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It is no sin to doubt some things, but it may be fatal to believe everything.

— A.W. TOZER

There is a place for skepticism as well as a place for faith; and in considering an investment or embracing a religion, skepticism should come first.

— IRWIN H. LINTON
A LAWYER EXAMINES THE BIBLE



WHY BELIEVE?

MOST PEOPLE, if asked why they hold a certain belief, would have a difficult time giving a solid basis for their opinion. Generally, one's personal convictions are a matter of loyalty to a particular heritage or tradition. It is amazing how much belief is based not on fact but on blind allegiance to an institution or a political party or a church or a religious system. What passes for religious faith is often adherence to a particular religion more out of loyalty to parents or to the priest or pastor than from real conviction based upon solid evidence.

Scientists—Today's High Priests?

The same holds true in the secular world. Beliefs are held for social reasons—to remain acceptable in one's circle of friends or among one's colleagues. For example, not to believe in evolution would cause one to be ridiculed by his peers and even to lose one's standing in the academic community. Robert Jastrow, one of the world's leading astronomers, was the founder (and for years the director) of the Goddard Space Institute that sent Pioneer and Voyager into space. An agnostic, Jastrow shocked his colleagues by admitting at a national conference of the Association

for the Advancement of Science that the evidence seems to demand an intelligent Creator of the universe. He also found the courage to write:

Astronomers are curiously upset by . . . proof that the universe had a beginning. Their reactions provide an interesting demonstration of the response of the scientific mind—supposedly a very objective mind—when evidence uncovered by science itself leads to a conflict with the articles of *faith* in their profession. . . . There is a kind of *religion* in science. (Emphasis added)¹

British Museum of Natural History senior paleontologist Colin Patterson confessed: “Evolutionists—like the creationists they periodically do battle with—are nothing more than believers themselves. I had been working on this stuff [evolution] for more than twenty years, and there was not one [factual] thing I knew about it. It’s quite a shock to learn that one can be so misled for so long.”² Speaking before a group of his fellow biologists, D.M.S. Watson, popularizer of evolution on British television (as Carl Sagan has been on American TV), reminded them of the common *religious faith* they all shared:

Evolution itself is accepted by zoologists not because it has been observed to occur or . . . can be proved by logically coherent evidence to be true, but because the only alternative, special creation, is clearly incredible [i.e. something many scientists don’t want to admit].³

Eminent British astronomer Sir Fred Hoyle reminds us of the well-known mathematical fact that “even if the whole universe consisted of organic soup,” the chance of producing the basic enzymes of life by random processes without intelligent direction would be approximately one in 10 with 40,000 zeros after it. In other words, it couldn’t happen—*ever!* Says Hoyle, “Darwinian evolution is most unlikely to get even one polypeptide [sequence] right, let alone the thousands on which living

cells depend for survival.” Why, then, is this completely impossible theory still honored? Hoyle accuses the evolutionists of defending a *religious faith*:

The situation [mathematical impossibility] is well known to geneticists and yet nobody seems to blow the whistle decisively on the theory. . . . Most scientists still cling to Darwinism because of its grip on the educational system. . . . You either have to believe the concepts, or you will be branded a heretic.⁴

No One Likes to Be Wrong

Considering the fact, then, that even supposedly objective scientists cling to beliefs for less than factual reasons, it should be no surprise that the average person does so as well. “I was born a Hindu and will remain a Hindu until I die!” is a typical statement. And for the word “Hindu,” one could substitute “Muslim,” “Catholic,” “Baptist,” “Mormon,” or many other religious designations. Unfortunately, what seems to be a deeply held “faith” is often reinforced by pride and native stubbornness.

No one likes to be wrong. It would be especially humiliating to admit that one’s religious faith of a lifetime had been misplaced and that the religion inherited from one’s ancestors (or the “scientific” point of view picked up in university) was in fact false. Science, after all (as even some scientists now admit), and the atheism it sometimes produces, are also religious “faiths.”

Many people accept what is reported on radio, television, or in newspapers and magazines as though the media makes no mistakes and is above prejudice. Of course, both assumptions are foolish. No one and no agency is either infallible or without personal bias. That also goes for schools, educators, and textbooks. We know that a false history has been taught in Communist countries but often fail to recognize that similar falsehoods are instilled in the West because of equally dangerous

prejudices and dishonesty. It takes both courage and humility to face the facts, especially when they may upset long-standing biases and loyalties.

A Universal Gullibility

If one did not see a particular incident occur, there would seem to be no other choice than to believe the testimony of an eyewitness. Under such circumstances, it would seem reasonable to believe the report if one personally knew and had full confidence in the person relating it. It would be disloyal to doubt what a good friend said. In fact, to doubt would seemingly be the same as accusing the person of lying, or at least of not knowing what he or she was talking about, and therefore of being unreliable.

But a word of caution is in order. Even when the eyewitness is a close friend in whom one has complete confidence, sincere mistakes can be involved. A prudent person will ask intelligent questions to make certain that what happened has been accurately reported and that the witness understood the event as it actually occurred. Only when the facts are clearly established should one believe the report, no matter by whom it was told.

Most of us are much too gullible most of the time. For that reason, con artists find enough easy-to-convince targets to defraud millions of victims each year in the United States. We all need a healthy dose of skepticism. The story is told of the man walking down the street who dropped a quarter into the tin cup being held out by a man wearing dark glasses and holding a sign reading, "Help the poor blind man." After taking a few steps, the donor turned around and was shocked to see the "blind man" remove his dark glasses and peer into the cup. The donor hurried back and angrily declared, "You're not blind!" to which the "blind man" replied, "No, sir, I'm not. The blind man's on vacation, and I'm just taking his place. I'm usually the deaf-and-dumb man on the next street."

