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Logical Reasoning

(Made as a witness for the TRUTH of the Bible)

Jesus said “the only way to the Father (God) is through me” (John 14:6).

The Bible is a training manual for life according to 2 Timothy 3:16 and 17 which says “ALL** Scripture is God-breathed (inspired by God to all the authors of the Bible) and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant (you and me) of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work”. Now let us apply Logical Reasoning (LR) to truth versus lies by using the Bible for this application.**

According to the Bible (2 Corinthians 5:21 and 1 John 3:5), Jesus was without sin and part of sin is lying. To not lie (bear false witness) is the 9th of the Ten Commandments of God’s laws. Also according to the Bible **ALL men (when I use the word men that means women are inclusive) have sinned (lied) and come short of the glory of God. Now applying LR is that out of **ALL** men 1% has not sinned (Jesus) and the rest of **ALL** men 99% have sinned. This is true because if someone says that he has never lied, then he just lied.**

Now “IF” the Bible is not true and Jesus was the biggest liar that has ever lived, then **ALL people will not have any hope (faith) for something to believe in. All people were born instinctively to believe in something. The words that Jesus uses in the Bible are used to give us the truth of the Bible. An example of truth is when Jesus was dying on the cross and talking to another man being crucified beside him. The other man realized who Jesus was and accepted Jesus as his Lord and Savior, so He told the man “I tell you the truth, today you will be with me in paradise” Luke 23:39-43.**

Now why would He lie about that on His death bed? Jesus referred to Heaven as paradise. When Jesus and the other man died on the cross, apparently they went to Heaven. The truth of the Bible gives us glimpses of Heaven and Hell.

When people think of a paradise, they know it is a wonderful place filled with joy, contentment, peace, comfort etc. According to the Bible, Jesus also said in John 14:2 “when my time is up, I will go and prepare you a place in my Father’s (referring to God) house (Heaven)”. What reason would He have to lie about that? I will try to explain “time” later.

One time I asked a friend who is not a Christian if he believed in Heaven and Hell. His idea of Heaven was a place on earth, a paradise so to speak. In other words, he did not believe in the truth of the Bible.

We were all born with a “purpose” given to us by God. That purpose is to bring glory to God. God also gave us the gift of choice. When Adam and Eve chose to sin in the Garden of Eden, they and their offspring ceased to bring glory to God in their fallen state. Because of the redemptive work of Jesus Christ, the Son of God, man has a choice now to be reconciled with God through faith alone and return to his original purpose of bringing glory to God.

Now choice gives a person logical reasoning to choose one thing. For some people their choice is to follow truth and righteousness (Jesus) and for other people their choice is not to follow Jesus. For me, I choose Heaven and Jesus because according to the way the Jesus describes Hell in Matthew 5:22 and Luke 16:19-31, that is a place I would not want to be.

I was talking to that same friend and told him that I had nothing to lose when I die as a believer and if I were a nonbeliever, I had everything to lose when I die. He said that was just a play on words. Is it just a play on words really? The friend said to me “why would a loving God allow a person to live in poverty?”. God gives us the ability to make a choice. While some people choose to live in poverty voluntarily (like monks and nuns), others live in poverty because of poor choices, still others have no choice through no fault of their own.

In some of the poorest countries in the world where people grow up leaves many with no choice but to be poor.

When God “allows” or “disallows” something to happen, it is done supernaturally. When a person is living in poverty, it is “allowed” naturally and not by God whether the person has a choice or not.

Our choice is key to the truth of the Bible.

This brings up the theological question of God’s sovereignty versus men’s free will. You can make a case from the Bible for each position because both are true. To present knowledge, no one has resolved that paradox how man can have free choices, but ultimately God is in complete control and His plan will not be overruled by man’s choice. We can only wait until we get to heaven to understand.

Earlier I said I would try to explain “time**”.**

According to the Bible in Genesis 1:5 , when God created the earth, He created time. Time is something that can be measured. It starts with a millisecond and ends with a year.

