

"EVIDENTIAL REASONS FOR FAITH"

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The Bible & Christian Faith

Topic: The God of the Bible

Q. How would we describe the God of the Bible, and what ways would be erroneous?

A. **(1)** We can describe in the simplest terms the God of the Bible in the following way. "There is only one God, but in the unity of the Godhead (Romans 1 :20) there are three Co-equal, Co-existent, and Co-eternal persons; the same in substance but distinct in subsistence (existence). **(2)** A few possible but limited illustrations of the Triune God: The nature of light-consisting of three kinds of rays-chemical rays; light rays; and heat rays, yet light is one substance. A triangle-its three dimensional but its one. **(3)** Two areas of error regarding the Triune God: **(a)** The error of tri-theism. This says that God consists of three separate but co-operating Gods. **(b)** The error of modalism. This says there is one God who reveals himself through three different modes or roles. Example - A particular man could be considered a husband to his wife, a father to his children, an employee to his boss, one person acting out three roles.

The Bible & Historical Accuracy

Topic: The Bible & the Table of Nations

Q. Is the Table of Nations in (Genesis 10:1-32) an accurate account of its day?

A. Yes. The Table of Nations that gives the division of Noah's sons, Shem, Ham, and Japheth in their nations as divided in the earth after the flood is consistent with the then present ethnic and linguistic geographical scenario. **(1)** According to M.F. Unger (Unger's Bible Dictionary) he states, "This table stands unique in ancient literature, without a remote parallel even among the Greeks where their framework involving the mythological, the peoples are only Greek or Aegean tribes." **(2)** W. F. Albright Ph.D., Archaeology, John Hopkins University, states, "It shows such a remarkable modern understanding of the ethnic and linguistic situation in the ancient world, in spite of all its complexity scholars never fail to be impressed with the authors knowledge of the subject.

The Bible & Scientific Accuracy

Topic: Is there a God

Q. Was life brought forth by Theistic Evolution?

A. You decide: This position is known also as the molecule to man theory, it says we must look to Darwin for the when and how of creation, and then learn from Moses the who and why of all things. The scientific problem of the second law of thermodynamics offers complications to this position. This law states that when energy is being transformed from one state to another, some of it is turned into heat energy which can't be converted back into useful forms. In other words this universe may be seen as a wound-up clock that is slowly running downOn the other hand evolution has all life being built up from the simple to the complex. In reality, by scientific law the universe speak's of a Creator, rather than an accident. For every effect, the cause has to be greater. For every design there must be a designer.

The Bible & Prophetic Accuracy

Topic: Bible Prophecy & Historic Figures

Q. Did Isaiah the prophet predict 700 years in advance the message of John the Baptist?

A. Yes. In Isaiah 40:3-5, the prophet Isaiah correctly describes the future message of John the Baptist 700 years in advance. Isaiah 40:3-5 in part states, "The voice of him that cries in the wilderness, Prepare you the way of the Lord. make straight in the desert a highway for our God." John the Baptist was preparing people for the coming Messiah Jesus Christ. If Jesus had not arrived John would have been regarded as a false prophet. In St. Matthew 3:1-3, it's recorded that John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea. He declared that his message was the fulfillment of Isaiah's prophecy. If John the Baptist was incorrect, it's doubtful that St. Matthew would have recorded the fulfillment of the prophecy by John. St Mark 1:1-6, and St. Luke 3:1-6 also render testimony.

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