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#### **BIBLICAL INERRANCY**

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Nothing is true like the Bible is true!

Throughout the ages of church history, the Church has embroiled itself in many strange controversies. Among the strangest of all is the present one, the controversy that rages across the world of religion today that has to do with the Bible itself.

"Is the Bible infallible?" "In the words of Scripture, do we have inerrant truth which God gives us as an infallible expression of His will for our lives?" Strange as it may seem, what appears to be the obvious answer to these questions is no longer obvious to many who preach in our churches, teach in our schools and provide the top leadership for colleges and seminaries in our time. The issue of final truth is being debated once again, and this debate has, astonishing as it may seem, moved within the walls of the Church.

"Is the Bible the inerrant Word of God?" That is the question that presses upon the Church in our time and which is therefore worth our attention in this critical hour in the history of the Church and the world. In the world, as never

before, distraught people are asking "Who can I trust?" "What can I build my life on?" "Is there a sure foundation that will not fail me in the world where all values are changing, all truths have become relative?" Up until our time, the instant and unhesitating Christian answer to these questions was "Yes, a thousand times yes, you can put your faith in the inerrant Word of God! You can trust Jesus Christ as the promised Savior of the world and the Son of God. The truth of the Bible and of the Gospel is a foundation which cannot be shaken!" Now however, large segments of the Church have foolishly slipped away from these convictions while still wondering at its impotence in this relativistic age. It even is still apparently blind to the fact that when we lose the final authority of Holy Scripture, philosophize as we will, we have lost everything. Think for just a moment about this matter of inerrancy, of final authority.

Let us first of all recognize that something has to be inerrant. Without a yardstick, we cannot be sure of feet and inches. Without a thermometer, the temperature would be the object of mere guesswork on our part. Without a perfect standard for size, weight, motion and existence itself, sanity disappears and life itself is not. There must be a perfect standard or nothing at all. If all things are

relative then, as any fool ought plainly to see, existence itself disappears.

Secondly, let us remember that, when we are talking about a perfect standard, we have but two choices. These two choices to which we are limited are human reason and Divine revelation. The simplest thinker will recognize the fact that humanity is limited to those two possible bases of thought, of reason, of valid information, of sanity itself.

Then, let us recognize that human reason is not Every dependable guide. automobile accident, every psychiatric clinic, every cemetery testifies to us that human reason is not a final and dependable standard. This is the reason why all things that have to do with human reason **must** be verified by experiment, by experience, by the testing of results in actual usage. Science, despite the vaunted boasts of its practitioners, is a very inexact thing, never to be trusted until the plane flies, the boat floats or the rocket makes it to the moon. Science without experimental verification is mere alchemy, a magician's hope. No scientist who is not a fool (and it is possible to be both) would dare stake his life or even his reputation on his equations or his reasoning alone. Human reason is just not an exact thing.

Let us recognize then that we are, therefore, limited--when we are speaking of exact things-to Divine revelation. God alone knows everything. God alone has all power, all perception and is the master of everything. Therefore, His words alone are exactly correct. One of the first principles of life which will never fail us and which should be memorized by every person is the fact that nothing is true like the Bible is The true thinker instantly recognizes the limitations of human reason and deduces the absolute necessity for Divine revelation. This we have in the Word of God, an inerrant and perfect exposition of the mind of God Himself.

This is why Jesus Christ gave us the marvelous promise: "The scripture cannot be broken" (John 10:35). He affirmed the precise truth of its actual words saying, "Thy word is truth" (John 17:17). Therefore, He combined both a warning and a promise by saying, "Heaven and earth shall pass away: but My words shall not pass away" (Luke 21:33).

He, therefore, gave us a most earnest recommendation that every aspiring truth seeker will write upon his heart, "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds out of the mouth of God" (Matt. 4:4). Note that Jesus Christ, the Son of God, used the expression "every word." In so speaking, He reminded us that the ultimate values of life, certainly the ultimate truth is found in "every word" that comes from the mouth of God.

Here is confirmed the teaching of Scripture that the individual words are inerrant, dependable sources of data concerning conduct and life.

Every thoughtful heart will, therefore, purpose that the chief dedication of his life and education will be found in Paul's words to young Timothy: "Study to show yourself approved unto God, a workman that needs not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth" (II Tim. 2:15). A knowledge of the Word of God as a perfect standard of our faith and conduct is recommended everywhere in Scripture. book of the law shall not depart out of your mouth; but you shall meditate therein day and night, that you may observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then you shall make your way prosperous, and then you shall have good success" (Josh. 1:8). God places infinitely high value upon His Word, telling us, "Every word of God is pure: He is a shield unto them that put their trust in Him. Add thou not unto His Words, lest He reprove you, and you be found a liar" (Prov. 30:5-6).

