



## What makes the Bible Holy? – Part IV

Today's Bible Focus Texts (2 Peter 1:21, Psalm 119, Galatians 3:26)

### What is meant by the Bible's miracle of unity?

The 66 books of the Bible were written:

- On three continents
- In three languages
- By about 40 different people (kings, shepherds, scientists, attorneys, an army general, fishermen, priests, and a physician)
- Over a period of about 1,500 years
- On the most controversial subjects
- By people who, in most cases, had never met
- By authors whose education and background varied greatly
- Yet, though it seems totally inconceivable, the 66 books maintain harmony with each other

Often new concepts on a subject are expressed, but these concepts do not undermine or conflict with what other Bible writers say on the same subject.

Talk about astounding!

Ask people who have personally witnessed an identical event to each give a report of what happened. Even though they probably speak the same language, live in the same era, are of the same culture, etc., they will differ widely and will virtually always contradict each other in some way. Did you ever play that game in elementary school where the teacher whispers in one student's ear, a phrase they are to pass along, one student at a time down the line until it gets to the end of the line? I have never witnessed the phrase being anywhere near the same subject, let alone same words used, at the end of the line as what was told the first student.

Yet the Bible, penned by 40 writers, over a 1,500-year period, reads as if written by one great mind. And, indeed, it was, "Holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Ghost" (2 Peter 1:21). The Holy Ghost "moved" them all. God is the real Bible Author. The four Gospels do sometimes differ in the way they report the same event, but they complement each other. They offer different perspectives by separate eyewitnesses.

## **What are the advantages of accepting the Bible as God's inspired Word?**

The Bible says, "I understand more than the ancients, because I keep your precepts." Psalm 119:100. "Thou... hast made me wiser than mine enemies." Psalm 119:98. "For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are... my thoughts [higher] than your thoughts." Isaiah 55:9. A person who accepts the Word of God will soon know the answers to many complex challenges that secular scholars will never figure out. For example, the Bible teaches:

- God created the earth and all living organisms in six literal 24-hour days (Exodus 20:11; Psalm 33:6, 9).
- A worldwide flood destroyed every living thing except the sea life and what was inside Noah's ark (Genesis chapters 6, 7, & 8).
- The different languages and segregation of the world and its people began at the Tower of Babel (Genesis 11: 1-9).

God, who has always existed and knows everything, shares the above three truths with us, recognizing that we could never figure them out on our own. We were not there. We know only "in part" now (1 Corinthians 13:9). And God's knowledge is "past finding out" (Romans 11:33). Evolutionists will never know the age of the earth because it was created with apparent age, as were Adam and Eve. The couple were only one day old on their second day of life, but they appeared to be mature. Man's measuring instruments cannot allow for apparent age. In such cases, they are not trustworthy. Believe the Bible, and you will always be ahead of the speculation of secular scholars and the worldly-wise.

## **Why does the Bible have such universal appeal?**

The Bible says, "Thy word is a light unto my path" (Psalm 119:105). "These things have I spoken unto you... that your joy might be full" (John 15:11). "In the image of God... created He them" (Genesis 1:27). "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven" (Matthew 5:16). "I will come again and receive you to myself; that where I am, there you may be also" (John 14:3).

The Bible is the answer to life's most puzzling questions:

1. Where did I come from? God created us in His image. We did not accidentally emerge as nondescript globs from some primeval slime. We are sons and daughters of God, the Mighty King (Galatians 3:26). We are so precious to God that when Adam and Eve sinned, He gave His only Son, to have ever lived a perfect life of faith and service to others, to die and pay the penalty for our sins so we could be free. He wants to restore us to His image and then, shortly after, to take us back to Eden, the home (place, power, and authority) Adam and Eve lost.

2. Why am I here? Our aims for life today should be to discover the Bible's wonderful answers to life's puzzling problems and to accept Jesus' offer to restore us to His image (Romans 8:29). When we start walking in faith according to the Bible's teachings, we find that God is very near to us and truly comforts us along the way. As we see in the Garden in Genesis, He created us to spend time with Him, walk with Him, talk with Him. He has so much more to teach us, we have not even scratched the surface and will require an eternity to learn all He wants to teach us.
3. What does the future hold for me? There is no guesswork about the future. Jesus will come to take His people (His family) to the fabulous home He has prepared for them in heaven. There, with supreme joy and happiness, His people will live forever (John 14:1-3; Revelation 21:3, 4). Without a future beyond what we see now, the purpose of having a conscious understanding that we are, and one day will not be, is just cruel. All the answers are there, in the Bible, waiting for you to prayerfully seek them out.

Thank you for searching the Scriptures with us! We are joyous along with the holy angels that you are walking this path with us, and one day we will get to celebrate together, in a land more glorious than has ever been witnessed by mortal eyes.

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