It wouldn't have taken many questions of the "blind" man to discover the truth before the coin went into the tin cup. Nor does it take many questions to discover the truth about a particular religion. Yet few questions are usually asked; and most often, when it comes to religion, questions are not even allowed. In many years of traveling around the world speaking to varied audiences in different countries and cultures, I always value the time when the listeners have an opportunity to challenge me with questions. I am told, however, that most preachers and teachers rarely offer such an opportunity.

What Is the Reason for Your Faith?

All religions, at some point, demand faith—and often not in God but in the religious system, the church itself, or in its founder or current leader. As a result of putting one's trust in something or someone less than God, even though it or he or she may claim to represent Him, disillusionment inevitably sets in. One can become cynical and turn away from all religion and from then on reject the very possibility of truth. Or one could become a more earnest and wary seeker, wiser and more determined than ever to know God but now extremely cautious about the promises and teachings of mere men.

As we shall see in the following pages, any "faith" that is not based upon reason supported by irrefutable evidence is the utmost folly. The Bible presents the record of what it calls "*the faith*," that body of truth that provides the only reliable answers to all of life's ultimate questions. We want to face those questions honestly and openly—and, at the same time, take the greatest care to be certain that the answers we arrive at are valid. We will allow the critics to challenge the Bible from every angle, and we will discover that the evidence in support of "*the faith*" is absolutely overwhelming.

There is nothing wrong with asking questions in the search for truth. Indeed, probing questions are essential to the process

of finding the truth. Whatever answers are offered must be questioned further until one is satisfied that the truth has been found. This book, then, is simply a series of questions that sincere seekers (and many critics, skeptics, and atheists) have asked, with a reasoned response for each.

The questions found in the following pages have been asked of the author by many earnest people around the world who were either honestly seeking the evidence that alone can sustain true faith or were doing their best to destroy the Bible and “*the faith*” it offers to all mankind. The concerns expressed by the questioners cover a variety of topics, from how one can know whether the Bible is true and whether Jesus Christ really exists to whether or not He is the Savior of sinners and how one can have assurance of salvation. The accuracy of biblical prophecy is another of the many topics that will demand our attention. The Bible’s historical and scientific validity, as well, will be examined, along with the question of the existence of the God of the Bible and other concerns of vital importance.

The format is very simple: A question is asked, and the response is offered, as the author has come to understand the issues from the Bible, science, history, and experience. The chapters are divided according to the general subject being discussed.

*He who wishes to philosophize must begin by doubting
all things.*

—GIORDANO BRUNO¹

*When the founder of a new religion complained that it made
but little headway among the people, Talleyrand replied: "It
is no easy matter to introduce a new religion. But there is
one thing I would advise you to do. . . . Go and be crucified,
then be buried, and then rise again on the third day; and then
work miracles, raise the dead, heal all manner of disease and
cast out devils, and then it is possible you may accomplish
your end." This was Talleyrand's shrewd way of saying that
religion was a humbug; that it must be founded on a lie.*

—SAMUEL P. PUTNAM²

*How was it that a carpenter . . . born of a people whose great
teachers were narrow, sour, intolerant, pedantic legalists, was
the supreme religious Teacher the world has known . . . the
most important figure in the world's history?*

—W. S. PEAKE³

*No revolution that has ever taken place in society can be
compared to that which has been produced by the words of
Jesus Christ.*

—MARK HOPKINS⁴

*For the theoretical mind [Christianity] can accommodate all
that science can discover and still challenge science to dig
deeper and deeper.*

—GORDON ALLPORT⁵



EVIDENCE, REASON, AND FAITH

A Leap in the Dark

QUESTION: I have always understood that there is a difference between belief and faith—that belief is based upon fact and that faith, since it is related to religion, must be divorced from evidence and reason. That seems reasonable, but lately I’ve been wondering whether, and why, this should be true. Can you help me?

RESPONSE: You are struggling with a common, but serious, misunderstanding that has brought multitudes throughout history into religious bondage. The Bible puts belief and faith on an equal footing, with no difference between them. Common sense itself and a little reflection will tell you that *faith* must have as sure a factual foundation as *belief*. Faith is not a leap in the dark. Furthermore, faith in God and His Word, because it involves eternal matters, is far more important than belief about things of this life.

Faith, therefore, ought to have an even more solid basis than mere belief. One may be willing to allow some uncertainty in earthly matters, but only a fool would be comfortable with even the smallest degree of doubt in things that affect him eternally. No wonder the great apostle Paul wrote, “*Prove* all things; hold fast to that which is good” (1 Thessalonians 5:21).

Luke tells us that during the 40 days Jesus spent with His disciples after His resurrection, He “showed himself alive . . . by many *infallible proofs*” (Acts 1:3). Clearly, Christ did not consider it enough merely to show Himself to His disciples without providing irrefutable evidence of His resurrection. He considered it both legitimate and essential to *prove* that He was the very same One who had been crucified and that He had risen from the dead in the same body (but now in a new and glorious form) that had been placed lifeless in the grave.

“Behold my hands and my feet, that it is I myself,” Christ told the shocked disciples the first time He came to them after His resurrection. “Handle me and see, for a spirit [ghost] hath not flesh and bones, as ye see me have” (Luke 24:39). They had thought they were seeing a ghost, but He proved otherwise to them. To doubting Thomas, who had not been present on this first occasion, Christ declared later: “Reach hither thy finger and behold my hands; and reach hither thy hand and thrust it into my side . . .” (John 20:27). Here was irrefutable, tangible evidence.

