

What's The Truth



*An Honest and Intriguing look into the science, facts, evidence,
and misinformation about the origin of life, evolution, and God.*

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“Truth will ultimately prevail where there is
pains taken to bring it to light”-
George Washington

“Truth is the property of no individual but is
the treasure of all men”-Ralph Waldo Emerson

“Truth can not contradict truth.”-Pope Leo X

“He that hath truth on his side is a fool as well
as a coward if he is afraid to own it because of
other men’s opinions”-Daniel Defoe

“Truth is a gem which will only reflect the rays
that come direct from heaven”-Eliza Cook

“In all debates, let Truth be thy aim, not
victory.”- William Penn

“If you abide in my word, you are truly my
disciples, and you will know the truth, and the
truth will set you free”- Jesus

Introduction

The Hebrew words Selah and Calah mean to stop and think deeply and intimately about something; to reflect on and seek the wisdom and truth about something. This book will present a lot of information for you to think about and digest. I ask that you keep an open mind, reflect on the topics, and **really be honest with yourself about what you think about the information before you.** I guarantee that if you do this while you read this booklet, your view on how you live your life and how you perceive the world will change forever. We are only going to look at indisputable facts, truth, and information.

With all of the information that is thrown at us every day through the internet, TV, news, social media, friends, neighbors, radio, etc. it can be very overwhelming. We do not know what to believe as so much of the information is so polarized with views 180 degrees from each other. So how do we determine what is really true and what is misinformation? Have you ever actually dug into a topic and researched it to figure out for yourself what is really the true story? That is what this booklet is all about. We will look at the factual evidence, science, misinformation, and opinions out there of a few very important topics that shape our world view. I believe you will be intrigued about where our journey leads us, and you will be amazed to find out what the actual truth is compared to what we have been told is true.

In this quick read booklet, we will only explore the hard, indisputable facts and ask ourselves some deep questions about what we believe in our hearts to be true and why. We will explore only what is true factual evidence, then think about it and make our own decisions about whether what we have been told is true or not.

Chapter 1

What is Truth?

So what is truth? Would you not agree with me that the truth is the truth? Truth cannot be wrong or opinionated, there is no grey area and it is not subjective. The dictionary defines truth as “a **fact or belief that is accepted as true**”. For instance it is a fact that the freezing point of pure water is 32F- that is a truth based on fact. But suppose a friend told you water freezes at 20F because they saw frozen water in the mountains in winter when the temperature was 20F, would this be true? Think about how this could be misconstrued and spread as truth. A person who is unaware of the science might accept that statement as true. After all, it was true that the water was frozen at 20F and it could be claimed as evidence to support their theory. But does that change the truth that the freezing point of water is 32F- not at all. Another example of a truth is that $2+2=4$. You can not reasonably argue against this fact.

But in society today, we are told there are many different truths. Society says that Joe can believe a truth about one thing and Sue can have a totally different belief about the truth of the same thing and that is ok. How can that be? People can have an opinion about something whether based on facts or not, but truth can not have two different determinations. A **theory** can have multiple opinions or viewpoints. But once something is proven to be factually correct beyond the shadow of a doubt, it becomes a truth with only one outcome or determination. Remember $2+2=4$, that is the truth.

Another point to consider before we get into the meat of things, is that today, many people can not explain why they believe what they do when asked by somebody. We often are told what to think by parents and teachers, news, social media, or we believe what trusted friends tell us all without checking the facts ourselves. We trust that these sources would never mislead us. And actually they do not mean to, but most times they have not fact checked things they have heard and just pass it along to us. I have been shamefully guilty of this myself.

So why don't we question things and look into them more in our search for answers and truth? We are often too busy or do not know

where to start in our research or the topic is not that important to us. Whatever the reason, I pray you will think for yourself throughout your life and base your decisions on good information, facts, and truth. I especially pray you make good decisions on the most critical things that determine how you live your life and view the world. On things like family, finances, life, and God.

Throughout this book I will present some things and ask you questions. Really take the time to stop and think about what you have read and the questions put before you. Be very open and honest with yourself and you will get the most out of this short time we spend together. That is all I ask of you is to be open and honest. Then at the end of the booklet, in about 30-40 minutes you can make your own decisions on what you believe about what we go over.

Chapter 2

How did life begin?

