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U-Rent

by Clay Zimmerman

Storage rental facilities are on the increase in America! Obviously, the number of people using these facilities and the number of things being stored must be increasing as well. It is estimated that 25% of our current storage facilities have been built in the last ten years. The fact is people have more things than they can store in their homes. What are some reasons for the boom in rental facilities?

One is consumerism. People are buying lots of things. Everything needs to be stored somewhere!

Another reason is a more mobile society. With people moving frequently for job reasons or otherwise, it may be more feasible to rent than to buy a property. Many condos and apartments don't have room for a lot of "toys" or other bulky items.

Another group of renters is baby boomers downsizing into smaller homes or going into the home rental market and not ready to give up sentimental items. The solution, short or long term, is storing things.

In the end, many people are spending millions of dollars for other people to keep their things safe.

Did you know God is in the storage business, too? That's right, He offers to keep things safe for

us. Let's see what the Bible says in Matthew 6:20. **"Lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven where they will be safe, and thieves will never break in and steal your stuff."** (paraphrased a bit).

Jesus tells us that where our treasures are, there our heart is also. Surely there is a better place for our hearts than in a rental unit, garage, or anywhere else around here. A catastrophe could hit and we wouldn't have anything. Death will remove all our earthly treasures as well, unless we have the kind of treasure Jesus was talking about. He says in Luke 12:33 that we should be giving to others, so we end up with treasures in heaven. Is it that simple? Let's look at the big picture.

When a person gives up himself to be forgiven and to follow Christ, he is called a new creature. 2 Corinthians 5:17 says, **"Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold all things are become new."** Being one of Christ's children now calls us to a different existence. A state of being where we love God and others. We will now be givers, not just getters. We will seek to influence others for good. We will be laying up rewards in heaven (treasures) by our actions and life changes. That way when we move on (to heaven) our treasures will have gotten there ahead of us. Treasures in heaven!

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WISDOM FOR YOUTH

Jesus the Judge

by Gardell Strite

"Let the Judgin' up to Jesus" is a message I saw on a teenager's shirt in our local town. No doubt, this individual did not want any other person to judge him, and it seemed safer and less condemning if Jesus (who is not physically on the earth right now) would judge him. It is certainly true that Jesus will be the judge of men's actions, and no other human being will have that responsibility.

When Jesus was here on earth, He had some things to say about how people should act, and He told us how He will judge actions. Let's look at some things Jesus had to say.

- *"But I say unto you, Swear not at all" (Matthew 5:34). "Every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgement" (Matthew 12:36). Swearing, cursing, dirty jokes, hateful words, angry words, gossip—Jesus is listening to everything we say. These words are not forgotten. They are being recorded and will be played back to us on the judgement day!*
- *"For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornication, thefts, false witness, blasphemies: These are the things which defile a man" (Matthew 15:19-20). Jesus clearly condemns adultery and fornication. Any sexual relationship outside the marriage of one man to one woman is sin and defiles a person. Jesus knows every lustful thought and action anyone commits, including those committed under cover of darkness.*

- *"But I say unto you, That whosoever is angry with his brother without a cause shall be in danger of the judgement... but whosoever shall say, Thou fool, shall be in danger of hell fire" (Matthew 5:22). Jesus is watching how we are treating our fellow man and will judge us accordingly. Being angry with others and despising others brings us under his condemnation and endangers us with the fire of hell. Jesus knows every hateful attitude that we have ever had.*

Sometimes people can escape the judgement of other men, but the Bible is clear that no one will escape God's judgement. All men and women will appear before the judgement seat of God and hear a verdict pronounced on them. Read these solemn words of Jesus: *"And before him [Jesus] shall be gathered all nations: and he shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divideth his sheep from the goats: and he shall set the sheep on his right hand, but the goats on the left" (Matthew 25:32,33). The sheep will be told to "Come" into the eternal joys of heaven, and the goats will be told to "Depart" into everlasting fire. This last and final judgement will be entirely up to Jesus. No one will be able to get through the judgement with hidden sin in their lives.*

The entire Bible was written so we can know what God expects of us, and the Bible offers a plan to prepare for the final judgement. Confessing our sins before the judgement, trusting the blood of Christ to forgive, and living in obedience to God will save us on that Last Day. The final "judgin'" will be up to Jesus.



WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY?

Want to Save the World?

by David L. Martin

"Oh, Dr. Kissinger, thank you for saving the world," said an admirer.