It is only common sense that strict proof should be demanded before making a commitment or an investment in this life. How much more important, then, to be absolutely certain, based upon solid proof, before accepting by faith those things which affect one’s eternal destiny. True “faith,” as we shall see, can only be founded upon fact—not upon feelings, intuition, or emotion. Much less does faith arise out of blind submission to some religious authority.

Is Seeing Really Believing?

QUESTION: A famous adage says, “Seeing is believing.” Yet the Bible says, “We walk by faith, not by sight” (2 Corinthians 5:7). These two ideas seem to be in direct conflict with each other. Which one is right?

RESPONSE: The first saying, although partially true, can be very misleading; the second is totally true. While it helps to “see” something with one’s own eyes or to witness an occurrence, one doesn’t always “see” accurately. Thus, “seeing” is not always a sufficient reason for believing. Nor is “seeing” *essential* for believing, because we obviously believe in much that we have never seen.

For example, most Americans have never been to China and have thus never seen that country with their own eyes, yet they believe that such a place exists because of the abundance of testimony by those who have been there and because of much other evidence as well. No one has ever seen gravity, though we have observed what we believe to be its effects. Nor has any scientist seen energy, but we now believe it to be the stuff out of which the entire universe is made.

Moreover, appearances can be deceptive, as everyone knows by experience. A mirage can make it seem that the burning sand of a dry desert is water. A stage magician can deceive his audience into “seeing” the impossible. In fact, in *no instance* do we really “see” what we are looking at. The reader doesn’t actually see the page and print of this book. What he “sees” is the impression made upon his brain cells of a reflection carried by light waves into his eyes and then along nerve connections to the brain. Whether that impression is precisely what the page and ink really “look” like or really “are” can never be known by mortals. So “seeing” isn’t what one thinks it is and is surely not

the best basis for believing. British astronomer Sir James Jeans declared:

The outstanding achievement of twentieth-century physics is not the theory of relativity . . . or the theory of quanta . . . or the dissection of the atom . . . [but] it is the general recognition that we are not yet in contact with ultimate reality.⁶

We Walk by Faith, Not by Sight

The words of Jesus when He showed Himself to doubting Thomas are very instructive: “Thomas, because thou hast seen me thou hast believed; blessed are they that have not seen and yet have believed” (John 20:29). Of the risen Christ, now at the Father’s right hand in heaven, Peter wrote: “Whom having not seen, ye love; in whom, though now ye see him not, yet believing, ye rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory” (1 Peter 1:8). If “seeing is believing,” then those alive today—who, unlike Thomas, have never seen and handled Christ physically—could not believe in Him.

Indeed, if “seeing is believing” were true, no one could ever believe in God, because He dwells “in the light which no man can approach unto; whom no man hath seen, *nor can see* . . . (1 Timothy 6:16). The apostle John declares that “no man hath seen God at any time” (John 1:18; 1 John 4:12). Yet we are to believe in God, and multitudes of intelligent people do so without ever having seen Him with their physical eyes. Obviously, then, faith does not involve seeing with one’s eyes, but faith makes contact with that which is invisible. The great faith chapter of the Bible begins with “Faith is . . . the evidence of things *not seen*” (Hebrews 11:1).

These statements from Scripture reveal the great deception in the teaching of visualization. For example, the pastor of the largest church in the world insists that it is impossible to have

faith and to receive an answer to prayer without visualizing clearly the object or result for which one is praying.⁷ On the contrary, to attempt to visualize, and thus to “see,” is destructive of faith, which can only involve that which is “*not seen*”! Remember, “we walk by *faith, not by sight,*” and the two are incompatible.

The most important elements in this physical life (love, joy, peace, purpose, contentment, truth, justice, etc.) can neither be seen nor explained. Not long ago, it was widely believed in the world of academia that physical science would one day explain everything, even consciousness. That vain hope is no longer embraced by most scientists. Nobelist Sir John Eccles pointed out that the recent recognition that minds are nonphysical entities has caused the collapse of scientific materialism.⁸ Nobel laureate Erwin Schrödinger, who played a vital role in giving the world today’s new physics, put it very bluntly:

The scientific picture of the real world around me . . . is ghastly silent about all . . . that is really near to our heart, that really matters to us. . . . [I]t knows nothing of . . . good or bad, God and eternity. . . .

Whence came I and whither go I? That is the great unfathomable question, the same for every one of us. Science has no answer to it.⁹

“Seeing” has serious limitations and therefore has little to do with “believing” and *nothing* to do with “faith.” If we are to know those most important things in life—which science cannot reveal and concerning which it has nothing to say (love, joy, peace, truth, purpose, etc.)—we must have faith. Yet that statement immediately raises the serious question of how one can possibly believe in what or whom one has never seen and indeed cannot see. *Faith must stand on the basis of evidence that is independent of physical sight and scientific verification but that is irrefutable.* The remainder of this book will have a great deal to say about that.

Is It Wrong to Want Evidence for What One Believes?

QUESTION: I was raised from childhood in a particular church and believed everything the priest and my parents taught me when I was young. As I grew older, however, I began to have many doubts; but when I asked the priest, he told me that I must accept what the Holy Father and the bishops declared. I want to believe, but the questions keep nagging at me. Is it wrong to want some evidence and even proof for what a church teaches?