Have you ever wondered how life began? Afterall, life is quite amazing isn't it? It's amazing how all the different animals, insects, and planets have so many incredible attributes that allow them to survive. For instance, think about how your eyes work. We have corneas, retinas, optic nerves, and all kinds of components in the eye that send information to our brain to have an image of what we see- AMAZING! Think about all the beautiful flowers, the crazy fish of the deep sea, the wonderful animals in Africa, and the incredible human beings.

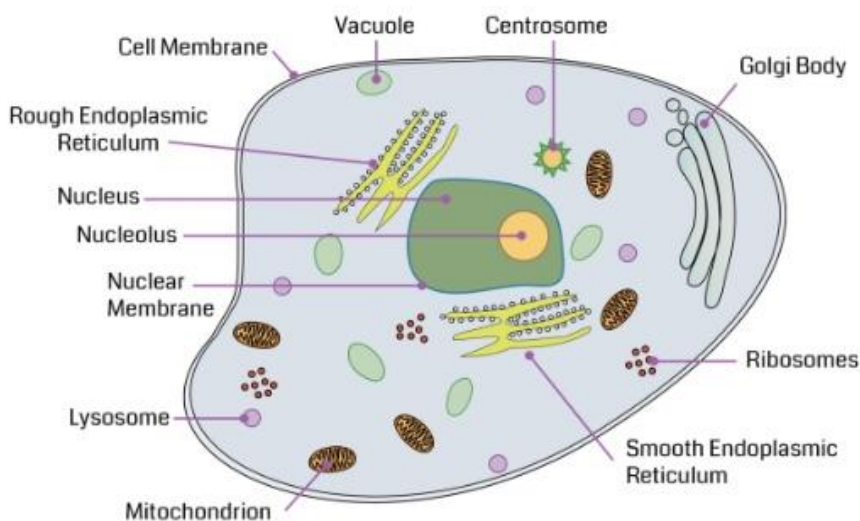
Selah (remember from the introduction that this means to stop and think deeply about something). Take a minute and think about what you believe about how life came into being and why you think this way.

Today, what is mainly taught as the leading theory about how life began is that a puddle of water had some proteins in it and it was struck by lightning. Then 'wala' we had life. Another theory is that microorganisms came to earth on space dust. It came down through our atmosphere without burning up and lived in an oxygen base environment (opposite of the vacuum in space where it originated). Then others say that God created all living creatures. These are the most prominent theories on the origin of life that are taught in our schools and colleges today.

So before we dig into these theories, let's look at the factual science about life from a cellular level, this will help us understand the theories better. We will return, for just a little while, to school so to speak. Scientists all agree that all living organisms are extremely complicated- this is an indisputable fact, so it **is** a truth. As scientists learn more and more about cells, they find they become more and more complex. There are many chemical reactions happening in all of your cells right now. And in those cells are many many complex organelles that help the cell survive, replicate, and repair itself. So in order to make this understandable to us non-PhD's, I will try to simplify things down to a 'meatloaf and mashed potatoes' mentality which is more my level and

easy to understand. So please bear with me a short little while, we will soon get to a place where your mind will be blown away with what we discover.

To begin with, a cell consists of 3 main parts or sections; the cell membrane, the cytoplasm, and the cell nucleus. The membrane is an external wall that contains the cell and allows nutrients and energy into and out of the cell. It is like a fence around your house that keeps it contained and lets things in and out through a gate. The nucleus contains the controls for the cell. It tells the cell what its function is and it controls the repair and reproduction of the cell. The nucleus contains the DNA which is like a computer program for the cell. It controls every aspect of the cell's growth, development, reproduction, repairs, and what type of cell it should become. It tells the cells what to become; should it be a retina, should it be part of a neuron in your brain, should it be part of a taste bud on your tongue, etc. The cytoplasm is the space between the nucleus and cell wall. It is full of little components or organelles and where chemical reactions of a cell take place. These organelles perform many functions that keep the cell alive, repair itself, and duplicate itself. Some of the organelles are lysosomes (involved in recycling cellular waste and energy metabolism), mitochondrion (generate ATP used for chemical energy), endoplasmic reticulum (folding of protein in sacs called cisternae, transport synthesized proteins, correct folding of new proteins), golgi apparatus (packages proteins for transport to their final destination), and many more. These organelles are like the organs of your body, they perform functions to allow the cell to survive and duplicate in order to grow an animal into its adult form. So you can see, even though we just scratched the surface, a living cell is a very, very complex thing. See drawing on next page.



