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If the Bible is the inspired Word of God, we can take it as the authority for all we believe and do. Surely if it is the Word of God, there will be some proofs of this. And there are! **Don't stop here; this is only part of this study.** Fill out your information in the blanks below, tape it shut, and mail it back to us to receive the next part at no charge!

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Does the Truth Exist? And Where can I Find It?



An Introductory Study From

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Where do you turn to find the truth? Is there such a thing as truth? Some think not. In fact, the only thing they are sure of is that they cannot be sure of anything. This world is full of new voices every year crying out that they have a corner on the market of truth. The Western world looks to the gurus and spiritual leaders of the East, while those in the East examine the claims of religious systems held by many of those in the West. Many people even go so far as to claim that there is no such thing as truth, a statement, which at its very foundation, is self-defeating. By its very definition, truth is mutually exclusive.

1. Do you believe there is absolute truth?

Above the clamor of the many belief systems of this world rises one voice clear and strong. The Bible claims to be absolute truth.

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

We invite you to check it out for yourself in this short study. After all, shouldn't you at least take the time to test the Bible, just in case it really is true?

A Basis For Truth?

Experience – Some people base all of their beliefs on the things that they have experienced in this life. If they haven't physically experienced it, they don't believe it. The problem with this is that individual experience is quite limited.

Traditions – Many people base their beliefs on the traditions of their parents, family, culture, or country. There are several problems with this. Taking a look back through the ages, we see people groups with traditions of eating other humans. We wouldn't say that this is a good thing, but all they are doing is following the traditions of their ancestors. Also, traditions all over the world disagree with one another. How do you pick one on which you can base your life?

Experts – One more area that many people look to as a basis of truth and belief for their life is the opinion of "experts." When we think about experts

though, many of them do not agree. Doctors don't agree, lawyers don't agree, engineers don't agree, and spiritual "experts" don't agree. We are left with a problem once again of figuring out which one is right.

2. What source do you look to for truth?

Colossians 2:8 Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ.

3. From this verse, are experiences, traditions, or experts a good basis for truth?

The Bible is different than any other book or source for a belief. It is the most factual and un-opinionated account of history to be found on the face of the earth. God's men and women are revealed in their times of victory as well as defeat and failure. In the Bible, man can find the answers to all of life's most perplexing questions. If we are going to believe in the Bible though, surely we must have some proof...

What Is The Bible?

The Bible is a collection of 66 books, divided into two major sections known as the Old and New Testaments or Covenants. If you look in the very front of your Bible at the index, you will notice that the Old Testament has 39 books and the New Testament has 27 books. The books of the Bible are not arranged chronologically, but rather topically.

How Did We Receive The Bible?

The Bible is different from any other book that has been or will be written. The Bible is a supernatural book because of the way in which God gave it to mankind.

2 Peter 1:21 For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.

4. According to this verse, where did the Bible come from?

This verse of Scripture teaches three vital facts concerning how we got the Bible:

1. It wasn't made up by men. ("...came not...by the will of man...")
2. Men of God wrote the Bible. ("...holy men of God spake...")
3. God authored the Bible. ("...as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.")

God Used Human Writers To Pen His Words

God used about 40 different men from all walks of life to write the Bible. This was accomplished over a period of some 1,600 years. These men did not live at the same time and had not met each other, yet there are no contradictions!

God Authored The Bible

A good way to illustrate this miracle is to consider how you would write things down on paper. It is the pen which actually does the writing — but only writes as you move it.

2 Timothy 3:16 All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:

5. According to this verse how much of the Bible comes from God?

The way in which God gave us the Bible is called inspiration. Inspiration literally means "God-breathed." As we speak, we breathe. So it is with the Bible. It claims to be the breath of God, or the very words of Almighty God. Another way to explain inspiration is that the Holy Spirit moved the human writers of the Bible in such a way that they recorded the very words of God, although in their own literary style.