RESPONSE: It is amazing how many people who regularly attend a church have accepted the illogical and dangerous idea that when it comes to religion one should never raise any questions, because to do so shows a “lack of faith.” On the contrary, questions *must* be asked, and one must not be satisfied until one is certain of the answer. Skepticism is in fact *essential* as the first step toward faith so long as it doesn’t harden into pride or become a cloak for prejudice. Gullibility is no help to true faith but is actually its enemy.

Faith is absolute and total trust. Clearly, no one nor anything other than God is worthy of our absolute and total trust and thus of our faith. Jesus said, “Have faith in God” (Mark 11:22). Therefore, whenever faith is associated with someone (pastor, priest, guru) or something (church, religion, institution) other than God, it is misplaced. Only God is omnipotent, omniscient, and omnipresent and therefore cannot fail us when we trust in Him. Only He is worthy of our total trust; and He holds each of us accountable to know Him personally and on that basis to put our total trust in Him *alone*.

Know Him *personally*? Yes. Both the Bible and common sense tell us that. Any priest, pastor, guru, or church that claims to act as a mediator between man and God and says “Trust *me*” is by that claim demanding the total trust that we are to place

in God alone. Obviously, if any person is to act as the mediator between God and the rest of mankind, He must also *be* God, for no one else is worthy of our unquestioning confidence. Jesus Christ is God, who became man through the virgin birth. That is why the Bible says, “There is one God, and one [and *only one*] mediator between God and men, the man [who is also God] Christ Jesus . . . (1 Timothy 2:5).

Any religious system that demands faith in its teachings on the basis of its alleged *authority* rather than on the basis of hard evidence, and that is unwilling to allow its doctrines and claims to be examined freely by sincere, inquiring minds, should not be trusted. The idea that only an elite priesthood or clergy is qualified to determine truth in the area of religion, morals, or faith, and that their dogmas must be accepted unquestioningly, is a lie that has cost multitudes their freedom and peace of mind on earth and damned them for eternity. God himself has said to mankind, “Come now, and let us *reason* together . . . (Isaiah 1:18). We hope to follow that advice throughout this book.

What Role Do Evidence and Reason Play?

QUESTION: I can see that it makes no sense and would be very dangerous to believe something simply because some church or religious leader says I must do so. Clearly there must be some basis for believing. But I’m confused, because it wouldn’t seem to be “faith” if reason and evidence support my belief.

RESPONSE: Your confusion comes from imagining that if reason and evidence were involved at all in faith, that would cause faith to become *completely* rational—which, I agree, would make no sense. Clearly no faith is required to believe anything that is self-evident or that can be proved completely, such as the fact that the sun is in the sky and sending its warmth to earth.

On the other hand, reason and evidence may legitimately point the direction for faith to go—and *must* do so. Indeed, faith must not violate evidence and reason or it would be irrational. Faith takes a step *beyond* reason but only in the direction that reason and evidence have pointed.

The idea of a “leap of faith” (that faith must be irrational) has been promoted by some schools of philosophy and religion. If that were true, however, there would be no basis other than feelings or intuition for what one believes. As a consequence, one could believe or have faith in anything. As the saying goes, “If it works for you, it’s okay”—a senseless idea that denies the absoluteness of truth.

By this theory, it is *faith* that is important rather than the *object* of one’s faith. Never mind *what* one believes. One has to believe in *something*, so take the leap. It is the *believing* that causes the effect one seeks—a theory that has some temporary and limited truth. Yes, believing in the Star Wars Force or that God is some kind of magic genie who exists to do one’s bidding may indeed bring a superficial sense of well-being for a time. Eventually, however, that belief will prove to be a delusion, and the bubble of euphoria will burst, leaving the person worse off than before.

Faith Is a Response to Proven Truth

On the surface it may seem legitimate to reject reason and evidence, because God is far beyond our ability to fully comprehend and thus beyond any proof we could understand. How could evidence, much less *proof*, have any part to play in one’s faith in God? As we have noted, however, if reason doesn’t have *some* role to play, then one could believe in any kind of “god”—an idea that is clearly false. One must have *some* evidence even to believe there is a God. Otherwise, how could the idea of God be sustained?

Thankfully, the evidence is all around us: “The heavens declare the glory of God. . . . For the invisible things of him [God] from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead, so that they [all mankind] are without excuse” (Psalm 19:1; Romans 1:20). One cannot learn very much of the incredible nature of the universe, from the beautiful simplicity of the atomic structure of the elements to the incomprehensible complexity of a living cell with ten thousand chemical reactions going on at once in perfect balance with one another, without realizing that it couldn’t have happened by chance.

The design of a leaf (and how much more so of the human brain) demands an intelligent Designer who Himself is beyond our highest thought, or He wouldn’t be capable of creating and governing the universe. It is certainly appropriate to observe the incredible order in the universe and from such evidence to draw the conclusion that the universe and we ourselves couldn’t have happened by chance but must have been designed and created by an intelligent Being capable of doing so. *Evidence and reason point to God.* This is not only legitimate but an essential first step in knowing Him.

This God, however, in order to be the Creator and Sustainer of the universe must have capabilities that are infinitely beyond our capacity to comprehend. Reason can follow the evidence only so far and then finds itself beyond its ability to go any further. It is at this point that faith takes the next step, a step that is beyond the capacity of reason to accompany it but that is (and must be) in the *direction* that reason and the evidence have pointed.