According to the story, Henry Kissinger replied, "You're welcome."

That was a quick answer, and was no doubt meant to be a funny one. People have been "saving the world" for a long time. College graduates—some of them, anyway—are notorious for this. They are still young, strong, and undefeated, and they are eager to make things happen. No doubt they do accomplish some good things.

But the world is not yet saved. Everyone wants to play doctor with the world, and yet the world is still ailing badly. The Bible itself says, *"Evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse"* (2 Timothy 3:13). The world totters on the edge of nuclear disaster, and we've had a few samples of this already. Perhaps this was what Jesus had in mind when He said, *"Except those days be shortened, there should no flesh be saved"* (Matthew 24:22).

Shall we turn to the scientists who created many of the world's dilemmas, hoping they also have answers? Some have tried. Robert Oppenheimer, a chief in the development of the atomic bomb, was aghast at what he had helped to create. He hoped that some way the nuclear arms race could be stopped at the beginning, but it got away for him and for everyone else involved.

Shall we turn then to politics, to religion, to finance, to technology? Who is the world's savior?

Strange that He should show up quietly sitting on a well curb, chatting with a woman who had come to draw water. He asked for a drink, and the conversation went on from there. The woman became so astonished at His words that she forgot her waterpot and hurried back to town. "Come, see a man, which told me all things that ever I did!" she exclaimed. The townspeople came. They talked with Him, invited Him to stay, and finally said to the woman, *"Now we believe,*



not because of thy saying: for we have heard him ourselves, and know that this is indeed the Christ, the Saviour of the world" (John 4:29, 42).

A question remains! What do we mean by save, and what do we mean by *the world*? Many people those days were hoping for a Messiah who would save them from the oppressive Roman Empire, and even *"restore again the kingdom to Israel"* (Acts 1:6). They were disappointed when it became increasingly clear that this man had come to save them from themselves.

Jesus used terms like "repent" and "born again." He spoke with approval of the sinner who *"smote upon his breast, saying, 'God be merciful to me a sinner'"* (Luke 18:13). He told of an immoral, wasteful son who finally *"came to himself"* (Luke 15:17) and trudged back home.

He used the word "heart" a number of times. *"Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God"* (Matthew 5:8). *"Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thine heart..."* (Matthew 22:37). *"But those things which proceed out of the mouth come forth from the heart; and they defile the man. For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies: these are the things which*

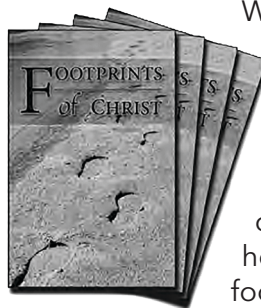
defile a man" (Matthew 15:18-20).

However disappointed people were in Jesus when He came the first time, they will be horrified when He comes the next time. *"Behold, He cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see him, and they also which pierced him: and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of him"* (Revelation 1:7).


"And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war. His eyes were as a flame of fire, and on his head were many crowns; and he had a name written, that no man knew, but he himself. And he was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and his name is called The Word of God. And the armies which were in heaven followed him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean" (Revelation 19:11-14).

Once again: He will save the world, but not in the way people expected. Attempts to "save the planet" may or may not have their place today, but when Jesus comes, He will bring *"the restitution of all things"* (Acts 3:21).

In the meantime, what shall we do? We must prepare our hearts for His coming. *"Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me"* (Revelation 3:20).



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Saved!

And at midnight, Paul and Silas prayed and sang praises unto God: and the prisoners heard them. And suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken: and immediately all the doors were opened, and everyone's bands were loosed. And the keeper of the prison awaking out of his sleep, and seeing the prison doors open, he drew out his sword, and would have killed himself, supposing that the prisoners had been fled. But Paul cried with a loud voice, saying, "Do thyself no harm: for we are all here." Then he called for a light, and sprang in, and came trembling, and fell down before Paul and Silas, and brought them out, and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" And they said, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house." And they spake unto him the word of the Lord, and to all that were in his house. And he took them the same hour of the night and washed their stripes; and was baptized, he and all his, straightway. And when he had brought them into his house, he set meat before them, and rejoiced, believing in God with all his house. (Acts 16:25-34)



THE BIBLE & SCIENCE

The Bible: God's Word or Primitive Musings?

by Denton Ford

Who hath measured the waters in the hollow of his hand,
and meted out heaven with the span,
and comprehended the dust of the earth in a measure,
and weighed the mountains in scales, and the hills in a balance?
Who hath directed the Spirit of the LORD, or being his counsellor hath taught him?

