Bible claims to be a FIRE and a HAMMER (*Jeremiah 23:29*). It claims to be an OX GOAD and a set of NAILS (*Ecclesiastes 12:11*). It claims to be a SWORD (*Ephesians 6:17*); it claims to be WATER (*Ephesians 5:26*); and it claims to give LIGHT at night (*Psalms 119:105*). If you have a Bible you have all you need.

III

The thing that you and your people need to know about the Book is how highly God esteems it; He always places it above any man, or any church. As a matter of fact, the Scripture’s testimony about itself is fantastic. God has decreed that at the *name* of “Jesus” every knee shall bow (*Philippians 2:10*) because God’s *name* has been magnified above “**all blessing and praise**,” (*read Nehemiah 9:5*).

Now, notice that God’s *name* is above ALL blessing and ALL praise. “**There is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved**” (*Acts 4:12*).

“Mary” is an afterthought. No one is saved in her “name.” Prayer requests are to be made in the *name* of “Jesus” (*see John 16:23*). No one in the Bible ever asks God for anything in the name of “Mary.” She is with the apostles in the upper room (*Acts 1:14*) the last time she is mentioned in the Bible. Nobody asks her for a glass of water, and nobody “gives her the time of day” during the “early years of Christianity.” The “early Christians” (A.D. 33—A.D. 62) did NOT call her “blessed,” and no one remembered to celebrate her Son’s birthday (*read Acts 1 [A.D. 33] through Acts 28 [A.D. 62]*). Mary is a blank.

So here is this “**name above every name**” and guess what God has exalted ABOVE that name? Well, it certainly is not the name of Mary or Joseph, or some pope, or some church that thinks it is “Holy” and “Apostolic.” The thing that God has magnified above His own name (that is above all things) is His “**word.**” Look at Psalm 138:2. The word of God—note! This is not the “Word” of God—the incarnate Christ—but the Book that contains His words: *it* has been magnified above His name. (That is what the silly Catholics call “a paper pope.” God has placed the Holy Bible above their church, their priests, their nuns, their bishops, their popes, and all of their TRADITIONS.)

That is what religious people can’t stand.

IV

Paul uses the word “**scriptures**” twice, where, by all that is rational, he “should have used” the word “God”: see Galatians 3:8 and Romans 9:17. In the latter case, it was GOD who spoke to Pharaoh, for at that time, Moses had not even written Exodus: there were no “scriptures” there to SAY anything!

So here is a Book—the Book of Books. It has been dumped right into the middle of the human race as a “thorn in their flesh,” and although they have tried to get rid of it for more than eighteen hundred years, they have not succeeded. The *Authorized Version* of this Book (that came out in 1611) has gone into 1,200,000,000 copies since 1611. This is more than five times as many copies as its two hundred rivals have put out in the last one hundred years. If you combined all the sales (and “giveaways”) of the *RV*, *RSV*, *NRSV*, *ASV*, *NASV*, the so-called “*Living Bible*,” and the *NIV*, they would not come to HALF that number: 600,000,000 copies. In His sovereign “good pleasure,” God chose to set England as the absolute authoritative standard, on earth, for Time (Greenwich), Location (Longitude), and Temperature (The British “Thermal” unit). The English *Authorized Version* has been on the MOON after traveling worldwide in six hundred languages, BEFORE 1880.

“**Where the word of a king is, there is power**” (*Ecclesiastes 8:4*). America has never produced a Bible worth fooling with (*RSV*, *NRSV*, *ASV*, *NASV*, *NIV*, *TEV*, *NWT*, etc.) and never will. America has no “king” unless it would be Sex or Money. The King of England, who allowed the *Authorized Version* to be printed, had a Jewish name: “James.” That name is the English form of “JACOB.” (*Read Genesis 32:28.*)

This Book claims to be able to “build you up” (*Acts 20:32*), to help you to grow (*1 Peter 2:2*), and even save your soul (*James 1:21*). If that were not enough, it claims to be holding the atomic structure of the universe together. (*Read Hebrews 1:3.*) The Catholic church has no such power. In the beginning, God SAID, “**Let there be...let there be...let there be...etc.**” (*Read Genesis 1.*) GOD SPOKE WORDS; THE UNIVERSE WAS CREATED BY THE SPOKEN WORDS—DID YOU GET THAT?—OF GOD. “**He that is of God heareth God’s words**” (*John 8:47*).

SECTION SIX

How the Holy Bible Is Put Together

I

The Bible is as intricate and as complicated as the human body. It is an “organism” with life in it. Although forty-two authors wrote it on three continents, fifteen hundred years apart, it has a unity and a plan that defies man’s imagination.