Everything that revolves around the sun is measured in years and everything that revolves around the earth is measured in days which breaks down into hours, minutes and seconds. Now time and life are synonymous. Our time is from birth to death. When our time ends, our bodies die.

The Bible hints that there is no time in Heaven. If our bodies die and Jesus is saying in John 6:47 “I tell you the truth, he who believes (in Me) has everlasting life” in Heaven, that means infinity (no time). How is everlasting life possible when our bodies are dead?

I will try to explain this to where it makes some sense. When our physical bodies die, there is something in us that is still alive. It is our soul and our spirit. When our bodies are alive, the soul resides in our mind (brain) and our spirit resides in our heart. The soul and spirit cannot function without the senses of the body. Therefore, God provides us with a body in which our soul and spirit immediately inherit. While we are on earth and believe in the truth of Jesus, we are given a Heavenly body so that we can live forever (infinity) with Him in Heaven. I mentioned earlier that He has a place for us in Heaven.

This will only happen if the soul and the spirit are connected. Satan can attack the soul (mind) which is in your brain (flesh), but he cannot attack your spirit which resides in your heart because it is protected there by the Holy Spirit (Jesus and God) if you are a believer. This is confirmed in Romans 12:1-2 and in John 14:15-21. The reason why we are protected by the Holy Spirit is because it is an Advocate or Counselor provided by God and Jesus. Jesus confirms in John 14, the Trinity (3 in 1) which is God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit for the first time in the Bible.

It is hard for us to understand the Trinity, but anything is possible when it comes to the truth of God and Jesus.

If we do not believe in the truth of the Bible, then God provides a body that is suitable for Hell. The Bible is not clear on a body for Hell as having everlasting life, but according to Luke 16:19-31 having everlasting life in Hell is true. In these verses, whatever choice is made on earth whether to follow the truth of Jesus or not cannot be undone when you receive the body of choice given by God when you die.

When you receive your body of choice after death, you will face a door (metaphorically speaking). There are two verses that I hung on to when I was going through a very bad time in my life. Those two verses is Jesus saying in Matthew 7:7-8, “Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; he who seeks finds; and to him who knocks, the door will be opened”.

Why would Jesus say those things in reference to a door? In John 10:9 Jesus says that He is the door and if anyone enters through the door, he will be saved. In other words, the door is the pathway into Heaven. If the door does not open when you knock after death, then you have a Hellish body and you fall into Hell. This is a simple concept that everyone should understand through logical reasoning.

If there is no time in Heaven, then there is nothing to measure day and night. Jesus says in John 8:12, “I am the light of the world; he who follows me will not walk in the darkness, but will have the light of life”.

Jesus is telling us about Heaven since there is no darkness (night), He provides the light and since we have a heavenly body, there will be no need to sleep. Darkness is associated with sin and since there is no darkness in Heaven, there is no sin. Awesome !! Also in John, Jesus says “I am not of this world” and when He says He is the light of the world, He has to be referring to Heaven (LR).

The Bible says that there are no more tears, pain, diseases and suffering in Heaven. Therefore, Heaven is a place where I am going and where I want to be by choice.

The Bible really intrigues me. If you read any part of the Bible, please read the Gospel of John.

I’m going to make a quote from Matthew Kelly in his book (The Biggest Lie In The History Of Christianity) which he says “Lies breed hopelessness, so we shouldn’t be surprised that in our culture of lies so many people feel hopeless. The lie that holiness is not possible creates hopelessness among the one group of people who should never lose hope: Christians.

But truth breeds hope. And the truth is, holiness is possible for you, for me, and for your neighbor, one Holy Moment at a time. We can collaborate with God and create a Holy Moment today. That is amazing grace in action.” This is from pages 113 and 114.

In summary, Jesus is the truth therefore, the Bible is the truth through Logical Reasoning and logic cannot be reversed making the truth irrefutable.

So in conclusion, (as a witness for you to make the right choice and believe in the TRUTH of the Bible to receive Hope in Heaven).

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