

THINGS PEOPLE THINK DISCREDIT THE BIBLE...

... BUT DON'T

"The LORD knoweth the thoughts of man, that they are vanity."

~ Psa 94:11 (1 Cor 3:20)

1. Things You Will Hear Against the Bible

- a. From a culture that would like to ~~forget~~ feel good about rejecting the Bible.
- b. From Christians who discard the Bible to gain acceptance, credibility, or people
- c. The result: the Christian position is no longer a Bible position – which is too bad.
- d. It should take more than an ignorant quip to overturn God's word – Eph 6:10

2. Science and Science Fiction

- a. Evolution (against a Creator, timeline, sin, history); but it has its problems – Jer 2:27
- b. Science: "knowledge" (against God's omniscience?); Prov 8:10, Col 2:3, Eph 3:19
- c. Logic/Reason (against faith) – the god of the unbeliever; but God says Isa 1:18,41:21

3. Strange Encounters

- a. Dinosaurs (against Bible history) – many did not exist, others are found alive, dragons
- b. UFOs/ Aliens (still fighting geocentricity) – life in outer space does exist–John 6:31, 51
- c. Aliens, angels, visions, legends, magic etc. (false witnesses) – 1 John 4:1, 2 Thess 2:9
- d. Experiences are used by Christians to show God, and they fall into lies and myths

4. Other Religions

- a. Other 'gods' (against one God), false gods does not prove no god – Exo 18:11
- b. Similar virtues/vices (against abs. morals) similarity proves authenticity –Ro 1:25, 2:14
- c. Many denominations (is everybody wrong?) – God judges righteously, individually
- d. Disagreements (against Bible study) – exist with ignorance of the Bible rightly divided

5. Problems with God

- a. Evil/ Tragedy (against ourselves) – the Biblical answer is simple/hard – 2Ti 2:24-26
- b. Unanswered prayer (against God's power) –prayer's power is not in getting- Eph 3:20
- c. God killing people (against God's love/righteousness) – he always offers mercy first
- d. Hell, stoning, slavery, patriarchalism (against God's judgment): LGBT vs. Boko Haram

6. Problems with the Text

- a. Mistakes/ errors (against inspiration) – show me one? Bible inerrancy doesn't insure personal inerrancy – Acts 1:16, 1 Tim 1:12-13
- b. No Bible is perfect (against preservation) – 1 Pet 1:25, Rom 10:17, Psa 12:7, 2Ti 3:16
- c. Apparent contradictions (against prog. revelation) – "but now" – Act 17:30, Heb 1:1

7. So, what...

- a. Too many Christians are scared off the Bible by what people think discredits the Bible
- b. We need to be able to stand against worldly wiles and deceptions – Eph 6:10-13
- c. Our war is a battle of ideas/doctrines in the minds of men - 2 Cor 10:3-5
- d. Bible believing mid-Acts Pauline dispensational right division will strengthen the church