Notice first of all that the Book has EIGHT major divisions:

1. The first division is Genesis 1 through Genesis 3. In this division, God makes two “covenants” with His creation. One is called an “Edenic Covenant.” It is found in Genesis 2:16–17. The Second is called the “Adamic Covenant,” and it is found in Genesis 3:14–19.
2. The second division is Genesis chapters 4–12. In this division you will find a Noahic Covenant (made with Noah) in Genesis 9:1–7, and an Abrahamic Covenant (made with Abraham) in Genesis 12:1–3. This last covenant has three additions made to it later: they can be found in Genesis 13:14–17, Genesis 15:18, and Genesis 22:16–18. That last one is very important, because nineteen hundred years later it is linked up with the BIRTH OF JESUS CHRIST. (*Read Galatians 3:16–22.*)

NOTE! Nearly forty different authors write works between Genesis chapter 22 and Galatians chapter 3, and yet the Book maintains this thread of UNITY clear through nineteen hundred years.

3. The third division is Genesis chapter 13 through Exodus chapter 19. This is a running history of how the “seed,” first promised in Genesis 3:15, goes from one man (Abraham) into a NATION, and then to one tribe out of that nation (*Genesis 49:10*) as the “vehicle” through which this promised seed is to come. (*Read Revelation 5:5.*) Note the constant attempts to stop this seed or corrupt it through acts of SEX or MURDER (*Genesis 4:8, 6:2, 16:3, 27:41; Exodus 1:16; and Numbers 25:1–3*). Three women involved are STERILE (Sarah, Rebekah, and Rachel) until God gives them a child. This is a preview to show that the “seed” of the woman (*Genesis 3:15*) will have to have a MIRACULOUS BIRTH (*Luke 1:35*).

Again, notice how there is a PLANNED DESIGN IN THE BOOK THAT GOES THROUGH EIGHTEEN HUNDRED YEARS WITHOUT ANY WRITER KNOWING WHAT HE IS WRITING (*see 1 Peter 1:1*).

There is not ONE Book on this earth (out of nine million books) that is written in this fashion.

4. The fourth division is Exodus chapter 20 through Matthew chapter 26. This is called the “Mosaic” Covenant. It is called “the law.” It is in effect until John the Baptist (*see Luke 16:16*), but it is not done away with completely until Calvary. (*Read Galatians 3:13; Acts 13:39–41; Romans 7:1–6; and 2 Corinthians 3.*) This is a plan of salvation by FAITH AND WORKS. The Nation of Israel volunteers to *do the works*; see Exodus 19:8. Notice how this salvation DIFFERS from New Testament salvation. (*Read CAREFULLY!! John 1:17; Romans 10:5–6; Deuteronomy 31; and Ezekiel 18.*) No one under the law is spiritually circumcised (*see Colossians 2:11*); no one has their sins “taken away”; none are “cleared” (*Exodus 34:7*); none are “in Christ” (*Ephesians 3:1–10*); and none are regenerated (*see Genesis 5:1–4*). THEY ARE ALL IN ADAM’S IMAGE, NOT GOD’S IMAGE.
5. The fifth division is Matthew chapter 26 through Acts chapter 2. We call this a “transitional period” because in HISTORY you are moving from the Old Testament to the New Testament, and from Israel to the Church. “THE Church,” of course, is never a reference to the pagan Roman system called the Catholic religion (*see page 15*).

Note that the New Testament is not *instituted* until Matthew 26:28, and it does not come into effect until Matthew 27:50. (*Read Hebrew 9:14–17, which deals with this.*)

This means that every Apostle was under the Law until Matthew 27:50, and the apostles did not even know that the ordinances of the Law (*see Colossians 3:14 and Galatians 4:9–10*) had been completely done away with at Calvary until Acts chapter 10. Read it, and see how Simon Peter had difficulty with the dietary regulations of the Law even years after Christ rose from the dead (*Acts 10:14*).

What you have to remember is that as late as Acts chapter 12, NO DISCIPLE HAD ANYTHING IN WRITING BUT GENESIS THROUGH MALACHI. Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John had written nothing before Acts chapter 12. We now have Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John placed before Acts chapter 2, but they were not written (and therefore not available) to any apostle or disciple until later. This is why Matthew chapter 26 through Acts chapter 2 is called “transitional.”

6. The sixth division is Acts chapter 3 through Revelation chapter 4. We call this the “Church Age,” because the Body of Christ is formed during this period. *Read Ephesians chapters 1–3, Colossians chapters 1–2, and John 17.* The local church at Jerusalem becomes an ORGANISM in Acts chapter 2. (*Read about this in 1 Corinthians 12:13–15.*) Until then, it was just an ORGANIZATION. This living body is the fulfillment of Christ’s prayer in John 17:21–23. Yet, to this day, the corrupt Roman Catholic hierarchy claims the prayer is unanswered because a European pope does not yet have control over all the local churches in the world! The spiritual unity sought for in John 17:21 was *answered* on the day of Pentecost (*see 1 Corinthians 12:13*), and the reason no pope knows about it is because no pope EVER GOT INTO THE SPIRITUAL BODY OF JESUS CHRIST. (*Read Colossians 1:24, 2:6–9; Ephesians 5:30; and 1 Corinthians 12:14–27.*) So ALL POPES are constantly hollering for “unity”; meaning YOU SHOULD UNITE

WITH THEM IN A *POLITICAL ORGANIZATION* SO THAT THEY CAN CONTROL YOUR GOVERNMENT.