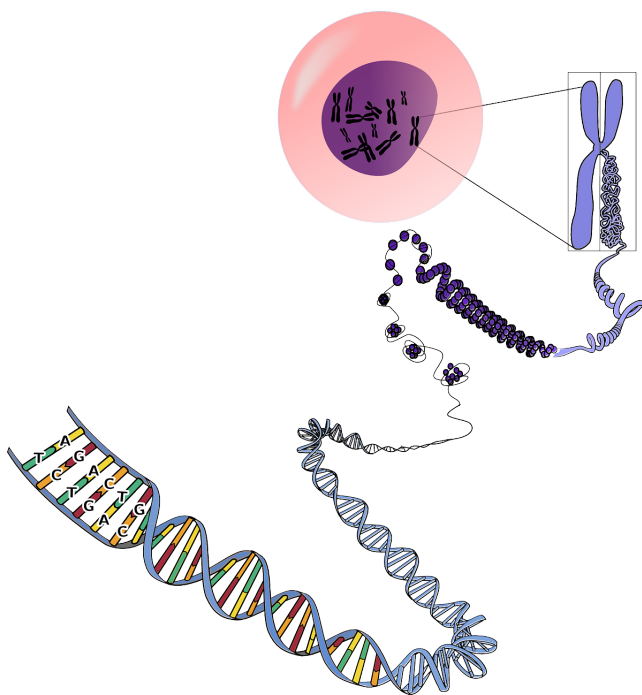
Above is a very basic drawing of a cell without a lot of details.

So how do these organelles and cells know what to do? How does a cell determine what it is to become and where to go? That information comes from your DNA which is located inside the nucleus of a cell. DNA is a twisted pair chain of chemical bases. It is a fact that even though DNA can be similar among animals, **EACH AND EVERY ANIMAL HAS ITS OWN DNA SEQUENCE.** Human DNA consists of 3 BILLION of these chemical bases chained together.

But DNA does not just float around on its own. It is contained in our chromosomes. And among the DNA contained in our chromosomes are sections of the DNA called genes. The genes determine many things about you such as eye color, or hair color. Have you heard the saying "You must come from good genes"? You have 46 chromosomes in the nucleus of your cells and over 20,000 genes on these chromosomes. So the nucleus of your cells has 46 chromosomes with 20,000 genes and 3 billion chemical bases on each DNA strand inside the chromosomes.

Whoa, this is getting pretty dang complicated and scientific, but remember we are looking at this in a very very simplistic view. It is actually way more complicated than we have seen here.

Below is a simplified drawing of a nucleus with chromosomes, genes, and DNA.



And to add to the complexity of a cell, let's briefly look at two more things. When a cell replicates, a 'protein machine' will come along and unzip the coiled DNA and open it up. Then new protein bases will attach to the opened DNA and create a new strand, then another DNA machine will cause the DNA to coil back up or fold up into a replicated organelle or whatever function was being done.

And finally, EVERY cell must have energy to function. Where does that energy come from? It comes from what is called a proton pump. No cell can live without it and thus no living creature can live without it.

Just like no cell can live without any of the organelles mentioned previously. A proton pump creates electrical differentials based on the cell's needs, it kind of acts like a battery. A proton pump is just one of many components located in a cell wall. Many proton pumps look just like a mechanical motor. They have a spinning rotor, a shaft and bearings even. It has sensors that tell it to move an electrical gradient to one side of the cell membrane. And it looks much like a designed and engineered motor.

Whew, our biology class is finally over! Hopefully nobody had any nightmarish flashbacks of biology exams :) **But one final thing to note, is that without any ONE of these organelles, proton pumps, DNA, cell wall, etc, a cell could not survive.** This is called irreducible complexity. You can not remove any one of these critical organelles without the cell dying, so they ALL must exist at the same time for the cell to survive. This is very important!

So let's return to the first sentence in this chapter, how did life begin? The main theory that is most accepted today is that when lightning struck in a pool of water with random proteins in it life began. So we are to believe that an electric charge in a pool of water made random proteins come together in such a complicated fashion ALL ON ITS OWN AND IN ONE BILLIONTH OF A SECOND. That somehow this event formed cell walls, mitochondrion, protein pumps, DNA, chromosomes and genes, lysosomes.....etc. Do you really think that is possible? Before you answer, you should know that the most **basic** and **smallest** organisms on our planet have over 182 genes and 159,000 base pairs in its DNA. So I ask again, does the above theory about life starting from a random event even make sense? ***Selah, stop and think about it. Review the complexity of the cell and how it needs every organelle, proton pump, and DNA coding to survive. Look at the complexity of DNA. Then ask yourself, could the complexity of life begin with such a random event? Be honest with yourself.***

Chapter 3

Evolution, fact or fiction?