(Isaiah 40:12-13)

The Bible is sometimes claimed to be an outdated collection of Judean shepherders' journals, made up by simple, ignorant people, and having nothing whatsoever to do with actual history. Skeptics mock the idea that it was inspired by God. Some treat it as less reliable than the average fairy tale.

Now first of all, those who make such arguments reveal their almost total unfamiliarity with what the Bible is and says. Far from being written by one group long ago, the Bible was written by around 40 different authors, on three different continents, in three languages, over a period of around 2,000 years. The writers did include shepherds, but also kings, prophets, fishermen, warriors, a former tax collector, a physician, and others. On top of all that, there is a consistent, unified message throughout. How could so many writers, from so many different places, professions, and cultures, accidentally write a book with such consistency? The answer is simple. Through the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, there is only one true author: God.

And not only is the Bible internally cohesive,
but since God is the
Creator, and knows

all things, He knows everything about science. What if He recorded accurate scientific facts long before human scientists discovered them? Let's take a look at some intriguing examples.

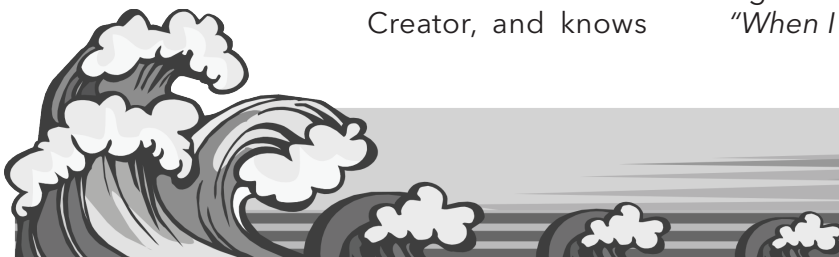
Earth hangs on nothing

Job 26:7 says: *"He stretcheth out the north over the empty place, and hangeth the earth upon nothing."* Especially of interest is the second part of this verse, about God hanging the earth on nothing. This is a great description of the fact that the earth floats in space, essentially, "hanging on nothing." What is equally fascinating, though, is that several different ancient groups had ideas of the earth resting on something, whether the Egyptians, the Native Americans, or the Hindus with their idea of the earth supported by elephants who stood on a giant turtle. We now know these ideas to be false, but the Bible, by contrast, had it right all along.

Paths of the seas

Around a couple centuries ago, a naval officer and soon-to-be oceanographer, Matthew Fontaine Maury was in bed battling an illness. His daughter read to him from Psalm 8:

"When I consider thy heavens, the work of thy



*fingers, the moon and the stars, which thou hast ordained; What is man, that thou art mindful of him? And the son of man, that thou visitest him? For thou hast made him a little lower than the angels, and hast crowned him with glory and honour. Thou madest him to have dominion over the works of thy hands; thou hast put all things under his feet: all sheep and oxen, yea, and the beasts of the field; the fowl of the air, and the fish of the sea, and whatsoever **passeth through the paths of the seas**. O LORD our Lord, how excellent is thy name in all the earth!"* (Psalm 8:3-9).

As she finished, Maury was struck with the inspiration to find the "paths of the seas" mentioned in verse 8. Over the rest of his life he studied ocean currents, charting the "paths of the seas," and is often called the "Pathfinder of the Seas." Not only did the Bible record the fact of ocean currents, but the scripture itself inspired the discovery of those paths.¹

Mountains in the seas

In the well-known account of the prophet Jonah (where in trying to run from God's presence, he is swallowed by a large fish and miraculously preserved from death), Jonah gives a fascinating description of his experience:

"The waters compassed me about, even to the soul: the depth closed me round about, the weeds were wrapped about my head. I went down to the bottoms of the mountains; the earth with her bars was about me forever: yet hast thou brought up my life from corruption, O LORD my God" (Jonah 2:5-6).

Bottoms of the mountains? It was not until modern times that we were able to accurately map the ocean floors. How would Jonah have known that there are indeed mountains on the seafloor? This makes perfect sense when we remember that God inspired men to write the Bible. God knew about the seafloor, because He made it!