The **“one shepherd”** of John 10:16 is Jesus Christ; look at what Simon Peter said about that in 1 Peter 2:23, and what Paul said about it in Hebrews 13:20. If you want to find the “shepherd” that sits on a throne in Rome, you will find him in Zechariah 11:17. THE HOLY SPIRIT CALLS HIM **“THE IDOL SHEPHERD.”** This is the “shepherd” who omitted the Second Commandment from the Ten Commandments so he could keep his IDOLS.

7. The seventh division is Revelation chapter 5 through Revelation chapter 19. The Church has been caught up and out (*see Revelation 4:1–3*) at the end of the “Church Age,” and Israel has replaced her on earth as “God’s chosen people” (*see Romans 11:25–29 and Hebrews 8:8–12*). This period is a seven-year period which we call “Daniel’s Seventieth Week.” The Bible calls it **“The time of Jacob’s trouble.”** (*Jeremiah 30:7*). Here, the literal twelve tribes will be found (*see Revelation 7:4–8*). In this age, there is **“neither Jew nor Greek”** (*see Galatians 3:28*). Here, in these seven years, Moses and Elijah come back to earth (*see Revelation 11:1–8*), and here salvation is said to be by FAITH AND WORKS, as in the Old Testament.

At this point, the Baptists have a hard time, for they are used to “by grace through faith,” which is true; but it is true of the Church Age, not the **“time of Jacob’s trouble.”** The Scriptures will not bow or bend to Baptist scholars: they say “FAITH” and “COMMANDMENTS.” Read Revelation 12:17, 14:12, 22:14, and then compare these passages with their “matchmeets” in Matthew 24:13, 25:34–42; Hebrews 3:14, 6:1–6, 10:26–31.

At this time, the New Testament is applied to Israel as a NATION (*read Hebrews 8:8–12*) and she is converted to Christ and restored. (*Read about this in Romans 11:26–28; Jeremiah 50:20; and Isaiah 40:1–2.*)

It is at THIS point that 90 percent of the Bible teachers fall out. The Catholics, of course, fell out completely back in A.D. 300–5000 with Augustine, Origen, and Jerome. They said that God was all through with Israel forever, so ALL of the promises made to Moses and David (*see Deuteronomy 30:1–10 and 2 Samuel 7:10–16*) are to be “spiritualized” and given to the Roman Catholic Church. To this day, they insist that Isaiah lied in Isaiah chapter 2 and Isaiah chapter 11 when he spoke of a LITERAL, POLITICAL RESTORATION OF ISRAEL, AND A LITERAL, PHYSICAL RESTORATION OF NATURE—read the passages!—and that Ezekiel was a liar for eight chapters (*Ezekiel 40–48*) when he talked about a rebuilt Jewish temple *in Jerusalem*.

The depraved Catholic popes stuck out five hundred prophecies dealing with Israel in the Old Testament, and spiritualized them according to their own private interpretations, and then STOLE them, claiming them for their own “church.”

Modern scholars do the same thing when they try to force Matthew chapters 24 and 25 into the Church Age, or force Hebrews 6:1–5 or Hebrews 10:26–33 into the Church Age. They will not fit. Neither will Revelation chapters 11–12, 14, or 22:14.

8. The last division is Revelation chapters 20–22. This follows the “Great Tribulation” described in Revelation chapters 5–19. Here, Christ is ON EARTH SITTING ON A THRONE. (*Read Matthew 19:28, 25:31; Jeremiah 3:17, 14:21; Acts 32:30; Isaiah 2:3; and Zechariah 14:9.*) He was promised this literal, physical, visible, political throne at His birth: see Luke 1:30–33. No pope believes ONE word of the verses you just read. He, himself, sits on a throne in Rome and wears a crown. As a matter of fact, he has THREE crowns called “tiara.”

The Pope is ANTICHRIST: “the man of Sin” (*2 Thessalonians 2:1–13*).

The reign of Christ (one thousand years: *Revelation 20:1–6*) goes right out into eternity in chapter 21.

II

Now this is the “layout” of the Book. The divisions have to be made because the Christian was commanded in 2 Timothy 2:15 to “**study**,” and he was told he should “**rightly divide**” the “**word of truth**.” The Book has proper divisions, and to ignore these divisions is to “**wrest the scriptures**” to your own destruction (*see pages 17–18*).

What appears to be just a running history of God’s dealing with man, turns out to be a highly intelligent, organized plan, that had to be worked out by someone other than man; for when we go back to the Book (using the divisions we have just outlined), we find a remarkable STRUCTURE popping up “accidentally” after more than forty authors wrote, on three different continents (Asia, Africa, and Europe), through a period of fifteen hundred years.

1. The FIRST TWO CHAPTERS (*Genesis 1–2*) IS THE FIRST CREATION. THE LAST TWO CHAPTERS (*Revelation 21–22*) IS THE LAST CREATION.

