

Wrestling With Doubt

Is the Bible True?

I. Introduction

All scripture is given by inspiration of God. II Timothy 3:15-16

II. Jesus fulfilled the OT scripture (1 Corinthians 15:3-4)

1. Paul's writings equated with scripture (II Peter 3:15-16)
2. No scripture is of private interpretation (II Peter 1:20)
3. Rules of prophets and scriptures: (Deut. 13:1-5 & 18:20-22)
 - a. Must agree with scripture
 - b. Must be faithful to God
 - c. Must come to pass

III. Jesus testified to the authority of Scripture

1. Jesus went back to the account of Creation (Matthew 19:3-6)
2. Jesus opened to them the scriptures (Luke 24:13-33)

IV. No archaeological discovery has contradicted the scriptures

1. Each new discovery only confirms the things recorded in:

a. The law

b. The prophets

c. The New Testament

V. The Bible is the most authoritative of all ancient literature

1. No one questions the existence of Socrates, Plato, Aristotle

2. There is much more proof & many more ancient writings pointing to the

authority of the Bible

3. Jesus and His teachings are confirmed by many other ancient writers

VI: Religions:

1. Only Christian & Jewish faiths invite reason

2. Other faiths require a suspension of reason to follow their teachings to

a logical conclusion. The reason came from the medieval Christian

tradition. The only problem with reason came when men raised it to

the level of God

3. God invites us to see how reasonable He is, as opposed to the doctrines of men that deny Him

Small Group Questions

1) What areas of the Bible tend to raise doubts in you?

2) What event allowed you to believe that the Bible is reliable?