Germs and breaking pots

What about all those commands of washing, breaking unclean pots, or not touching dead

things, that God gave the Israelites in the Old Testament? I think David Rives summed it up well in his book, *Bible Knows Best*: "When God told the Israelites not to eat out of contaminated pots, or to wash their hands, or to separate diseased people from the rest of the camp, it wasn't a mindless restriction just to test the obedience of the people... it was firsthand knowledge pre-dating the proposal of Germ Theory by millennia. If we had sincerely read the words of scripture, then we would have been better equipped to understand the natural world around us."² God was taking care of His people, even if they didn't understand all the details. Doesn't this make you wonder what other scientific facts at which the Bible hints are still waiting to be discovered?

Conclusion

We have looked at several examples of scientific facts, accurately recorded in Scripture long before scientists discovered them. And many more could be discussed. They all point to the fact that the true Author of the Bible is the Creator who knows all things. While the Bible is not a science textbook, it is accurate in all areas that it touches on science. And think about this: because God is the Creator of the universe, and because He is consistent, we can trust that scientific laws (laws of physics, chemistry, or logic) are also consistent. And since scientific laws are consistent, we can study them. If scientific laws were the result of random chance, how would we know if they would stay consistent? It is no accident that so many of the great scientists of the past, some who even started whole fields of science, men like Isaac Newton, Francis Bacon, Johannes Kepler, Gregor Mendel, Robert Boyle, and many others, believed the Bible.

Science is possible because we have a consistent, unchanging Creator. Far from primitive musings of ignorant shepherds, our Creator gave us His infallible Word, the Bible, so we could know about Him. And this same Creator gave His life to redeem us from our sin and reconcile us to Him. Do you know Him?

¹ David Rives, *"Bible Knows Best: Hidden Gems of Astounding Science and Good Advice in the Scriptures"* (Lewisburg, Tennessee: David Rives Ministries, 2016) p.33-34

² David Rives, *"Bible Knows Best: Hidden Gems of Astounding Science and Good Advice in the Scriptures"* (Lewisburg, Tennessee: David Rives Ministries, 2016) p.37



THE CHRISTIAN HOME

Perfect

by Caleb Martin

I wonder if those who eat green fruit realize what they are missing! Green olives? Green bananas? Green persimmons!

I realize that opinions vary but I think that fruit is best when it is ripe. Not sour and crunchy, but sweet and smooth!

Few fruits match up to the perfect peach. Its ripening process is delicate but wonderful. The parent tree soaks up glorious sunshine and refreshing rain and transforms them into swelling sweet fruit. As maturity approaches, an abscission layer begins to form at the stem of the fruit. This begins to cut off the flow of these vital ingredients, but the ripening process still continues. Enzymes and hormones within the fruit convert starches into sugars and cell walls break down, softening the textures and allowing the sweet sugary syrup to run freely.

I hope you catch the peach soon after the abscission layer has begun to form but before the birds and insects have been attracted by the sweet scents. Take that perfect peach to your kitchen counter and allow its ripening process to continue within the safe walls of your home. Then, once the fragrance is strong and the flesh is just so soft, it's time!

The joy of a perfectly ripened peach is hard to compare. Is it sweeter than sugar? No. Is it juicier than water? No. But sugar water offers nothing

compared to the perfectly ripened peach. Something about its perfectly balanced flavors and textures and aromas deliver an exquisite experience that really can't be described.

But enough of peaches. They will only provide you with joy for ten minutes. Then what?

Perhaps you are like the salesman that God brought into our office the other day. He has

centered his life on retiring early. "My wife and I have two children, and we might have one more child but no more. I'm focused on retiring early and I don't want to be in the middle of child rearing when I retire. Maybe this is selfish."

I'm glad the salesman has found something to live for, but I don't think it's enough. An early retirement won't give

him the perfect life. Its reward will doubtless be exquisite, but it can't sustain the burden of his entire life.

What then? What is the purpose of a person's life? What reward has the required depth to be worth staking his entire life on? We know the purpose of a peach. We know the circumstances and ingredients required for it to reach maturity. But do we know what it takes for a person to achieve the purpose that he was created for?

I told the salesman that I had a different view on retirement. I don't really plan to retire. I realize that my physical and mental capabilities will deteriorate as I get older. I hope I am self-aware



enough to let go of the responsibilities that I am no longer able to administrate. If God gives my wife and I children in our old age, I aim to embrace that. I may not die with much money, but I hope to die surrounded by grateful children.