2. Satan’s first appearance follows the first creation (*Genesis 1:2*) and HE APPEARS AGAIN JUST BEFORE THE LAST CREATION. (*Read Revelation chapter 20.*)

Is this a coincidence? Moses wrote Genesis; John wrote the Revelation. Did John PLOT to make it match Genesis? We shall see!

3. Restoration and blessing follow Satan’s appearance in Genesis, chapter 1. (*Read Genesis 1:3 and Genesis chapter 2.*) But restoration and blessing follow his last appearance! (*Read Revelation chapter 21.*)

4. Following the first restoration and blessing, Satan enters again (*Genesis 3:1*), but he goes OUT just before the last restoration and blessing of Revelation chapters 21 and 22. (*See Revelation 20:10.*)

5. After Satan enters (*Genesis chapter 3*), MANKIND, AS A WHOLE, IS DEALT WITH (*Genesis chapter 4 through Malachi chapter 4*), and just before Satan goes out (*Revelation 20:1–2*), MANKIND, AS A WHOLE IS DEALT WITH (*Revelation chapters 5–19*).

6. In dealing with mankind at the beginning of history, God deals with the Jew in particular (*Genesis chapter 12; Exodus chapter 20; and Malachi chapters 1–4*). To match this, God deals with the Jew in particular in the Tribulation when history is ending. (*See Revelation chapters 7, 11, and 12.*)

Do you realize what you are reading?

The WRITERS through this period of time (*Genesis chapter 1 through Revelation chapter 22*) are Moses, David, Isaiah, Iddo, Jeremiah, Nathan, Zechariah, Samuel, Daniel, Zephaniah, Hosea, Ezekiel, Baruch, Peter, James, John, Matthew, Jude, Paul, Amos, Obadiah, et al., and twenty-five others! How did they “get together” to make their material match?

The silly “*Koran*” could have been written by anybody: it only has ONE author. Why shouldn’t it manifest “unity”? Let’s see you try it with forty-two authors writing fifteen hundred years apart! THE BOOK IS HOLY. It manifests a supernatural hand. No other Book ever written on this earth contains this phenomenon, because it is an HISTORICAL PHENOMENA, and it is MATHEMATICAL. (*See page 27.*)

7. After dealing with Mankind, as a whole, and the Jew first, Jesus Christ shows up for His First Advent (Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John). But following God’s dealing with mankind, as a whole, in the Tribulation (*Revelation chapters 5–19*)—and the Jew first (*Revelation chapters 7, 11–12, etc.*)—JESUS CHRIST SHOWS UP FOR HIS SECOND ADVENT (*Revelation 19:10–16*)!
8. Finally! A transitional period follows Christ’s First Advent (*see pages 34–35*) and this is recorded in the book of Acts.

To match this, a period called “the Church Age” precedes His Second Advent (*Romans chapter 1; 2 Corinthians; Galatians, etc.*).

Here are sixteen items laid out to match each other in perfect order, without one writer knowing what he is writing about, or WHY he is called upon to write at that time about a particular subject. Whoever is guiding the writer KNOWS WHAT IS GOING TO TAKE PLACE FIFTEEN HUNDRED YEARS BEFORE IT TAKES PLACE. Further! He had to see history from 4000 B.C. to A.D. 3000 to write the material.

Only one Person can qualify: God Almighty.

No go back and read Isaiah chapters 41–48.

Mohammed was “God’s PROPHET” was he?

Then why didn’t God give him anything to prophesy about?

III

Now, that was only ONE EXAMPLE showing the remarkable structure of the Bible. There are scores of others. For example, here is a “**branch**” mentioned in Proverbs 11:28. It turns out to have FOUR applications: the “**Branch**” is a KING in Jeremiah 23:5; the “**BRANCH**” is a servant in Zechariah 3:8; the “**BRANCH**” is a man in Zechariah 6:12–13; and the “**branch**” is the Lord in Isaiah 4:2.

Now what on earth were Zechariah, Jeremiah, and Isaiah fooling with? You would have to be crazy to think they were conscious of what they were doing, for their four pictures are describing a MAN who was not born until four to seven hundred years AFTER THEY WERE DEAD!

More than seven hundred years after Isaiah is dead, Matthew writes about Jesus Christ

as a KING. (*That matches Jeremiah 23:5.*) Then Mark writes about Jesus Christ as a SERVANT. (*That would match Zechariah 3:8.*) Then Luke presents Jesus Christ as the “son of MAN” to match Zechariah 6:12–13, and John puts the “icing on the cake” by showing Jesus Christ as the “Son of God” (“THE LORD”—*John 1:1–8*). This turns out to match Isaiah 4:2.

Who is BEHIND this manipulating?

Who could have *guessed* that FOUR Gospels would be written later; that all four would have *matchmeets* in the Old Testament; that each one of the four would match one of the four prophecies that preceded it; and that *all four* would refer to ONE MAN?

No one but a mentally sick fool would think that the Holy Bible is a Book like the *Koran*, or the *Shastas*, *The Book of Mormon*, *Puranas*, *Vedas*, the *Catholic Missal*, *Bhagavad-Gita*, or the *Analects of Confucius*. You couldn't compare them without laughing.