The atheist sees the same evidence, and he too takes a step of “faith” beyond reason. Sadly, however, in trying to escape the consequences of admitting God’s existence and thus his accountability to his Creator, the atheist takes a “leap of faith” in the opposite direction from which reason and the evidence so clearly

point. He chooses to deny the evidence, and thus his “faith” is totally irrational and therefore not genuine faith at all.

There is much other specific evidence for believing both in God and in the Bible as His Word, but we will deal with that evidence later.

Beware of Trying to “Force” Yourself to Believe

QUESTION: I have struggled with this thing called “faith” all of my life. I want to “believe” in God and the Bible but can’t make myself do it. I keep having these nagging doubts. What am I supposed to do?

RESPONSE: By all means, don’t “make” yourself believe in God or the Bible. Let me suggest that you begin by facing the logical necessity of God’s existence. Without God, neither the universe nor we ourselves would exist, and there would be no purpose or meaning for anything. The Bible begins like this: “In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth” (Genesis 1:1). It doesn’t argue God’s existence, because that fact is self-evident from the universe we see around us and has been implanted by God in every person’s conscience.

The Bible unapologetically declares, “The fool hath said in his heart, there is no God” (Psalm 14:1; 53:1). Any thinking human being must agree with this pronouncement. Only a fool could believe that the universe came into existence by chance. Just one living cell in the human body is, according to Nobel Prize winner Linus Pauling, “more complex than New York City.” To imagine that life itself (which is a mystery beyond the capability of science to fathom) and the incredible complexity of matter that sustains life could happen by chance is absurd.

All the Evidence Points to God

Suppose two survivors of a ship that sank have drifted for days in a life raft across the South Pacific and at last are washed ashore on an island. Their great hope, of course, is that the island is inhabited so they can find food, medical attention, and a means of returning to their distant homes. Pushing their way into the jungle, they suddenly come upon an automated factory operating full tilt. Though no person is visible, products are being manufactured, packaged, and labeled for shipping.

One of the parties exclaims, "Praise God! The island is inhabited! Someone must have made and oversees this factory!"

"You're crazy," replies his companion. "You've been out in the sun too long. There's absolutely no reason to believe that this thing was designed and put together by some intelligent being. It just happened by chance over who-knows-how-many billions of years."

The first man looks down at his feet and sees a watch with a broken wristband lying in the dirt. Again he exclaims, "Look! A watch! This proves the island's inhabited!"

"You've got to be kidding," retorts his companion. "That thing is just a conglomeration of atoms that happened to come together in that form by chance plus billions of years of random selection."

No person in his right mind could imagine that a factory or a watch could just happen by chance. Then how could any rational person insist that the universe came into existence by chance, much less that the complex life forms on earth did so! A single cell in a leaf or in an animal's body is thousands of times more complex than the factory and the watch put together. The human body consists of *trillions* of cells, thousands of different kinds, all working together in perfect balance. Our top scientists can't produce a human brain even with all of the computers and technology that exist today. Only God could do so. Chance certainly could not!

Nor does it make sense that God would create man without having a definite purpose for him. Nothing is so frustrating to an intelligent person as having no purpose in life. Yet the very idea of purpose could not arise by chance, for purpose and chance are opposites. There can't be design without a designer. We know, therefore, that God had a purpose for creating us. And if so, He must have a way to communicate that purpose.

The Bible claims to be the Word of God to mankind and explains God's purpose and plan. We are not expected to believe that claim without sufficient evidence, but in fact that claim is supported by a vast body of evidence, much of it held in museums around the world and so irrefutable that no one capable of reading the Bible has any excuse for doubting its claims. We will present many such proofs throughout this book.

The major proof of God's existence that the Bible offers is the fulfillment of hundreds of specific prophecies. In Isaiah 46:9–10, God says that He will prove His existence by telling what will happen before it happens. In Isaiah 43:10, God tells Israel that she is His witness, both to herself and to the world, that He is God. How is that so? Because of the many prophecies God made concerning Israel that have come to pass: that the Jews would be scattered to every nation on earth; that they would be hated and persecuted and killed as no other people (anti-Semitism); that they would be preserved in spite of a thousand Hitlers trying to exterminate them; that they would be brought back to their land in the last days . . . and many other prophecies that have clearly been fulfilled and are in the process of being fulfilled before our very eyes.

We won't go into these details here because we have dealt thoroughly with prophecy in other books. The point, however, is that no one should believe anything without a solid reason for doing so, and that the evidence compelling mankind to believe in God and the Bible is absolutely overwhelming.

Given Evidence and Reason, Why Faith?

QUESTION: If evidence and reason are essential parts of faith, I don't see why God should demand faith at all. Why not give us the proof of everything? To have to take that step of faith seems unreasonable to me.

RESPONSE: The answer to your question is dictated by our own limitations, not because of some unreasonable demand that God makes. In order for everything to be proved and reasoned out for us, we would have to be equal to God. Obviously we are not: We are finite and God is infinite. We simply don't have the capacity to understand everything about God and His universe. Therefore, we need to trust Him when He tells us about things that we cannot fully comprehend. That's where faith comes in.

What we can understand of the universe and of our accountability to God from reason and our conscience is sufficient to point us in the right direction. Knowing on the basis of the evidence that God exists, we ask Him to reveal Himself to us and to show us His will for our lives. We are willing to trust Him in whatever He tells us, even though we cannot understand it all. We discover (as we shall see) that He has spoken to us in the Bible, and very clearly and comprehensively.