I watched my grandparents grow old and die. I don't really remember that they retired. They certainly had to let go of many of their responsibilities, but they contributed until their deathbed. I remember reading the book of 1 John to my grandfather about a month before he died. After I finished reading, he said that he couldn't hear what I read. I wonder if he asked me to read the book of 1 John with more than his benefit in mind. I think that Grandfather intentionally contributed to my spiritual growth while lying on his deathbed.

So, what is a perfect life? What goal can provide sufficient dividends that when we lie on our deathbed we will be satisfied that our life was worthwhile? Is it unselfishness? Is it a house full of children? Refusing to retire?

He hath shewed
thee, O man, what is
good; and what doth
the Lord require of
thee, but to do justly,
and to love mercy,
and to walk humbly
with thy God?

Micah 6:8

These could all be part of the answer, but it is certainly more than that. After all, raising children is not the only worthwhile goal. What if we broaden our answer to *responsibility*?

There is deep satisfaction when a man takes up his responsibility and lives it out

till the end of his days. Men know this intuitively. Imagine, men, if all responsibilities were lifted from your shoulders, no one looked to you for an answer to their question or respected your strength or skill. You know how it feels now when another man takes your place or "shows you up."

Or, worse, how about the emptiness at week's end when you realize that you accomplished nothing? These are not the experiences that lead to a fulfilled life. So, taking up our responsibility is certainly key to finding our purpose.

Is responsibility the complete answer though? No! Not all responsibilities are worthwhile. For example, counting grains of sand could be your responsibility but it doesn't hold enough meaning to be the purpose of your life. A life spent counting grains of sand would be like a peach that never ripens. We need a more precise answer.

Here's a short answer that might hold up to our scrutiny. The perfect life for men and women is living out the responsibility for which God created us.

That's about as good of an answer as I can provide, but there are probably a few of you that are still wondering how to find God's specific responsibility for your life. I'm not God, so I'm unable to answer that question for you. However, I might be able to provide a few good leads for you. First, read God's Book (the Bible) honestly, and, secondly, join a community of believers. Then spend time in prayer asking God, "What do you want from me?" There's much that needs to be done. Men and women with God's vision are in short supply.

Remember how the peach ripened? It needed so much input: sunshine, rain, and nutrients from the soil. But then the tree cuts it off with the abscission layer. That's when the peach truly ripens into all its glory.

God created you. He gave you all the inputs you need (His divine revelation, community, etc). As you grow, you will see "abscission layers" or hard times that force you to ripen in ways that you never thought possible. But as you fulfill His purposes, you will realize His reward. Fulfilling the responsibilities given by your Creator satisfies the purpose of your life and that is perfect.

Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is
the whole duty of man.

Ecclesiastes 12:13



MONEY AND ME

Take Time to Consider (Part 1)

by Gary Miller

Our economy is driven by advertising and consumption. A tremendous amount of pressure is applied on the consumer, and sometimes the goal is to get him to purchase what he doesn't need. Time seems to be of utmost importance, and often we feel pressured into making financial decisions. We see advertisements proclaiming, "Sale Lasts Only Two Days!" or "Hurry While Supplies Last!"

It is important to back up and understand marketing schemes. Be willing to ask some hard questions. If this store is really afraid supplies will not last, why are they spending all this money on advertising? What is the real purpose of this advertisement?

The answer is obvious. We don't think as clearly when we are rushed. The marketer is concerned that buyers will stop and consider before reaching for their wallets. Often the items being advertised are not necessities. If the consumer spends just a little time considering all the legitimate places in his life he could use those funds, he probably will not buy.

Often, especially in our youth, we make hasty decisions that we regret for years to come. Like the young man who bought more truck than he really needed, we focus on the product and forget the long-term price. So, let's look at a few steps we can take to ensure proper use of the resources God has placed in our care. They will help us avoid foolish decisions.

Purpose Not to Be Pressured

Resolve to take time when considering purchases. When you find yourself being pushed into buying quickly, stop and ask, "What's the hurry?" If the salesperson applying the pressure really wanted you to be blessed by this decision, wouldn't he want you to take some time making it? Don't be afraid to take some time considering the purchase, investigating the product, and comparing other prices. If it is a long-term decision—if the purchase will

affect your finances for a period of time—purpose to spend time in prayer over it. Just taking the time to hold the decision up before the Lord will help you avoid the snare of impulse buying.

