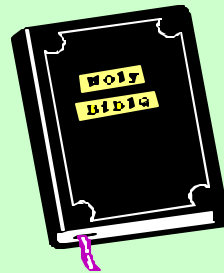
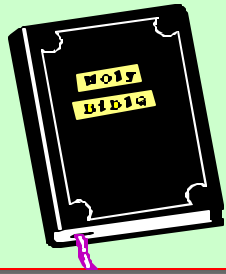


# *The Authority of The Scriptures*

*Is the Bible really from God?*





# *The Bible:*

## *A Myth or The Word of God?*

**Myth** ~ *“an ancient traditional story of gods or heroes, offering an explanation of some fact or phenomenon; a fable; a fictitious person or thing; a commonly held belief that is untrue or without foundation.”* Webster’s New Dictionary Concise Edition, Copyright 1990.

*“Among all the nations scattered over the face of the earth, the Hebrews alone were instructed by God, who gave them not only a full account of the creation of the world and of all living creatures, but also a code of laws to regulate their conduct.”* by H.A. Guerber (Lecturer on Mythology), Myths of Greece and Rome, Published by American Book Company, Copyright 1893, Chapter 1, Page 11.

# *Is The Bible GOD'S Words?*



*“Question with boldness even the existence of a God; because, if there be one, he must more approve of the homage of reason, than that of blind-folded fear.”* Thomas Jefferson (1743-1826), U.S. president. Letter, 10 Aug. 1787.

- **Isaiah 1:18** *“Come now, and let us reason together,” Says the Lord, ...*
- **God says in Hebrews 11:1** *“faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.”*
- **The Bible claims it is from God in 2 Timothy 3:16** *“All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness,”*
- **God says put the Bible to the test in 1 Thess 5:18** *“Test all things; hold fast what is good.”*

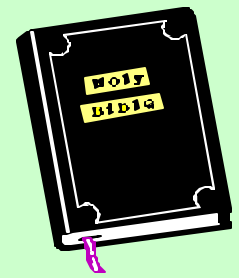


# *Put The Bible To The Test!*

*If the Bible is from the Creator of the universe then:*

- *It is essential that all statements mentioning the physical nature of the universe must be true, allowing for poetic license and the limitations of our scientific theories.*
- *All predictions, from the Bible, of the future would come true.*
- *The evidence of the authenticity of the Bible, and the life of Jesus would be overwhelming.*

# *The Bible Is Accurate*

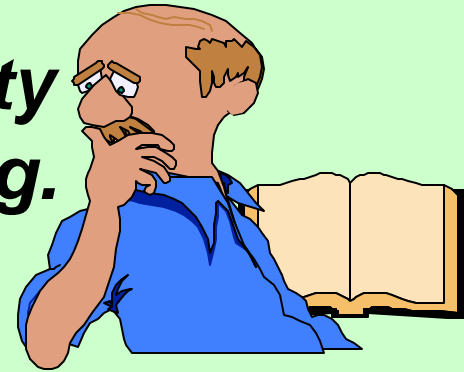


## ***Earth not supported -- Job 26:7***

***He stretches out the north over empty space; He hangs the earth on nothing.***

***2000 B.C.***

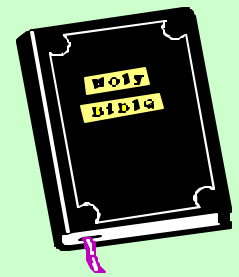
- 1687 A.D. Sir Isaac Newton using telescope discovers earth not supported, but suspended by its attraction to the sun. He published his finding in “Principia” 1687.***



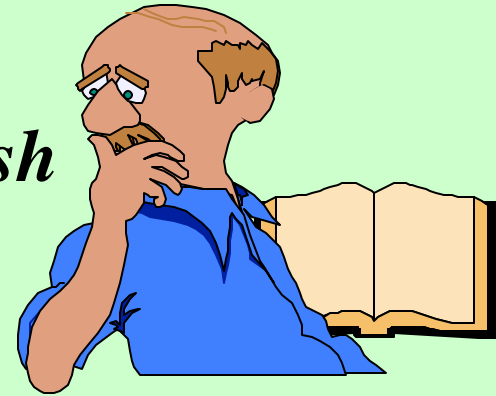
## ***Paths in the sea -- Psalm 8:8 The birds of the air, And the fish of the sea that pass through the paths of the seas.***

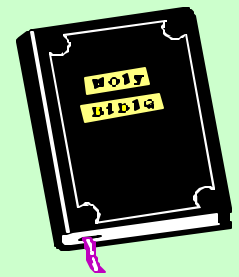
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# *The Bible Is Accurate*



*Matthew Fontaine Maury, called “The pathfinder of the seas”, is the father of modern oceanography. He helped establish Annapolis Academy. A statue of Maury stands in Richland, Virginia; charts of the seas in one hand and the Bible in the other. During a temporary illness his eldest son was reading to him from the Bible and read Psalm 8:8. Maury stopped him and said “read that again”. After hearing it again he said “It is enough, if the word of God says there are paths in the sea, they must be there, and I am going to find them.” Within a few years he had charted the sea lanes and currents and he published “Physical Geography of the Sea” the first textbook of modern oceanography.*