Faith Reveals a Universe Beyond Human Comprehension

True faith opens to us a knowledge of God and His truth that we could not otherwise discover. Such is the value of faith in God. Once we know Him and have confidence that we are indeed hearing from Him, then we understand His truth by believing what He says. As a result, we can know and

understand what would otherwise be impossible for us to grasp. For example, the Bible declares:

Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear. (Hebrews 11:3)

These words, penned nearly two thousand years ago, clearly tell us that the universe was made out of an invisible substance. No one at that time nor during the many centuries that followed had the scientific knowledge to provide the evidence to support this statement. The *proof* had to wait until modern science had caught up with what the Bible had said 1,800 years earlier.

Today we know that the entire universe is composed of an invisible substance called energy. In spite of the brilliant advancements of science, however, though we know much *about* energy, we still don't know exactly what it is. Yet by faith the believer knew all he needed to know: that God spoke the universe into existence by His infinite power and that He made it out of something that is invisible.

That these words are found in the Bible is one of many reasons to believe it rather than any of the other scriptures that are sacred to the world's many religions. By contrast, those scriptures, far from containing statements that science can only confirm and never refute (as is the case with the Bible), contain numerous ridiculous ideas that reflect the level of understanding of mankind at the time and of the culture when and where they were written.

It was once believed that the earth was flat and was supported on the back of a tortoise floating in a sea. The Greeks thought that Atlas, a giant, held the universe in his arms. The Egyptian account of creation involved gods (such as the sun god, which was born on a flower), some of whom were part animal and part human. Plato thought the world was a living being and

that earthquakes were caused when it shook itself. The Bible, though written in the same time period and by men who lived in these same cultures, is completely free of such myths. Even the Qur'an, of far more recent origin, contains Arabian myths. As it has often been pointed out:

The Bible is the only ancient book that is accurate in all scientific details. Other ancient holy books from the East include legends and errors too childish for consideration. Even comparatively modern books like the Koran abound in historical and chronological blunders.¹⁰

There are many other reasons for believing that the Bible is, as it claims to be, God's infallible Word. We will consider them in the following pages in response to numerous other questions.

Is Faith a Power of the Mind?

QUESTION: One of my favorite books has been *The Power of Positive Thinking*. In it, the author says that "positive thinking" is just another word for "faith." I notice that his chief disciple says much the same thing: that "faith" is what he calls "possibility thinking." He has called Jesus Christ "the greatest possibility thinker of all time." Something about that bothers me, but I don't know why. Can you explain?

RESPONSE: We have already noted that Jesus said, "Have faith in God" (Mark 11:22), and that faith can only be in God because He alone is worthy of complete trust. Yet an atheist can teach "Positive Thinking" seminars, and many atheists do so. Obviously, then, positive thinking has nothing to do with faith. It is, in fact, the exact opposite of faith.

The theory of positive thinking is that one's thoughts, whether "positive" or "negative," influence one's own body and personality and thus health. Moreover, one's thoughts are believed even to influence other people and the world around. Thus success or failure is allegedly created by the power of one's mind. This is actually an ancient occult belief, which its modern proponents claim works through some mysterious psychic power that we all possess but have to learn to use.

Faith, on the other hand, is placed in God and His omnipotence, not in the alleged power of one's own mind, whether conscious or unconscious. What a difference! For positive thinking, it doesn't matter whether God is real or not; what matters is one's *belief*. Thus, "God" is turned into a placebo that activates belief. One could believe in some cosmic energy source or anything else. All that matters is simply that one *believes*. It is the power of *belief* that supposedly causes the desired effect. What triggers this belief is unimportant. Clearly, then, whoever confuses positive/possibility thinking with faith has turned from God and His truth and power and has been badly deceived in both temporal and eternal issues.

An Inescapable and Vital Choice

Here is the choice we face: Either we trust in the power of a firmly held belief activating some mysterious psychic power of the mind, or else we trust in God and His infinite power, which is obviously demonstrated everywhere in the universe. Only a fool would choose the power of the mind over the power of God. True faith looks to God to do that which neither one's mind (conscious or unconscious) nor talents nor efforts could accomplish.

An important element of faith, therefore, is *submission to God's will*. Faith could hardly be expected to believe that God would do what is contrary to His will, nor would faith desire

Him to do so. Faith trusts God to fulfill His Word and to effect His will in one's life.

Here is another error: Many religious people try to use "faith" to cause God to put *their* will into effect. Many people think of prayer as a religious technique for getting their own way. They set their sights on what they want and then use prayer as a means of trying to talk God into making it work out for them. And if someone comes along offering a seminar on techniques for getting prayers "answered" (such as visualizing what one is praying for, or speaking forth with confidence that one has already obtained what one is praying for, etc.), people will sign up by the millions to learn how to get their own way.

By His example, Jesus made it clear that no one has even begun to pray until he can first say from his heart to God, "Not my will but thine be done" (Luke 22:42). Paul exemplified the same truth. He had an affliction that he referred to as his "thorn in the flesh" and from which he asked Christ to deliver him:

For this thing I besought the Lord thrice that it might depart from me. And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee, for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities [weaknesses], that the power of Christ may rest upon me. (2 Corinthians 12:8–9)

No one can have faith in God—that is, absolute and total trust in Him—without knowing Him. And if one truly knows God, then one sincerely wants God's will rather than one's own will. Obviously, God is wiser than any mere human. Furthermore, He has proved that He loves us. Then doesn't it make sense, rather than trying to get one's own finite and fallible will to be done, to trust God's infinite wisdom and love to effect what is best in one's life? That is true "faith in God." Nothing else makes sense.