What have you been taught about evolution and what are your beliefs on it? Did humans evolve from a bacteria or organism when lightning hit a puddle of water? **Selah- stop and think about your beliefs and why you think that way? Are there any doubts based on the complexity of life we just learned?**

There are many **theories** on evolution. Scientists all seem to have their own ideas about how human beings came into existence. Darwin wrote about the **Theory of Evolution** which has influenced our society for decades. This was a theory based on some assumptions about similarities in skeletal forms of some animals. If you remember, in school, we were taught how scientific laws or truths are developed. First they come up with a hypothesis (an opinionated idea), then they further develop it into a theory (an unproven idea to be studied). Then after a lot of scientific investigation to uncover evidence to prove or not prove the theory, they could possibly develop a scientific law. But until proven true, it is still just a theory and a theory is not a proven law. Remember in the beginning of our journey we defined what truth is and agreed to have an open and honest mindset.

Let's examine the **theory** of evolution more closely. Most evolutionists theorize that the process order of human development occurred in the following sequence: first after lightning created life in a puddle of water, a small complex bacteria or amoeba formed, then that microorganism slowly developed over millions of years into fish and then birds and then land animals and then into humans. This is what is taught in schools and colleges around the world.

However, other evolutionists theorize that land animals developed from land into the sea to become whales. So which **theory** is correct? Remember truth is truth and there can not be two truths about one subject. Oh yeah, let's remind ourselves that evolution is still just a **theory**, not a proven scientific law.

So is there any evidence to support the evolution of humans? Over the years there have been many claims to a fossil record of evolution but

the factual evidence is that none have held up to scrutiny and research. And a very important point is that **no fossil record has ever been found** showing the evolution of a fish into a land animal. There are no fossils showing the jump of fins into legs or lungs into gills, only people's assumptions of what they think 'could have happened'. Every supposed bit of evidence of evolution has been either exposed as fraud, a misinterpretation, or eventually explained as something else.

We will next look at a few of the high profile cases of supposed fossil evidence of evolution. In 1922, fossil evidence of evolution was reportedly found. The scientists called him Nebraska man and they developed a whole sketch of what he would look like. They depicted him as a hunched over hairy apelike man hybrid. What was the evidence they found? It was a single tooth! How can you develop an entire sketch of any animal with just a tooth? **Selah, stop and think about it.** This tooth was later determined to not be human and the theory had to be rejected as false information.

Another so-called evolutionary relative of ours was called Java man. He was another supposed fossil link to prove the evolution of humans. This was and still is touted as the missing link. At first it was locked away for a long time so nobody could examine it. Hmm, I wonder why? There were doubts murmured about it being the actual evolutionary missing link. As it turns out, upon further scrutiny and examination, the 'find' was found to be the bones of a giant gibbon (an ape). Though disproven, the drawing of a hunched over, hairy ape man was still pushed as the evolutionary progress of upright standing man (*homo erectus*).

Another supposed missing link is Neanderthal man. They were depicted in the Chicago Field Museum of Natural History to be the hunched over, hairy ape man. They had two statues of him at their entrance for many years, **Even after that Neanderthal man had been determined to be classified as *homo erectus*, or upright standing man like modern humans.** Neanderthals have been determined to walk up right but did suffer from rickets and scurvy which can make a modern human hunch over or walk funny. BUT the statues still are in the museum after finally being moved from the front entrance

up to the dinosaur area. So they still perpetuate this as fact even though disproven.

There are so many other examples of disproven missing links, like Lucy. ALL of them turn out to be a hoax, a misinterpretation of the evidence (monkey bones thought to be human or a human with disease or environmental adaptation), and are all eventually explained through science.