IV

The Book reveals SEVEN periods of PROPHECY, and it excludes Mohammed and all of the Popes. These seven periods are:

1. Adam to Abraham.
2. Abraham to Moses.
3. Moses to Joel.
4. Joel to Malachi.
5. John the Baptist and Christ on earth.
6. The Holy Spirit in the Church Age.
7. Elijah and Moses, in the Tribulation (*Revelation chapter 11*).

NO ONE IS PROPHECYING AFTER THE SECOND ADVENT: *READ ZECHARIAH 13:3–4.*

No Moslem prophet can compete with ANY of these prophets, for a true prophecy must be an unveiling of a future event, spoken long before the prophet could have anything to do with its fulfillment, and it must be detailed enough to exclude any accidental guesswork; further, it would have to be fulfilled HISTORICALLY, NOT IN SOMEONE'S “FAITH.”

The Bible is primarily a HISTORY Book.

When you have a “Bible” in your hand you have the most remarkable thing in your hand that exists on this earth. We will now turn to the ways, means, and methods of studying and learning this remarkable Book.

SECTION SEVEN

How to Study the Bible And Learn It

I

Before getting into our subject, notice TWO things: first of all, notice the three major warnings placed by the Holy Spirit within the Book about the enemies who will try to keep you from believing it, or understanding it. These warnings are found in Colossians 2:8; 1 Timothy 6:20; and Mark 7:6–14. Secondly, notice that the Holy Spirit has also placed THREE notices that no religious leader, or group of religious leaders can INTERPRET anything in the Bible. These notices are in Genesis 41:15–16; Daniel 2:22; and Luke 24:45. Paul comments on these three notices in 1 Corinthians 2:9–13.

The Author of the Book is the interpreter: He is the Holy Spirit (2 Peter 1:21; John 14:26; 16:13). Bible teachers are to GUIDE the pupil (Acts 8:31), and teaching him Scripture with Scripture, what the Scriptures SAY—not what someone says they “teach.” (*Read 1 Corinthians 2:13; Ephesians 4:11; and Acts 13:1.*)

II

The greatest ENEMIES for the child of God who is trying to learn the Bible are:

1. SCIENCE (*1 Timothy 6:20*).
2. PHILOSOPHY (*Colossians 2:8*).
3. TRADITION (*Colossians 2:8*).

The first enemy (see above) includes the teachings on Evolution (*see Romans 1:23*).

The second enemy is a reference to the teachings of Karl Marx, Plato, Aristotle, Hegel, Buddha, Spinoza, Confucius, Sarte, Einstein, et al.

The third enemy is a reference to 90 percent of the teachings of the Roman Catholic church. She is only correct on the Virgin Birth, the Deity of Christ, the Crucifixion and Resurrection, and the coming Judgment. On every other Bible doctrine she is totally corrupt: on how a man is to be saved; on how a sinner is kept saved; on Mary’s nature and her children; on the Restoration of Israel; on the Judgment Seat of Christ (*Romans 14:10–14*); on the church ordinances; on the church offices (pastor and deacons); on marriage and divorce; on Purgatory and Limbo; on Indulgences and Novenas; on nuns and “Rosaries”; on priests and “Archbishops”; on the Millennial Reign of Christ; on prayer; and on soul winning.

Rome is, has been, and always will be the foremost Bible perverter and Bible rejector; even when they “use” it.

III

Now, here is how to “stay out of trouble” when studying the scriptures:

1. Never add words or subtract words from a verse (*see pages 17–18*).
2. Always notice the CONTEXT. (That means the other verses, before and after, the verse you are studying.)
3. Always ask yourself, “Who is speaking?” and “To whom is he speaking?” The Bible lists THREE different groups of men that it addresses itself to: The Jew, the Church, and the Gentile (*see 1 Corinthians 10:32*). Outside of the Body of Christ (“**The church of God**” in *1 Corinthians 10:32*) there are unsaved Jews and unsaved Gentiles. In the Body of Christ (*see 1 Corinthians 12:13 and Galatians 3:28*) there is “**neither Jew nor Greek.**” Passages in the Bible are aimed at an unsaved Jew IN THIS AGE, or an unsaved Gentile IN THIS AGE, or a Christian in the Body of Christ IN THIS AGE. But if the passage is to be applied to the OLD TESTAMENT, or the GREAT TRIBULATION, then you will find saved Jews and saved Gentiles WHO ARE NOT IN THE BODY OF CHRIST, AND THEREBY THEY RETAIN THEIR TITLES: “Jew” and “Gentile.”

That last statement is of the utmost importance.

4. Always interpret an incomplete statement in the light of a complete statement. (For example: always interpret a statement like Mark 10:11 in the light of Matthew 5:32. Mark is INCOMPLETE; Matthew is COMPLETE.)
5. Never base your FOUNDATION BELIEFS on any verse that is obscure in any way. If it is not absolutely CLEAR to everyone, don’t *begin* there. Always *begin* with a clear, plain verse. No one studies Geometry before Arithmetic. No one writes books until they learn the alphabet. No one learns how to RUN before they learn how to WALK—at least not anyone who is SANE.