A final reminder is also appropriate. The first responsibility of every Christian is to know the Word of God, for this is the way he develops spiritual strength. We must remember, however, that knowing the Word of God implies another great responsibility, that of doing the Word. The Apostle Paul has warned us that we deceive ourselves if we know but we do not do. The Word of God was given to us, not as an idol to worship but as

a source of instruction, motivation, direction as to how we can live our lives with adequacy and spiritual success. Do not fear then to study the Word of God with confidence and believe it without reservation. Let it be more important to you than any degree of human wisdom. Then, I promise you, it will be health to your soul and intelligence to your mind.

From the writings of Dave Breese

#### THE PARADIGM

Splash the brook and laugh, my son
Chase the striped ripples now,
Slide with happy feet, the moss
Climb the bended river's brow.
Run through swaying daffodils
Fright the robin from his glade,
Breathe the blue sky deep within
Watch the purple sunset fade

Feel the gloaming's velvet cool
Hear the night bird call, and then
Watch the evening stars appear
Gleaming o'er the forest glen.
See the light on distant hill
Mark the passing of the day
Choose the homeward path before
Darkness overtakes your way.

Then before you pray tonight
Sense the blessed paradigm
You, this very day, have seen
Many signs which point to Him.
Life, itself, is like the day
Death, the warm light at the gates
Wide before your Father's house
Where He, who made the world,
Awaits.

-- Dave Breese.

## THE TIDE OF OUR TIMES

WHEN CZAR NICHOLAS WAS | "WHILE THE PUBLIC HAS BEEN | **DEPOSED** by the first Russian Revolution, it was largely due to the economic extremes of Russian society. The ruling elite enjoyed immense wealth, while the huddled masses suffered in abject poverty.

When Communism collapsed in the former Soviet Union, politicians attempted to set up a Western-style democracy in Russia. But the rampant corruption of the Communist bureaucracy was so engrained in Russian culture, that no matter what name they placed on it, the corruption remained.

Vladimir Putin rose to power and quickly began the process of taking apart Russia's democratic reform.

Today, Russia more closely resembles the decadent days of Czarist Russia than a true democracy. The middle class is rapidly evaporating, while the wealth of the privileged has burgeoned beyond belief. The four cities that have the largest concentration of billionaires according to Forbes are New York City, Los Angeles, Moscow and London. Dave Weeden, Producer

The King Is Coming Telecast

"TO A GREAT EXTENT, the chosen battleground[inAmerica's culture war]is creation vs. evolution. The secularist, claiming the evidence for evolution is undeniable, wrongly even defining science as 'naturalism,' feels confident enough to publicly announce the war...

The research being conducted here...consistently confounds those who insist on naturalistic origins of all things. Certainly things operate according to natural law, but on the question of ultimate origins the evidence implies that something other than natural processes was involved, something supernatural.

People choose to believe in evolution, not because of the evidence, but because creation implies a supernatural Creator, one to whom we must give an account of our actions some day, a thought unacceptable to the natural man.'

'Lift up your eyes on high, and behold who hath created these things... John D. Morris, (Isaiah 40:26).

Institute For Creation Research

**LED TO BELIEVE** that 'all' the leading scientists buy the global warming hysteria and the political agenda that goes with it, in fact the official reports from the

United Nations or the National Academy of Sciences are written by bureaucrats--and then garnished with the names of leading scientists who were 'consulted,' but whose contrary conclusions have been ignored." Thomas Sowell, The [Colorado Springs] Gazette

"MUHAMMAD divided the world into two houses...the House

of Islam (dar al-Islam) and the House of War (dar al-harb). A Muslim, therefore. sees the world in two halves, one half is Muslim, and the other half is in the process of becoming Muslim. A Muslim thinks there will only be world peace when the whole world has submitted to the will of Allah, or, in short, become Muslim.'

> What Every American Needs To Know About The Our'an, William Federer, 2007

#### "THE PEW RESEARCH CENTER

reports the results of a poll of 18 to 25 year olds (general population):

- -81% said getting rich was their most important life goal.
- -51% said becoming famous was one of their greatest goals.
- -30% said one of their goals was to help people in need.
- -22% said one of their goals was to be a community leader.
- -10% said one of their goals was to become more spiritual." The Lamplighter

"THE  $\mathbf{E}\mathbf{U}$ **PARLIAMENT** BUILDING IN STRASBOURG, GERMANY--Ian Paisley, who is a member of the EU Parliament, has said the following about the building:

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Members, one seat remains unallocated and unoccupied. The number of that seat is 666.\*\* Thomas Ice,

Midnight Call Magazine

"EVIL IS ON THE

**MOVE.** I've never seen raw opposition to Christ and our freedom to express His message from influential elites like I'm seeing it today. This is more than a cultural attack. We are witnessing a tidal wave of legislative attacks...[that] could

sweep away our freedom to preach the gospel...Christians could be intimidated to 'back off' essential elements of biblical truth...