Also, think about this, where do the plants and trees fit in? And do you recall the extreme complexity of the cell and how it needs every organelle to survive? According to evolutionists, the evolutionary process of going from sea to land was extremely slow and took millions of years. If we accept that statement, then let's play along and pretend a fish did evolve into a land animal. What would have to happen for the fish to survive? It would have to change its gills into lungs, its fins into legs, its eyes would have to adapt to land from water, it would have to develop ears to hear, it would have to develop a skin that would not dry out in the sun instead of having skin with scales requiring water, and it would have to develop an instinct for hunting on land instead of swimming in water. ALL of this would have to happen at an instant for the fish to survive and for it to reproduce to create more land animals. Oh yeah we forgot that TWO fish would have to evolve at the same time, one male and one female, for the evolution to carry on. Now honestly, if evolution is so slow you can't see it and it takes millions and millions of years, could this scenario have actually taken place in one instant? Have you ever seen what happens to a fish out of water? **Selah, stop and think about it.**

If you want to dig deeper, do some research on the accuracy of carbon dating. There are a growing number of scientific studies showing this is not so accurate as claimed by evolutionists. Google it and you will see.

So now you may be developing some thoughts about what we have studied so far about the origin of life and how humans came into being. The origin of life is a pretty big deal, it affects our approach to how we live our lives and how we look at the world. So if the science and facts

and truths we have just studied show that it is really impossible for the creation of life to be a random act due to its complexity, and life could not evolve, then we have to explore the assumption that life is created by a creator. It is only fair to explore this as well. Remember we started this journey stating we will look only at science, facts, and truth. And that we would have an open and honest mindset. To make any determination, we must look at every aspect of a topic and explore every avenue to make a good solid and accurate determination.

Chapter 4

Is God real and Who is He?

What are your current thoughts about God, Jesus, and the Bible? Do they really exist? Is the Bible real or fiction? Have you ever researched this or read the Bible? Why do you think as you do? **Selah, stop and think about it.**

We will look at some proven facts that, if nothing else, you will find extremely surprising and very interesting. But first, if we are to explore the possibility that a creator created life, we need to know who this creator is. Then we will be better equipped to understand the evidence we encounter in our study.

Here is what the Holy Bible says about Jesus and God. It says that God created the Heavens and the earth and all the living creatures (book of Genesis). It also says,

“In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He (Jesus) was in the beginning with God. ALL things were made through Him and without Him nothing was made that was made. In Him was life and the life was the light of men.” John 1:1-4

“...the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and **truth**.” John 1:14

“The law (10 commandments) came through Moses but Grace and **truth** came through Jesus Christ.” John 1:17

The Bible also tells us that Jesus came because God loves us so much.

“For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world

through Him might be saved” John 3:16-17
Also, “I and the Father are One” John 10:30

So from these few scriptures we see who God and Jesus are. They are eternal from the beginning of time, all powerful, loving, creator of life, and one and the same (remember in John 1:1-4 that the Word became flesh).

So we have a good foundation about who God the creator is, now let's look at some evidence to see if He really does exist. There are many skeptics that claim the Bible and God are fictional and that there is no evidence to prove His existence. Here are a few of their most popular claims: the gospels that tell about Jesus are plagiarized one from the other and yet they have discrepancies between them; there is no hard scientific or historical evidence to back up the Bible; Jesus was just a man.

Let's look at each of these and see how they line up with the facts. First about the gospels, there are four of them, each written by a different person. Upon studying them, they ALL have the same messages and teachings, yet some of the details are different. For instance some might mention an event with a person and another might not mention that same event but a different one. This does not prove they have errors. These are eyewitness accounts written by 4 different people. If you ask several eyewitnesses what they saw or experienced, each will have a slightly different story of the same event because we all experience things differently. If you asked four people who just got off a rollercoaster about their ride, you would get four different stories. One might say the first big drop was scary and they threw up and they remember no other details about the ride other than it was not enjoyable. Another might say the first big drop was so much fun and the double loop later was even better. They both told us about the same experience but had different viewpoints. Were either of them lying? No.

The same with the Gospels. The book of Luke was written by a doctor who was very factual, precise and detail oriented as you would expect a doctor to be. He was not one of the 12 who walked with Jesus but lived in the time and did a lot of research by interviewing many

people. The book of John was written by one of Jesus's disciples who was said to be one Jesus loved, so he would have a more emotional viewpoint and one as a direct eyewitness. So both accounts are factual yet have different perspectives of the same event. And the meanings and teachings are exactly the same amongst all four gospels.