Every false religion (and false teaching) on earth that USES the Bible to deceive people, always begins with a verse about which there is a theological dispute. I will list these verses for you. Notice that not ONE of them is like 1 John 5:10–12. Not one of them is like John 1:12–13. Not one of them is like John 3:16. Not one of them is like Ephesians 2:8–9. Not one of them resembles Romans 8:28. None of them are like Romans 4:5. That is, everyone of them is OBSCURE, and difficult to understand. This is why heretics pick them. They want to confuse you as much as possible so you will think the whole Bible is “hard to understand.” That way, they can make you come to them to get “help.”

Now, understand! These verses ARE “scripture” and they are true, but they are not FOUNDATIONAL VERSES. Every piece of timber, bamboo, straw, brick, or glass in your house is part of the house, but you do NOT make floors out of leaves; you do not make ceilings out of cement; you do not set a swahli hut on poles made of glass; and you do not make doors and windows out of light bulbs.

Here are the verses (the wrong verses to BASE a theology on):

Matthew 16:18–19

Acts 2:38

Acts 13:48

Matthew 24:13

Matthew 25:8, 40

Mark 16:176–18

Matthew 5:5, 8–9, 19, 22, 29, 39

John 5:29

John 10:16

John 20:23

John 21:25

Acts 8:15–17

Acts 19:2

Romans 9:16, 22

Galatians 5:4

Ecclesiastes 3:19–21

Ecclesiastes 9:4–6

Hebrews 6:1–6

Hebrews 10:26–30

Galatians 3:27–29

In every one of these verses there is a theological problem involving the study of scores of other verses, and without these other verses, the ones listed above can be PERVERTED to mean anything you want them to mean (*see pages 16–17*).

They are not “foundational” verses: they constitute “trimmings” and “additions” to the building.

6. Always take the plain LITERAL meaning of any verse, unless it is obvious that it is not literal, but FIGURATIVE. Never reverse this rule. That is, never take the rule that “everything is FIGURATIVE unless it is impossible to make it figurative.” Note: the “**leaven**” in Matthew 16:6 is plainly FIGURATIVE. The “**sheep**” in John 10:1–20 are plainly figurative; they are not four-footed, grass-eating ANIMALS. Note the “**cup**” at the Lord’s Supper has to be FIGURATIVE, FOR NO ONE DRINKS A CUP; THEY DRINK SOMETHING OUT OF A CUP. (*Read Matthew 26:27.*)

Rome never could get anything right!

Just when the poor Catholic thinks he is eating LITERAL flesh (*see John 6:56*), Christ tells him “**the flesh profiteth nothing**” (*John 6:63*). The priest simply refuses to give his parishioner the whole truth. If the Catholic was eating LITERAL BLOOD (*see John 6:56*) he would be violating three covenants that God made with man:

A. The Noahic Covenant (*see page 33*) in Genesis chapter 9).

B. The Mosaic Covenant (*see page 34*) found in Leviticus 17:11.

C. The New Testament, as it is applied by the Apostles, Elders, and the Holy Spirit (*Acts 15:23, 38*) in Acts 15:29.

On the other hand, the **“fire”** in Matthew 13:38–40 is literal FIRE, for Jesus Christ defines every FIGURE in the parable: “the wheat are the children of the kingdom,” **“the tares are the children of the wicked one,”** **“The harvest is the end of the world,”** “the angels are the reapers,” etc.

But notice, **“the fire”** (*Matthew 13:38–40*) is what? It is THE FIRE. It was not figurative; it is literal FIRE (*Matthew 13:38–40*).

7. Finally, remember that nearly all the verses in the Bible have THREE applications. The first one will be DOCTRINAL, for that is why the Scriptures were written (*see 2 Timothy 3:16—“for doctrine”*).

The second one will be HISTORICAL: that is, what is described as having taken place actually TOOK PLACE (*see pages 23–26*). The historical setting will show you how the verse is to be applied.

The third application will be SPIRITUAL (or “devotional”). That is, it can be used to help a Christian out in matters of **“admonition”** (*1 Corinthians 10:11*), **“comfort”** (*Romans 15:4*), **“learning”** (*Romans 15:4*), and **“correction... instruction in righteousness”** (*2 Timothy 3:16*).

IV

There are three standard methods for LEARNING anything that apply to learning the Bible. We call these Contrast, Similarity, Repetition.

