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THE RELIABILITY OF THE BIBLE

- The Evidence Definition:** Evidence is *all the means by which any matter, when submitted to investigation, may be established or disproved.* It is innate (ie: inborn) in man to recognize a superior power. This causes man to want to worship that power(s). Nature attests to the creativity of a higher power. (Ps 19:1) "*The _____ declare the glory of God; and the _____ showeth his handiwork.*" The Bible reveals God as that power. (Gen 1:1) "*In the beginning _____ the heaven and the earth.*" No theory, scientific or otherwise, has successfully refuted the biblical account of *creationism*. External evidence (ie: documented history and archeology) attests to the truthfulness of the biblical record.
- The Faith Factor** (2 Cor 5:7) "*(For we walk by _____, not by _____:)*" If nature, history, and the Bible harmonize, we should not be detracted by imponderable questions. "*The secret things belong unto the LORD our God.*" Scripture? _____ Many seek but do not find. Could it be they are looking for the wrong thing in the wrong places? (2 Tim 3:7) "*Ever _____, and _____ to come to the knowledge of the truth.*"
- Internal Certification** Paul wrote: (2 Tim 3:16-17) "*All scripture is given _____ of God, and is profitable for _____, for reproof, for correction, for _____ in righteousness: That the man of God may be _____, thoroughly furnished unto all _____ works.*" Peter put it this way: "*Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation. For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.*" Scripture? _____ What "moved" the prophets of God? _____
- What Jesus Said** (Jn 6:63) "*The _____ that I _____ unto you, they are _____, and they are _____.*" Again: (Mk 13:31) "*Heaven and earth shall pass away: but my words shall not pass away.*" Mankind will be judged by the Word. (Jn 12:48) "*The _____ that I have spoken, the same shall _____ him in the last day.*" Jesus often quoted from the Old Testament.
- Paul – The Writer Of Half The NT** (Gal 1:11-12) "*But I _____ you, brethren, that the _____ which was preached of me _____ For I neither received it of man, neither was I _____ it, but by the revelation of Jesus Christ.*" Peter acknowledges Paul's inspired writings in (2 Pet 3:15-16). Note: This information helps date the book of (2 Peter).
- Can Man Pervert God's Word?** Elymas sought to do so. (Acts 13:10) "*Wilt thou not _____ to _____ the right ways of the Lord?*" Who was Elymas? _____ This happened on an isle named _____. (Gal 1:7) "*There be some that _____ you, and would pervert the _____ of Christ.*" Do folks today pervert God's Word? _____ How? By preaching erroneous and slanted sermons, circulating *extra-Biblical* creeds and spurious versions of the Bible. Why do people not see through it? *Satan is the finest mass merchandiser ever!*