Now, the big lie from skeptics is that there is no scientific evidence for any proof that God and the Bible are real. Here are the **facts**. First the Bible is very old and the words have not changed through the translations over thousands of years- nothing has been added or taken away, people have strived to keep it the same due to its importance to them. There is evidence of pieces of the Bible discovered from ancient times that show the words, and more importantly, the teachings and message of the Bible have never changed. Archaeologists have discovered many fragments and complete copies of books of the Bible dating back to over 900 BC. There are the Dead Sea Scrolls (most full ancient collection) that date back to around 250 BC, the Nash Papyrus (200 BC), the Khirbet Qeiyafa ostrakon (1000 BC) which alludes to text in the Bible, and many many others. There are also many fragments of the new testament from the 1st century AD. And there are tens of thousands of new testament manuscripts in Latin, Coptic, Syriac, Armenian, and many other languages from ancient times. The truth is there are many copies of the Bible authenticating the Bible has existed for thousands of years and has not changed. There is a really good collection at the Holy Land Experience in Orlando, FL if you want to go and see for yourself.

So we see there is a lot of historical evidence to date the Bible and see it does not change, but is there evidence to prove it is true and not fiction as skeptics say? Well there is a plethora of evidence to show that historically the Bible is accurate and true.

For instance, researchers at Purdue University have proven, so far, that 53 people mentioned in the Bible actually **did exist**. Professor Lawrence Mukytiuk, library science professor, has researched journals, ancient documents, ancient inscriptions, and various archaeological digs to actually trace and prove the existence of these people. For instance, he has verified the existence of King David from around 1000 BC

through verification of scripture in Samuel 1 in the Bible and archaeological evidence. A wall inscription at the Tel Dan excavations in Israel mentions “King of Israel” and “Melech Beith David” which verifies David was king at the time. The inscription was written by the Aaramians who were adversaries of Israel- so a non-biased confirmation. This is a fact literally written in stone. Professor Muktiuk has also confirmed the existence of king Hezeiah who ruled around 700 BC in the Bible, as well as Jeroboam II, Jeconiah, Nebuchadnezzar II just to name a few. There is also a lot more archaeological evidence to support the events described in the Bible. Did you know that archeologists have actually discovered some ruins of the city of Nazareth where Jesus lived as a child. So the city actually existed- that’s a fact.

So we have a lot of archeological evidence that confirms the accuracy and truth in the Bible. So what other evidence exists? There are non-religious historical accounts from ancient times that write about Jesus. We will look at several here.

The most prominent historian was the Roman historian, Flavius Josephus, a first century AD Jewish historian. He lived in the timeframe not long after Jesus was crucified. Josephus was an aristocrat and military leader in Palestine: he was a very well respected citizen in Jewish society. In his 20 volume history of Jewish people, he mentions Jesus twice. In his work, he identifies James (who was unlawfully executed) as the “brother of Jesus who is called Messiah”. James also wrote a very popular book in the Bible. And Josephus describes Jesus as a man “who did surprising deeds” and was condemned to be crucified by Pilate- just as is detailed in several books in the Bible. So here we have outside confirmation that Jesus lived and performed miracles, we also have confirmation about His brother James, and confirmation of Pontius Pilate and the crucifixion of Jesus.

Another historian who wrote of Jesus was a Roman senator named Tacitus. In his work, “The Annals of Imperial Rome” written around 116 AD, he writes “the persons commonly called Christians who were hated for their enormities. Christus, the founder of the name, was put to death by Pontius Pilate, procurator of Judea in the reign of Tiberius”. Here again is confirmation of the exact accounts as detailed in the Bible

written , written by a Roman senator. Tacitus was very accurate in his writings. When he wrote of history, if there was any doubt of the reliability or accuracy of any information, he would mention it in his writing. He does not mention any doubt about the facts mentioned about Jesus.

Other Roman historians like Pliny the Younger and Suetonius also made comments about Christians and Jesus in their writings. We also have eyewitness accounts of over 500 people who saw Jesus after he was crucified and resurrected.

Are you surprised to find that there is a lot of factual and historical evidence that holds up the truth that the Bible is actually real and the events in it did actually happen? We are not taught this in our schools, why? **Selah, stop and think about it.**

Chapter 5

Putting it ALL together

We have seen a lot of information, so now what do we do with it? Well we should think about it, process it, and then make a decision as to what we believe.

