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WHY BELIEVE THE BIBLE TO BE THE WORD OF GOD

- I. If as a Christian I so accept I need to offer reasons.
- II. May I tell you some.
 - A. 1st it claims to be just that.
 - 2 Pet. 1:20-21 "Knowing this 1st that no prophecy
 - 2 Tim. 3:16-17 "And that from a child
 - Jn. 14:26 "Comforter HS - teach all - remember all
 - 1 Cor. 2:11-13 "For what man knoweth the things of a
 1. Not that inspired - go your own way.
 2. Not dictation theory.
 3. But Holy Spirit guided in own personality.
 - B. The History of Bible proves it to be word of God.
 - 1 Pet. 1:25 "But the word of the Lord endured forever
 1. As long as we have Bible we will have the church
 2. Roman gov. tried to destroy it.
 - a.) Diocletian - death penalty to have one.
 - b.) Constantine asked for copy - immediately got 50.
 - c.) Roman church of Middle Ages death penalty to put in Eng.
 - (1) John Wycliff 1st translation 1382 - later (18 yrs) dug him up, burned, ashes in river.
 - (2) Wm. Tyndale - 1st Bible printer 1536 put to death.
 - (3) KJV - 1611 - 1st time civil gov. authorized a translation.
 3. Skeptics - Voltaire & Hume fought. Vol. said work of 12 ignorant fishermen - destroyed by 1 Frenchman yet Bibles printed in his house.
 4. No autographed MMS.

a.) Cicero - 50 copies.

b.) Virgil 10

c.) NT 5000

5. Serious doubt on only 1000 words & not 1 major doctrine at stake.

6. Better text than 200 AD.

C. Bible is unique - nothing like it.

1. Jn. 6:68 "To whom shall we go."

2. Scholars amazed at genius of Israel.

3. Mohamadan won't allow criticism of Koran - can't stand the light.

4. Where else like Matt. 7:12 "Do unto".

5. Best teaching of any literature in world.

6. Majesty of Gen. 1.

7. Where such unity - 1 voice of many writers of many centuries. Yet like symphony - work of 1 mind.

8. Read funnies - go over them daily repeatedly??

D. Pragmatic - it works.

1. Makes you better everything.

2. God knows what's in us & tells us how to live.

3. Hard names - but it's people God deals c.

(a) Balaam.

(b) Bathsheba (daughter of 7).

(c) Judas.

(d) Anninias - both in money & fear of personal work

E. Evidence of Archaeology.

1. Proves it's historically reliable.

(a) Joseph - Butler - were grapes in Egypt.

(b) Customs of Abraham.

- (c) Nuzi tablets - terephims.
- (d) Hittites - liked in Turkey.
- (e) Sodom.
- (f) Sargon Isa. 20.
- (g) "Every turn of the spade proves the reliability of the Scrp."

F. Evidence of Prophecy.

1. Calls things that are not as tho they are.

a.) Ezek. 26 - nets - Type - 580 BC.

Nebucadaza destroyed.

Alex the Great took ruins of old city to build causeway and march to Island.

b.) Isa. 44 700 BC said Cyrus 538 would return Jews - (150 yr. later - named him).

Cyrus didn't read it then do it!

c.) Prophecy of Jesus.

Gen. 3:15

Isa. 7:14

Isa. 53

Micah 5:2 Bethleheme

Ps. 16:10 Resurrection

"One of whom Moses spoke."

Best End 4-3-77
Carolyn Hoff - Ident.