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God Is!

On the first page of divine revelation we read, "In the beginning God." Gen. 1:1. The beginning is the right place to start to find truth about anything. From the beginning God has revealed himself to man. The Bible contains this revelation. Therefore, we must go to the Bible as our source of authority concerning the beginning of our relationship with God. We cannot prove that GOD IS from our 5 external senses, neither can we prove Him from our internal senses. But with the Bible and our senses we can prove that GOD IS! Since we have both, let us see what the Bible teaches concerning the fact that GOD IS. First, we must prove the authenticity of the Scripture. If we can prove the inspiration of the Scripture, then we have proven that GOD IS because the Scripture reveals God to us. God and His word cannot be separated! In the final analysis, we must accept the fact that God is and the Bible is His word by faith, because the just is to live by faith. Rom. 1:17 2 Cor. 5:7. To this, the skeptics laugh because they cannot discern and reason with their senses that GOD IS; to them, therefore, the Bible is not inspired. Paradoxically, they should be the first to accept God by faith because they cannot find Him in a test tube, syllogism, or mathematical equation. But, what many men cannot reason out they will not accept and turn to no more authority than feelings. But it was not the plan of God to reveal Himself so that we could prove Him literally. This would be contrary to His plan to make Himself known by faith. God chose to save man by the faith system as contrasted with the law system He gave to Moses. If we are to be saved eternally it will be because we have been obedient to the faith. Rom. 1:5. "The study of origins does not really fall within the domain of science at all. Science, in the strict sense, means "knowledge," and therefore must necessarily be based on actual experimental measurements and analyses. Since it is completely impossible to make any actual measurements or experiments on the origins of the universe or life or the various kinds of life, it is therefore also impossible for science, as such, to tell us about these things." "Science, as such, can deal only with present processes and not with the processes of the prehistoric past or the unknown future." These quotes were from Henry M. Morris as recorded in his book, EVOLUTION AND THE MODERN CHRISTIAN.

Now to the Bible to prove from it that both God and His word are divine. The Bible reveals God as the Creator. Ps. 8:3; Heb. 1:2. He created all things. Acts 14:15. He climaxed His creation by forming man of the dust of the ground and breathing into his nostrils the breath of life man became a living soul. Gen. 2:7. Since there is no other book that reveals this information and we are here in the world with all living things, then why not accept what the inspired record reveals about this and God? Wherein has the divine record erred?

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Signs Of

INTELLECTUALISM

True education is as a precious jewel and should be desired by all, Pro. 20:15, but false knowledge "puffeth up." 1 Cor. 8:1. The word "puffeth" means to inflate, blow up. It is used metaphorically in the sense of being puffed up with pride in such passages as 1 Cor. 8:1. W. E. Vine.

From the Biblical principle, "Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them" Matt. 7:20, let us inspect some of the fruits of our PSEUDO-INTELLECTUALS:

1. They cannot or will not explain simple passages of Scripture. If they do, the explanation will be loaded with historical and philosophical information which tend to confuse rather than instruct. It takes them a long time to say exactly what they mean. Peter, Paul, and John are not in vogue with them.

2. They are OVER-emotional--too dramatic!

3. They are tired of hearing the same old cliches and colloquialisms or the same old truths. They do not seem to be sure of the "old paths."

4. They have a burning desire to change the "old paths."

5. They are OVERLY-zealous to find something new. Because of their education? they evidently think, the congregation is expecting them to come up with something new.

6. OVERLY-dependent upon the Holy Spirit.

7. They want to throw a blanket of love around everybody and especially love their views and opinions about the Bible.

8. Extremely vague about the inspiration of the Scripture and absolute authority.

9. They always want to keep the church up to date with the latest fads.

10. Sermonettes, social meanderings and EXTENDED prayer meetings are common among them.

"And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." John 8:32. "Buy the truth, and sell it not." Pro. 23:23.

LOVE

There's not a single person in the world, regardless of race, social status or environment, that does not desire to be truly happy in this life. Yet, many have searched for happiness and having failed to find it, their lives have become empty and void of any meaning. In their search they have overlooked the basic thing that brings happiness--LOVE. In every person, there is a need to love somebody and to be loved by somebody. And until this need is supplied, true happiness is not theirs to enjoy.

A lack of love can prove disastrous to a person's life, job, home and dreams. A modern day physician has said, "We now know that the giant destructive emotions of hate, envy, jealousy, fear and guilt produce diseases just as certainly as do bacteria or poisons. Some of the diseases that we know are caused by these destructive emotions are certain cases of asthma, stomach ulcers, high blood pressure, migraine headaches, heart disease, rheumatoid arthritis and chronic ulcerative colitis. We have very little success in treating these diseases as long as the patient harbors these destructive emotions.... We know that the only way to get rid of these destructive emotions is to replace them with love." Notice what the doctor says, "we now know." Are people in this 20th century just now awakening to what Jesus came to tell us nearly 2,000 years ago? Jesus did not preach hate, retaliation or jealousy, but He taught and practiced love as the key to a happy Christian life. Notice His words in Matt. 5:44, "But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you."