Confronting Lenin's Dilemma

QUESTION: Obviously, the whole idea of faith in God was invented by religious leaders in order to deceive and enslave their followers. That's one thing all religions have in common: an elite class of clergy who get the people to believe in some mythical God and then pretend to be the go-betweens to this God to hold the people in their power—and charge them plenty for it!

RESPONSE: That was Lenin's theory. He was also a materialist. Nothing existed for Lenin except the physical world, and the only way to know about that world was to come in contact with it. In agreement with Freud, Lenin believed that man was a stimulus-response mechanism without spirit or soul, just a lump of protein molecules wired with nerves. Man's behavior was learned from experience and could therefore be reprogrammed through "behavior modification," a polite word for "brainwashing," which the Communists developed to a fine art—except that it only worked by destroying the person.

Of course, there was no room for God in such a theory, and that was precisely what created problems for Lenin when he dared to think about it. Man can only know about that which exists in the physical realm. Animals don't have gods, so why should man, in the evolutionary process, have ever developed such a fantasy?

Since man is a stimulus-response mechanism, according to this theory, he can only know of that which stimulates him. He touches something hot or cold and learns of "hot" and "cold." He touches something hard or he is hit by something hard and he learns about "hard." All he can know of anything is what he has experienced: the stimulus from the physical world and his instinctive response inherited through millions of years of

evolution and then modified and reprogrammed by his own experience. Even science has no other source of knowledge.

Man can't even *think* or *fantasize* about something that doesn't exist in the physical world, according to this theory. Of course, with the help of a little alcohol, he can have visions of pink elephants, but pink exists and so do elephants. He could dream of "paradise" or "heaven," but it would always conform to his experience: the "happy hunting ground" of the American Indian or a land of luxury for Pharaohs, evidenced by the bows and arrows or robes and jewelry buried with the dead.

What "Stimulus" Caused the Response, "God," in Human Minds?

The theory seemed consistent and could be demonstrated by challenging doubters to visualize a new prime color for the rainbow. No one could. Obviously, then, nothing exists but the material world, and no one can even conceive of anything that doesn't exist and that he hasn't experienced. There was only one flaw: Foolish people have this fantasy about God. Where did that come from?

Those despicable clergy must have invented "God" and have ever since been filling the minds of the common people with this delusion in order to keep them in bondage. Communism would set them free from this opiate of the people! Yes, but where did the clergy get this idea, if no one can think of anything that doesn't exist? What was the "stimulus" that caused this "God-response"? There's the rub. By Lenin's own theory, God had to exist or no one would have ever dreamed up the idea.

Isn't it interesting that in contrast to the philosophers who have been trying to develop proofs for the existence of God for centuries, the Bible doesn't waste its time in that manner? The Bible is the one Book where one would certainly expect to see many complex arguments presented for God's existence, yet not one is given!

Surely, that very fact says something important about the Bible and about God: *He has already made contact with every person in his or her conscience.* Everyone knows that God exists, and that includes you. So the Bible doesn't even argue about the issue, because the very fact that all of mankind has this concept says that He exists.

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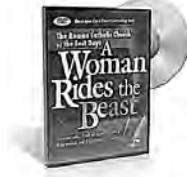
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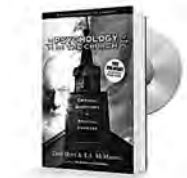
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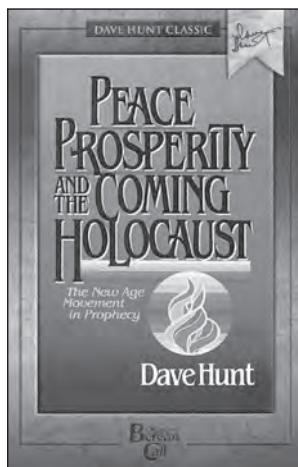
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BY DAVE HUNT

FIRST PUBLISHED IN 1983, Dave Hunt's *Peace, Prosperity, and the Coming Holocaust* stood unique on conservative bookshelves crowded with "doom and gloom" predictions for the future U.S. economy. Fast-forward to 2009: The "Reaganomics" of President Ronald Reagan (1980-1988) and the prosperity it generated has been recast as a "decade of greed" by those in power who now seek to "spread the wealth around." The stock market crash, sub-prime mortgage crisis, presidential election results, and scandalous multi-trillion-dollar "bank bailout" of 2008 have caused many to agree that the "doom and

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- Are the current geo-political and economic signs of the times indicators of the prophesied Last Days and the soon return of Jesus Christ for His church? What's next on the prophetic calendar?

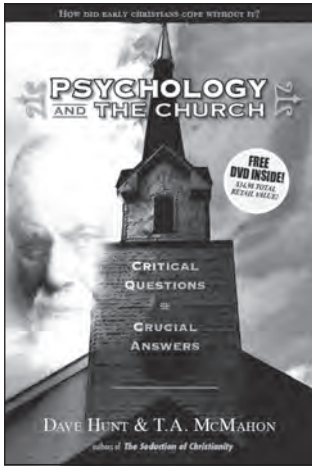
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PSYCHOLOGY AND THE CHURCH: Critical Questions, Crucial Answers

BY DAVE HUNT & T. A. McMAHON

SO COMMON is the use of psychotherapy among Christians today that many pastors themselves are either licensed therapists or are the greatest source of referrals to professional counselors. In addition, the study of psychology has become the number two career choice for all college students; in fact, the popularity of this “science of the soul” is even greater among those enrolled in Christian colleges, universities, and seminaries from coast to coast.