On this journey we have taken together, we have seen that life is very, very, very complex. This is a fact and a truth would you not agree? We have looked at the building blocks of life- cell structure, DNA, chemical reactions in a cell, and more. The science has determined that life could not possibly have started by a random act. We have seen the facts that evolution has no evidence to support the theory and that science shows evolution could not happen. We have seen evidence to support that life began with God.

We have seen that there is a lot of historical and archaeological evidence to support that the Bible is both factual and true. So we have to make a decision to believe all this. **Selah- stop and think about it. Review the science and evidence if you need to.**

Our lives on earth average only about 75 years. But the Bible, God's Word, says that life on earth is a fleeting moment and there is another part of our life that lasts for eternity. We either spend eternity in Heaven where there will be no more tears and we will rejoice and worship God forever. Or we spend eternity in hell separated from God where, the Bible says, there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth in the lake of fire. Those are the only two options for our eternal life. God's word is very clear about that fact. After all, if we have decided that God and the Bible are truly real and He created life, then we have to believe what the Bible says is true. So where would you like to spend **your** eternity? **Selah-stop and think about it.**

So how do we get to heaven? In the Bible, Jesus says:

"I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to

Father except through me”.John 14:6

And the Bible says:

“For God so loved the world that He gave His only Begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved. He who believes in Him is not condemned but; but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God. And this is the condemnation, that the light has come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. John 3:16-21

So we see there is a choice to make. The Bible clearly states that if we believe in Jesus then our hearts will turn from sin and we will have eternal life in heaven. And that is the ONLY way to heaven is through Jesus. In Luke 5:31, Jesus says:

“It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. I have not come to call the righteous but sinners to repentance.”

But many people say they are good and do not do bad things. People will say,”well I’m not a murderer or a rapist or a drug dealer or a bank robber, so I am not a bad person. Or people will say,”I am not as bad as that person” so they feel they are good enough to go to Heaven.

BUT in God’s eyes and on his scale for what is good, the best that any person can offer is not that good. Here’s what the Bible says about our ‘goodness’:

“**All** of us have become like one who is unclean, and **all** our righteous acts are like filthy rags; we all shrivel up like a leaf, and like the wind our sins sweep us away.” Isaiah 64:6

“For **all** have sinned and fall short of the glory of God” Rom 3:23

If you noticed I bold faced the word **all** in these scriptures . That **all** means **everyone** from **all times**. It is scary to think that the best we

have to offer, the best deeds we do, are like stinky rags in the sight of a holy and righteous God. He sees our motives and knows our hearts- that they are not 100% pure. The Ten Commandments not only show us how to live and behave, but they show us that we are sinners in need of God's grace because we can not keep all of them all the time. We constantly fail trying despite our good intentions. We lie, steal, covet, commit adultery, do not honor our parents, and the list goes on. Did you know that according to the Ten Commandments that if you look at another woman with lust, you are an adulterer in God's eyes (Matt 5:27-28). Think about that the next time you do a double take at a beautiful woman or handsome man. Or did you know that to hate somebody is the same as murder in God's eyes (1 John 5:15).

In fact if you have ever stolen anything (a penny, flower, ketchup packet at a McDonalds, paperclip from work, etc) , and if you ever told a lie, and if you lustfully look at a woman when you are married, then according to God's standards you are a lying, thieving, adulterer. Ouch, that's harsh! But that is the truth!!!

That is why God sent Jesus to us, because He knew we could not live a life without sinning- we needed help. And in Revelation 21:27 it says that sin is not allowed into heaven. Jesus delivered a message of hope for us through God's mercy and grace. He delivered a message that God loves us and wants to be with us and that the way to eternal life with God is through Jesus.

This is the truth and it is written in our hearts no matter what we say we believe. We have suppressed the truth to selfishly pursue the things we desire in life. The Bible says:

“Even gentiles (non-jews or non-believers), who do not have God's written law, show that they know His law when they instinctively obey it, even without having heard it. They demonstrate that God's law is written in their hearts, for their own conscience and thoughts either accuse them or tell them they are doing right” Romans 2:14-15

God's written law here is the Ten Commandments which tell us right and wrong and show us we need help from a savior. Jesus brought us

that hope and He gave His life for us. Why? Because God loves you and me so very much.