Ask for Advice

Few things are more difficult than asking for advice. We want to badly show others we understand how life works. But we never outgrow the need for advice, and wise men know how to ask the right questions.

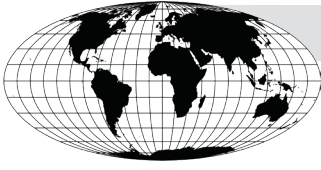
When our children were young, I took them backpacking. After several hours of carrying my sixty-pound backpack up a steep mountain path, fatigue settled in. There were no road signs, and the children constantly asked, "How much farther do you think it is?"

Every so often, we would stop under a tree, open our canteens, get the map out, and try to determine how far we had come. This was not always easy and sometimes was more of a guess than an intelligent calculation. Attempting to encourage them, I would say, "I think this might be the last major hill," or "Maybe just around this corner we will see the crest of this mountain." But as the hills kept coming and one corner led to another, the children lost confidence in my navigating skills. What they really wanted was to meet someone traveling in the opposite direction.

If they met another hiker, they would quickly ask, "How much farther do we have to go?" and "What is the trail like?" They had much more confidence in someone who had already traveled where we were heading. When you really want the best information, you ask someone who has already hiked this way before.

This same principle applies to making financial decisions. People around you have had experience. The next time you face a financial decision, take time to ask someone who has been on the trail longer.

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THE WORLD TODAY

Where is Truth?

by Daniel Allgyer

The man is confused. He is getting varied answers to his big question. His Facebook group encourages him to do it. His favorite TV preacher says it depends on the situation. The marriage book from the library hints at caution, but, in the end, it's up to him. The pop singer on the radio croons of the freedom, love, and fun of another woman. The billboard HELP number counsels him to go ahead. But his dad says to work it out, because it's his fault and moving on won't change himself.

His wife doesn't talk to him, and that's the problem. Should he divorce the wife of his youth? His coworker is waiting with her arms open, ready to embrace him. His heart feels like he loves this charming coworker more than his wife. But can he trust his heart? Is it right to divorce and get married again?

His neighbor is divorced and remarried, and he seems to be happy. But his grandmother says that to divorce and marry another woman is an adulterous relationship.

Who is right? What is the truth?

The world today is full of information, opinions, and advice, right at our fingertips. But when it comes to deep life questions about right and wrong, who can we trust for truth? Are people full of truth? Think about it. Is there any person who knows everything, is always right, and is never deceitful? No. So truth must come from beyond people. Not Google, Facebook, YouTube or any other media. Not from self-help books, well-meaning relatives, or even our own heart.

Truth must come from God. God is only truth. He is all wise and everywhere present—the Creator of space, matter, and time. He is only right, never wrong, and ever unchanging. When God says a thing, it is truth.

But when was the last time we sat down with Creator God on the park bench and asked Him our deep questions? No, we can't talk to God face to face, in the flesh. However, God knew that we

needed truth to guide us in our life. So, He called Spirit-filled men to write down His truths in a book called the Holy Bible.

The only solid truth today is in the Bible. All the answers to our questions, all the principles and morals we embrace as true, all the decisions we move upon, must be Bible-based to be true and right.

No matter what a preacher says, what a pop singer croons, what our peers message, or what our heart feels, if the answer given to a life problem is contrary to what God says in the Bible, it's wrong.

The confused man opens his grandmother's Bible. He sees that adultery is wrong according to God's commandments in Exodus 20.

Then he finds the words of Jesus, God's Son, "Whosoever putteth away his wife, and marrieth another, committeth adultery: and whosoever marrieth her that is put away from her husband committeth adultery" (Luke 16:18).

He finds more, "Whosoever shall put away his wife, and marry another, committeth adultery against her. And if a woman shall put away her husband, and be married to another, she committeth adultery" (Mark 10:11-12).

He has found the truth. It would be wrong for him to divorce his wife and marry his coworker. But now what should he do? Since divorce and remarriage is sinful, what is the solution to his marriage problems?

The man decides to continue to seek truth and solutions in the Bible. As he searches the scriptures, he discovers the solution is to repent, forgive, and recommit himself in selfless love to the wife of his youth—to be always ravished with her love, rather than becoming intoxicated with another woman. And to keep his heart with all diligence only unto her, for that is a key to joy, peace, and satisfaction in marriage.

The Bible is where truth is found for life's questions. Search it diligently and you will find truth.