The aim of those who work with emotionally disturbed people is to teach them to receive love and to give love. Yet, this is no new discovery, for the Bible teaches the very same principle. In God's Word, we read of His love and the love of His Son. We are admonished to receive Their love

by obeying the commandments set forth in the Bible. Jesus said, "if ye love me, keep my commandments." Our lives find real meaning when we fully submit to God's Will and have our sins washed in the blood of the Lamb. Then with the assurance of salvation, we go forth in this dark world of sin sharing the love of God with others. We need to have such love for others that we will give our lives teaching and serving those whose lives are empty. When we busy ourselves with loving others, we won't even think or worry about our petty problems. When this is done, we will be walking in the footsteps of Jesus who "came not to be ministered unto, but to minister." With this great love and His desire to save those lost in sin, Jesus could truly say, "This is my commandment, That ye love one another, as I have loved you. Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends."

My friend, have you received the love of God by submitting to His will? Have you given love by helping others and sharing the gospel with them? I'm afraid that until you receive love and give love, you will never find true happiness. Your life can become important and your future can be filled with hope by accepting the basic thing that brings happiness--LOVE. "And now abideth faith, hope, love, these three; but the greatest of these is love."

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Our

SYMPATHY

We wish to express our sympathy to the family of Mr. Rolland H. Williams who passed away February 13, 1968. Mr. Williams was the owner of the Thayer Printing Company who has printed this paper for many years. His kindness and consideration extended to us will always be remembered.

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The attributes ascribed to God by the Bible prove Him to be divine. God is unlimited. 1 Kgs. 8:27; Heb. 4:13. He is eternal, Ps. 90:2; Ex. 3:14, 15. He has all power (Omnipotence) Matt. 19:26; Rom. 1:20. God knows all (Omniscience) Matt. 10:19; Acts 1:24. He is ever present (Omnipresence) Acts 18:27. He cannot be moved Ps. 33:11; James 1:27. He is Wisdom, Job 36:5; Rom. 16:27; 1 Tim. 1:17. Has any other book revealed this information? God is holy, just, merciful, faithful, and love. 1 John 4:8-21.

"While the earth remaineth, seedtime and harvest, and cold and heat, and the summer and winter, and day and night shall not cease." Gen. 8:22. Ask your grandmother if she can ever remember when this was not true? That God destroyed Jerusalem is a historical fact, but the Bible foretold of this. Matt. 24. The Bible supplies much of this evidence, but it all gives way to the coming, birth, life, death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ! Such accuracy which covers such span of time proves that the writers were true prophets. Deut. 18:22. The word of God is eternal. "Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away." Matt. 24:35. As long as time lasts we will have the Bible. Many attempts have been made to destroy the Book, but it testifies of itself that it shall not pass away, therefore, surely this is proof of its inspiration. We need the word of God as a lamp and a light. Ps. 119:105. We must be born again, not of corruptible seed, or the teachings of men, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth forever. 1 Pet. 1:23. Therefore, since we must have it because we need it, man cannot live by bread alone, Matt. 4:4, God said, "the word of the Lord endureth forever." 1 Pet. 1:25. The Bible gives us all things that pertain to life and godliness. 2 Pet. 1:3. It is inspired and perfect. 2 Tim. 3:16, 17.

We are living today, we know of people dying today. Every funeral bears witness that GOD IS and man must die and be judged.

Heb. 9:27. Thus, from the known we can be sure of the unknown because God has revealed this through His word. No other book tells us from whence we came and where we shall spend eternity. "He that rejecteth me, and receiveth not my words, hath one that judgeth him: the word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day." John 12:48. Are you ready for the judgment day? GOD IS!!!

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What must I do to be saved?

When the keeper of the prison asked Paul what he must do to be saved, Paul replied: "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house." (Acts 16:31) In order for them to believe it was necessary that they hear the word. "How shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard?" (Rom. 10:14) So, "they spake unto him the word of the Lord, and to all that were in his house." (Acts 16:32) Hearing the word of the Lord, the man believed and was baptized. Obviously, baptism was a part of the "word of the Lord", for where else could this man have heard of it. But, we know beyond any doubt that baptism was a part of the "word of the Lord". Jesus, just before he went back to the Father, said: "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved." (Mark 16:16) This is why the jailor heard the word, believed, and was baptized.

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