# *The Bible Is Accurate*

## ■ **Who told Moses to Write?**

- ***Leviticus 17:14 'For it is the life of all flesh. Its blood sustains its life...'***
  - ***At a time when Egypt's doctors were prescribing: "For hair loss, apply magic water poured over an idol...For splinters, apply worm's blood and asses dung." Papyrus Ebers, 1552bc, the physicians desk reference of Moses time.***
  - ***Blood letting to rid the body of disease ridden blood was practiced as early as 350 B.C. by Herophilos, a physician of the museum at Alexandria.***
  - ***George Washington - bled for acute laryngitis, he lost too much blood and died DEC. 14, 1799.***

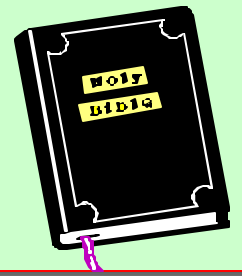


# *Bible Prophecy Comes True*

- ***Virgin Birth -- Isaiah 7:14***
  - ***Fulfilled -- Matthew 1:18,23***
- ***From Bethlehem & Egypt -- Hos 11:1, Mic 5:2***
  - ***Fulfilled -- Matthew 2:14,15, Matthew 2:1,5-6***
- ***Betrayed by a friend -- Psalm 41:9; 55:12-14***
  - ***Fulfilled -- Matthew 26:47-56, John 13:18,21***
- ***No Bones Broken -- Numbers 9:12***
  - ***Fulfilled -- John 19:32-36***
- ***Buried with rich -- Isaiah 53:9***
  - ***Fulfilled -- Matthew 27:57-61***
- ***Power over Death -- Psalm 16:10***
  - ***Fulfilled -- Luke 24:6***



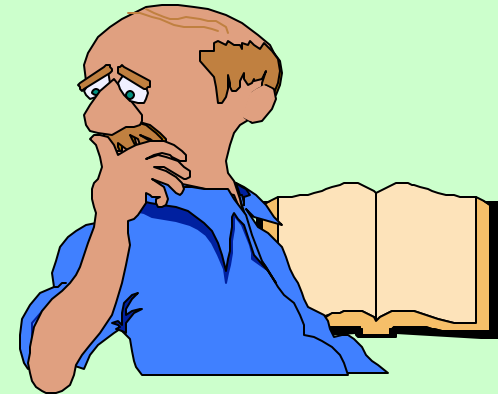
# *Is The Bible GOD'S Words?*



**Could someone have made up the Old and New Testaments to make them come true?**

## **The Dead Sea Scrolls**

- discovered 1947 in Caves of Qumran by a Bedouin shepherd boy
- The scrolls date to 200 - 400 B.C.
- Pieces of every book of the Old Testament have been found as well as other writings of their time
- The scroll of Isaiah was found whole and matches the book of Isaiah translated in our Bible today.
- This evidence shows us the entire Old Testament predates the life and times of Christ.



# *Is The Bible GOD'S Words?*



- ***Was the New Testament or Christ made up to prove the Old Testament to be true?***
- ***Josephus -- Jewish historian born in 37 A.D. and commanded Jewish troops against the Roman armies in Jewish revolt 66-70 A.D. He went with Titus to Rome and became a friend of the emperors. He died in 100 A.D. in Rome.***
  - ***Josephus wrote: "Now there was about this time Jesus, a wise man, if it be lawful to call him a man, for he was a doer of wonderful works- a teacher of such men as receive the truth with pleasure. He drew over to him both many of the Jews, and many of the Gentiles. He was [the] Christ; (64) and when Pilate, at the suggestion of the principal men amongst us, had condemned him to the cross, those that loved him at the first did not forsake him, for he appeared to them alive again the third day as the divine prophets had foretold these and ten thousand other wonderful things concerning him;" "The Antiquities of the Jews" Book 18, Chapter3, #3, "The Works of Josephus"***

# *Is The Bible GOD'S Words?*



***We have evidence of the authenticity of the O.T.***

***We have evidence of the life of Jesus***

- ***The only question is: Did the witnesses of Christ lie?***
  - ***1 John 1:1 " That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, concerning the Word of life—"***
  - ***1 Corinthians 15:1-11***

***Christ sent 13 witnesses into the world to testify on His behalf. Are they credible? What did they receive for their testimony?***

***Poverty! Abuse! and Death!***

# *The Bible Is GOD'S Word!*



- *The Bible is accurate to laws of nature*
- *The Prophecies of the Bible have proved to be accurate*
- *The evidence of the authenticity Bible and the life of Christ are overwhelming*

Acts 17:30-31 "Truly, these times of ignorance God overlooked, but now commands all men everywhere to repent, <sup>31</sup> "because He has appointed a day on which He will judge the world in righteousness by the Man whom He has ordained. He has given assurance of this to all by raising Him from the dead."