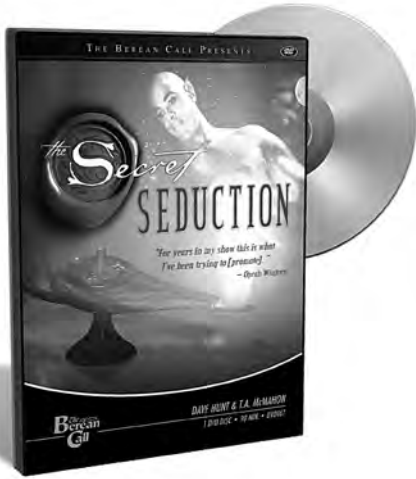
The purpose of this book is not to attack or condemn evangelicals who are either practicing psychotherapists or those who have been helped by what is commonly called “Christian Psychology.” Rather, this volume acknowledges the value of believers bearing one another’s burdens through prayer, fellowship, and the Word of God. Simultaneously, this compilation exposes—in a biblically incisive manner—underlying concerns that have plagued the evangelical community as a result of embracing what is tantamount to a counterfeit religious practice, woven into the fabric of contemporary Christianity.

SOME OF THE CRITICAL QUESTIONS AND CRUCIAL ANSWERS EXPLORED:

- ➔ From what ancient philosophical roots does psychology originate, and what are its modern fruits?
- ➔ Is psychology truly a “scientific” means by which the spiritual issues of mankind may be addressed?
- ➔ What does God’s Word prescribe as a remedy for the social ills of our culture, and is that alone sufficient for the Body of Christ?
- ➔ Can Christians effectively minister using Scripture and prayer by power of the Holy Spirit, or is professional training required?
- ➔ What understanding of “Self” can psychology bring to light that Scripture cannot?
- ➔ Is it possible for believers in Christ to “eat the fish and spit out the bones” with regard to psychology’s foundation in secular humanism?
- ➔ Can the mystic and occultic methodologies employed by secular psychotherapists be “sanctified” for practice by Christian counselors?
- ➔ Does the wisdom of psychology point to the narrow way of biblical Christianity, or toward the broad path that leads to destruction?

Paperback, 412 pages. Includes 60 minute documentary-style DVD, the transcript of which is featured as an appendix in the book.

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THE SECRET SEDUCTION

with DAVE HUNT & T. A. McMAHON

IT MAY SURPRISE SOME that the new spirituality of Oprah and her many “enlightened” friends (Rhonda Byrne, Eckhart Tolle, and others) is nothing new at all.

In fact, the principles taught in Rhonda Byrne’s book and DVD and promoted by Oprah to millions of adoring, loyal fans as “the secret” is in reality the same

ancient seduction of Eve by the serpent: “Ye shall not surely die . . . in the day ye eat thereof, your eyes will be opened, and ye shall be as gods” (Genesis 3:5).

Unfortunately, it is not only the world that is receptive to Oprah’s “new spirituality” and her counterfeit self-help gospel with its so-called law of attraction, but an increasing number of evangelical leaders and movements are rapidly aligning with false doctrines identical to those “revealed” in *The Secret*. In fact, this book and DVD “experience” provides nothing new to the reader or viewer. Instead, just as Adam and Eve tried to hide their nakedness after their Luciferic “enlightenment,” so the counterfeit lies of new spirituality fail to cover mankind’s quest for christhood.

This documentary lays a sure foundation to inform and equip believers with biblical answers for addressing those who have been deceived by *The Secret*. Viewers of this critical examination will be truthfully enlightened as Dave and Tom use God’s Word to not only expose the occult roots of New Spirituality, but identify its connection to unbiblical movements within the contemporary evangelical church.

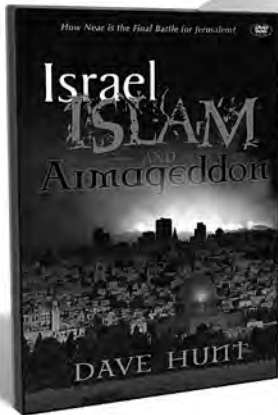
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Professing to be a “Christian,” Oprah Winfrey proclaimed before millions that “Jesus . . . couldn't possibly be the only way to God,” and “there are many more paths to God other than Christianity.” These antibiblical statements awakened many to recognize her rejection of God's Word in favor of New [Age] Spirituality. She is an evangelist for Eckhart Tolle's “roadmap” to global peace through Eastern mysticism, A New Earth: Awakening to Your Life's Purpose, as well as the spirit-channeled occult wisdom (psycho-spirituality) from A Course in Miracles as presented by Marianne Williamson.



THE FINAL BATTLE FOR JERUSALEM



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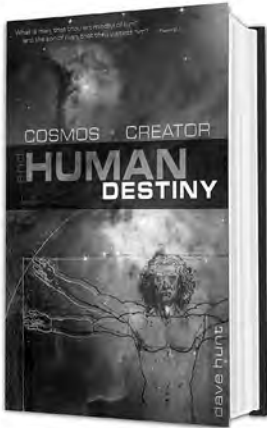
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“THE FOOL HAS SAID IN HIS HEART...



... THERE IS NO GOD.” —PSALM 14:1

THE “NEW ATHEISTS,” as they have been termed, are awfully angry at a God they say doesn’t exist. Claiming that all religion is nothing more than “tolerance of pervasive myth and superstition,” this seething mob of mockers is intent on hangin’ high biblical Christianity.

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