I believe we are at a low-water mark in our government's history. We are seeing a historic unwillingness of government to protect what America's founders called 'our first freedom'-freedom of religion."

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## Q. Why should I pray, since it seems like God never answers?

**A.** Almost all prayers are answered by the words "better" and "later." God normally gives us something much better than we have requested. Usually, His answers come later as well. This is the case because patience is also a virtue that He is developing in us. In the meantime, never stop praying and believing, for the Scripture says, "The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much." There are a number of good books out on the subject of prayer that may be helpful to you. Your local Christian bookstore should have most of these.

### Q. Why doesn't God help me more if He really loves me?

A. First of all, be sure that God really loves you, for He has said this many times in His Word; "But God commends His love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us" (Rom. 5:8). We are even called "beloved" in the Bible (I Jn. 3:2). Sometimes, however, excessive help is not love, but indulgence. Sending His Son to die for us is the greatest love. In His Son, if we believe in Him, He also gives us all things (Rom. 8:32).

## Q. How can I live above the level of fear and desperation?

A. This should certainly be the goal of every Christian. Notice that once the Bible gives us the cure for anxiety it gives us the key to sustained confidence and peace of mind, "Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any

virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things" (Phil. 4:8). We tend to become like the object of our contemplation, which is the reason we are commanded to practice higher thinking. Too many believers live small lives because they have not learned to think like Christians. Yes, it is possible to be saved but to come short of Christian thinking. This is why the Scripture tells us, "Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus" (Phil 2:5).

### Q. Sometimes I feel so dumb. How can I be smarter?

**A.** James tells us, "If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that gives to all men liberally, and upbraids not; and it shall be given him" (James 1:5). The imperative key to wisdom is to regularly read the Word of God. When we do, we will learn more of Jesus Christ, "in whom are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge" (Col. 2:3).

## Q. How come the Bible is so hard to understand?

A. Often, this appears to be the case because the Bible doesn't say what we think it should say. For instance, the Bible says that we are saved by grace rather than by personal goodness (Eph. 2:8,9) and this is confusing to many who think of themselves as being good.

My suggestion, first read the things in the Bible that you do understand. You may find that you will come to understand more than you can imagine. Just as a child does not understand adult matters, so we need to be spiritually mature to understand the Bible. This understanding becomes knowledge that turns out to be most exciting.

## Q. What is the standard of success in the ministry?

A. Paul gave us help on this when he said about Jesus Christ, "whom we preach, warning every man, and teaching every man in all wisdom; that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus" (Col. 1:28). For Paul then, success was not huge, impressive corporate success. It was not big things, but the production of individual competence. If a Christian leader is not producing individual capability, he is really not doing very much. Today's Christianity militates against this by inveighing against "individualism." But really, individual spiritual competence should be the goal of all efforts for Christ.

## Q. I would like to be a minister of the Gospel. How do I start?

**A.** First of all, and most of all, be sure that God has called you and that you could not be happy doing anything else. Apart from this certainty, you will become weary of well-doing.

Then, above all other considerations, become an expert on the Word of God. The primary purpose of any Christian ministry should be to hold forth the Word of Life. God puts His hand of blessing upon His Word and not simply on our human activity. It is a deep knowledge of the Word that will be the difference between a genuine Christian ministry and merely human effort.

## Q. Sometimes I doubt my salvation. What shall I do?

A. The assurance of salvation comes from knowing the basis of salvation in the first place. Do not look at your life but rather remember that you are saved purely by the grace of God. Human works, before, during, or after salvation, are not what get us to heaven. We are saved, "not by works of righteousness which we have done." The guarantee of your salvation is the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

#### Q. When is it best to pray?

**A.** Jesus said, "Men ought always to pray, and not to faint." Pray, therefore, at all times. Earnest prayer produces daily guidance and needed strength.

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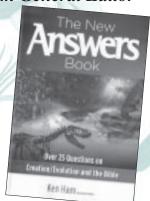
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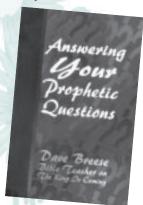
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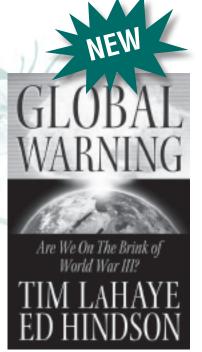


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