1. You learn any trade (art, music, chemistry, farming, business, mechanics, construction, etc.) by first observing the things that do NOT match; the things that do NOT belong together. The first step in learning, therefore, is NEGATIVE. You study to “rightly divide” things; to tell what God “hath NOT joined together.” This is a lost art to “modern man,” for the whole course of this Satanic Age is to get everything (and everybody!) TOGETHER. They do not belong together. (*Read Deuteronomy 32:31–33; Acts 17:26–27; 2 Corinthians 6:14–17; Romans 16:17–18; and 1 Corinthians 10:21.*)

The “one world Global citizen” is a Bible rejector. The Pope’s “ecumenical movement” is part of “binding tares into bundles to burn them” (*see Matthew 13:30*), and the United Nations is said to be the instrument by which this will be accomplished (*see Zechariah 3:8*). God’s purpose in getting all the nations **“together”** is to BURN THEM. See Malachi 4:1–4; Zephaniah 3:8; Joel 2:1–3; 2 Thessalonians 1:7–8; and Isaiah 9:5, 30:27.

On a guitar, A and A flat do not “go together.” Neither does D and C sharp. God SEGREGATES animals (*Deuteronomy 22:10*), races (*Nehemiah 13:25–28*), food (*Leviticus chapter 11*), and even clothing (*Leviticus 19:19*).

Acts 2:38 will not fit Ephesians 2:8.

Acts 8:17 will not fit Acts 16:31–33.

Matthew 16:18 will not fit Ephesians 5:23.

Matthew 24:13 will not fit 1 Corinthians 1:8.

Never join together what God “hath put asunder”!

2. Notice the passages that DO match; the ones that belong in the same groups. (In Art these colors are called “complements”; in Music they are called “chords.”)
3. Finally, go over, and over, and over again, the verse (*see Isaiah 28:10 and Philippians 3:1*) until you KNOW what goes where and what doesn't belong where. This is “repetition.” **“Study to shew thyself approved unto God.”**

This is the right way to learn the Book.

Rome can teach you nothing but how to obey here, and how to doubt your salvation all of your life. The Catholic Church is absolutely BANKRUPT when it comes to understanding the Scriptures.

SECTION EIGHT

A Word in Closing

“WHAT IS ‘THE GOSPEL’?”

I

The word “**gospel**” means “good news” or “glad tidings.” If any man can be saved and have eternal life and then LOSE it, (if he “messes” up) then that “plan of salvation” is NOT “good news.” If the “good news” is: “Find the Church that Christ founded, take the sacraments, go to confession, say your Rosary, do penance, and don’t commit a mortal sin, etc.,” that “good news” is the BLACK DEATH.

In this age—the Church Age—Paul says the Gospel preached (*read Galatians 1:8–12*) is “**the gospel**,” and if anyone, including an ANGEL FROM HEAVEN, preaches any other “**gospel**,” that preacher is “**ACCURSED**” (damned). (*Read Galatians 1:8–10.*)

In Revelation 14:6–7, an angel *does* preach “another Gospel” and is NOT accursed.

This shows you the absolute necessity of “**rightly dividing the word of truth.**” The period of time in Revelation chapter 14 cannot be the “Church Age.” If it is, then the Book contradicts itself, and Paul lied. YOU MUST GET THESE TWO DIFFERENT GOSPELS INTO TWO DIFFERENT TIME PERIODS OR YOU HAVE FORCED THE WORDS OF GOD TO LIE.

II

Note Four Gospels:

1. The “**glad tidings**” of Luke 1:19 are not Paul’s Gospel.
2. The “**good tidings**” of Luke 2:10 are not the Pauline Gospel.
3. The “**glad tidings**” of Luke 8:1 deal with a KINGDOM; not the salvation of individual sinners. The same is true of the “**gospel of the kingdom**” in Matthew 24:14, 4:23, 9:35, and 26:13, etc.
4. The “**gospel**” preached to Israel in Numbers 13–14 had nothing to do with any sinner getting saved: look at Hebrews 4:2.

This means that the passage in Galatians 1:8–12 is talking about a definite GOSPEL which is to be preached in THIS AGE: not the Old Testament (*Numbers 13–14*); not in the Tribulation (*Revelation 14*); and not during Christ’s earthly ministry (*Matthew 4:23 and Matthew 9:35, etc.*). The Gospel to be preached in this age is called “**the gospel of the grace of God**” (*see Acts 20:24*); and the apostle Paul called it “**my gospel**” (*Romans 2:16*) because it was revealed to him (*Galatians 1:11–12*), NOT Peter, James, and John. (*Read Galatians 2:1–8.*)

III

This means that, in this age (*Acts chapter 9 to Revelation chapter 4*), the “**glad tidings**” are that Jesus Christ died for sinners and bore their sins in His own body, on the cross, and was buried, and rose from the dead (*1 Corinthians 15:1–5*). THAT is “**the gospel**.” Simon Peter himself says in Acts 15:11 that Jews and Gentiles, in this age, are saved by GRACE plus nothing. When the Apostles and Elders sent instructions to Gentile converts, after discussing what they had to do to get saved, and stay saved, they only gave them some suggestions which said, “If you do these things you WILL DO WELL” (*Acts 15:29*). Their *works* had nothing to do with their salvation, before or after, they were saved (*read Titus 3:5; Romans 4:5; and Ephesians 2:8–9*).