“ But God demonstrates His own love for us in this; while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.” Romans 5:8

So here it is, God loves you and wants you to return to Him. The evidence presented shows that God is true and real. The light of Jesus is written in man. We have seen a lot of evidence and our brains are telling us the evidence shows us the truth. But we need that belief to sink down into our heart where it will fully latch on to us. We know deep down inside what we need to do. So what will you do? God is calling you back to Him. Will you answer His call? Remember, Heaven and Hell are **forever!** We have a choice to make that will affect where we will spend our eternity. Will you follow your head and your heart and respond to God who is calling you right this instant? Believe and you will be set free to a life of peace here on earth knowing you have an eternity in Heaven with God. I sincerely pray you make a choice for Jesus and Heaven.

Selah, stop and think about all we have seen here. THIS IS NO JOKE, it is a matter of life or death, heaven or hell, peace or anguish for YOU FOR ETERNITY. Don't you think that for such an important topic, you should give it some deep and serious thought and consideration? (review the information, I encourage you to read the Gospel of John in the Bible). **Now listen to what your heart is telling you. You now see how much God loves you and how to be free from the lies of the devil and turn back to the one and only true God who deeply loves you. It is never too late, The Bible says that God is faithful and just to forgive us our sins if we confess them to Him, 1 John 1:9.**

You can be saved and know that you are saved right this very instant. Talk to God and tell Him you believe in the forgiveness of your sins through believing that Jesus came to give us the message of hope, forgiveness, and salvation. Tell Him you believe in Jesus, ask for forgiveness and turn to Him.

Tell Him you believe Jesus paid the price for your sins by dying on the cross for you and that he rose from the grave (Romans 10:9). If you tell God this and really mean it in your heart, then God has a place for you in Heaven! Congratulations and hallelujah, you are saved !!!!!!!

So now what? Seek out a Bible believing church and talk to somebody there. Tell them what you have done and ask what is next. They will help you learn more about God through His Word.

God bless you and your families!!! Remember, God loves you!!!!!!!

THANK YOU

(see a bonus section on the next page)

BONUS ! Romans 5

(sums it all up in God's words)

Therefore, since we have been made right in God's sight by faith we have peace with God because of what Jesus Christ our Lord has done for us. Because of our faith, Christ has brought us into this place of undeserved privilege where we now stand, and we confidently and joyfully look forward to sharing God's glory.

We can rejoice, too, when we run into problems and trials, for we know that they help us develop endurance. And endurance develops strength of character, and character strengthens our confident hope of salvation.

And this hope will not lead to disappointment. For we know how clearly God loves us, because he has given us the Holy Spirit to fill our hearts with His love. When we were utterly helpless, Christ came at just the right time and died for us sinners. Now, most people would not be willing to die for an upright person, though someone might perhaps be willing to die for a person who is especially good. But God showed His great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners. And since we have been made right in God's sight by the blood of Christ, He will certainly save us from God's condemnation. For since our friendship with God was restored by the death of His Son while we were still his enemies, we will certainly be saved through the life of His Son. So now we can rejoice in our wonderful new relationship with God because our Lord Jesus Christ has made us friends of God.

When Adam sinned, sin entered the world. Adam's sin brought death, so death spread to everyone, for everyone sinned. Yes, people sinned even before the law was given. But it was not yet any law to break. Still, everyone died- from the time of Adam to the time of Moses- even those who did not disobey an explicit commandment of God, as Adam did. Now Adam is a symbol, a representation of Christ, who was yet to come. But there is a great difference between Adam's sin and God's gracious gift. For the sin of this one man, Adam, brought death to many. But even greater is God's wonderful grace and his gift of forgiveness to many through this other Man, Jesus Christ. And the result of God's gracious gift is very different from the result of that one man's sin. For Adam's sin led to condemnation, but God's free gift leads to our being made right with God, even though we are guilty of many sins. For the sin of this one man, Adam, caused death to rule over many. But even greater is God's wonderful grace and his gift of righteousness, for all who receive it will live in triumph over sin and death through this one Man, Jesus Christ.

Yes, Adam's one sin brings condemnation for everyone, but Christ's one act of righteousness brings a right relationship with God and new life for everyone. Because one person disobeyed God, many became sinners. But because one other person obeyed God, many will be made righteous.

God's law was given so that all people could see how sinful they were. But as people sinned more and more, God's wonderful grace became more abundant. So just as sin ruled over all people and brought them to death, now God's wonderful grace rules

instead, giving us right standing with God and resulting in eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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