IV

Notice how GLAD the Gentiles were (*Acts 15:10, 31*) to receive this news, for they had heard two things: One, A sinner had to do something to GET saved (*Acts 15:1*) and Two, A sinner had to do something to STAY saved (*Acts 15:5*). NEITHER FALSE TEACHING TURNED OUT TO BE TRUE. A sinner cannot do any work to get saved, and he cannot stay saved by doing works; HE WORKS BECAUSE HE IS SAVED. (*See Titus 2:7, 14; 3:5, 8, 14*).

In this age, every sinner is saved “**by grace...through faith**,” and is kept saved by the grace of God. This is called “**the gospel of the grace of God**” (*Acts 20:24*). It is NOT what Peter preached in Acts chapter 2, and it is NOT what Jesus preached in the “Sermon on the Mount.”

The saved sinner is eternally secure IN Christ and has ETERNAL LIFE as a present possession. (*Read 1 John 5:10–13, 20*). If he could fall “out of Christ,” part of Christ’s BODY would be missing (*1 Corinthians 12*). If he could lose salvation, the promises of God to him would be lies. (*See Romans 8:29 and 8:38–39*.) No regenerated sinner can ever be “UNBORN AGAIN,” for just as when a man is born of corruptible seed (*see 1 Peter 1:24*), he is his earthly father’s son till he dies; the same is true when a sinner is born again of incorruptible seed (*1 Peter 1:23*). He cannot UNDO his “birth” (*read Philippians 1:6*). Those who teach otherwise “**wrest the scriptures to their own destruction**.” If a man could lose salvation and get it back, he could be “born again, and again, and again,” indefinitely. THIS IS NONSENSE.

V

All of this means that every child of God has one main purpose in life. He is to spread the “**glad tidings**” (the “good news”) that Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners. He died for the “**ungodly**” and took away their sins (*John 1:29*), so that they might be reconciled to God (*see 2 Corinthians 5:18–21*). He finished this work, and now offers Eternal Life FREELY (*see Romans 5:16*) as a GIFT (*Romans 6:23*) to “**whosoever**” will take it (*see Revelation 22:17*).

This is the true Gospel message. It has nothing to do with CHURCHES, SACRAMENTS, NOVENAS, ROSARIES, SOCIAL JUSTICE, “FAITHS,” ECONOMIC DISTRIBUTION, RELIGIONS, AFFIRMATIVE ACTION, PEACE ON EARTH, GETTING TOGETHER, HOPING AND COPING, SHARING AND CARING, or any other pagan, political philosophy which religious “big shots” are promoting.

VI

If any man in this age (or an angel) tells you the “good news” is that “World Peace is coming” or that “We can all live together” or “The Kingdom is coming” or that “We have conquered disease” or “If you repent, confess, believe, get baptized, talk in tongues, join the church, pray, tithe, and obey the pope you MIGHT GET TO HEAVEN,” Paul said, **“LET HIM BE ACCURSED”** (*Galatians 1:8–12*).

VII

The “Good News” is that you can have Eternal Life, NOW, and you can have it **“free for nothing”** (*Exodus 21:2*). God will give it to you as a gift. All you have to do is give up your own righteousness and trust HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS. God’s righteousness is the Lord Jesus Christ. (*Read Romans 10:1–4 and Romans 10: 9–13.*) This is **“the gospel of the grace of God.”** There is none other, in this age, before the Great Tribulation.

**“HE THAT HATH THE SON HATH LIFE;
AND HE THAT HATH NOT THE SON OF GOD
HATH NOT LIFE.”**

(1 John 5:12)

CONCLUSION

This has been a basic “Beginners Course” in the word of God. We have not studied the eighteen types of the Antichrist, the twenty-one types of Jesus Christ, nor the seven types of Mary. We have not studied the nine revelations God gave of Himself (*Psalm 19:1; Romans 2:15; Numbers 12:6; Exodus 24:12; Romans 15:4; 1 John 1:1-2; 2 Corinthians 3:18; Hebrews 8:10; Revelation 20:11*). We have not studied the so-called “mistakes” in a *King James Bible*; nor discussed Manuscript Evidence; nor have we talked about the Seven Mysteries, the Seven Resurrections, the Seven Baptisms, the Seven Judgments; or the difference between the Kingdom of God and the Kingdom of Heaven. But this will be a “starter” for the Bible teaching pastor who wants his flock to be “rooted and grounded” in the TRUTH, and not in a swamp of pagan, superstitious nonsense—especially that put together by Catholic priests, bishops, and “Cardinals.”

May God honor and bless your efforts to learn His word, for He has magnified it **“above ALL THY NAME”** (*Psalm 138:2*). That NAME is above such names as “Mary,” “Catholic,” “Church,” etc.; but the written words of God, called **“THY WORD”** in *Psalm 138:2* and in *John 17:17*, are exalted ABOVE THAT HOLY NAME. Don’t ever forget THAT as long as you live on this earth.

**“HE THAT IS OF GOD
HEARETH GOD’S WORDS:
YE THEREFORE HEAR THEM NOT,
BECAUSE YE ARE NOT OF GOD.”**

(John 8:47)

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