

Believest Thou This?

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Do we really believe the Word of God? Think of that for a moment, do you really believe what God says. He said things that require faith to accept as truth. Man tries so hard to question the things that the Bible tells us. I have heard a few people say that they believe the Bible but not literally. For instance they say God created the world, but not in six days. Some have tried to blend evolution and creation into some mixture of doubt and disbelief. Either we believe God or we don't. Let us look at some of the things that the Bible tells us and what man says about them.

Creation vs. Evolution is one of the things we'll look at. The Bible tells us that we are created, male and female, in the image of God. Genesis tells how the earth was prepared for man and that God, in six days, made everything. Evolution says we are just an accident that happened over millions of years. While there are many holes in this theory the fact that we have male

and female is one of the biggest. Are we supposed to believe that two compatible sexes developed at the same time and in the same place by accident? I believe God made us just as His Word tells us.

Another things that comes to mind is the crossing of the Red Sea. People who weren't there and looking back over thousands of years say it didn't happen as we are told. Some say it was the Reed Sea that they crossed. It is figured to be more like a marsh than an actual sea. If this were true, the miracle would not be the crossing by the Israelites, but that the Egyptians drowned in a few inches of water.

Someone pointed out recently in our Sunday School book that the commentator said that the word corn didn't mean corn. They say that corn wasn't known in that part of the world in those days. I am not a scientist or a historian, just a believer in what God says. We know that some crops grow in certain parts of the world but not in others. God created all the plants didn't He? If we believe the Bible we see that the world has went through some great

changes since creation. Some plants, like some animals, may have died out in certain parts of the world in time past. Consider this, the Bible mentions wheat, barley, and corn. I think they knew what they were talking about.

There are those who doubt the accuracy of the Word of God. For instance in the four gospels some things are mentioned in one, but not in some of the other three. Why should that be a problem? If they were all identical there would be no need for more than one. They were written by four individuals who wrote what they were lead to write. Each tells the story of Jesus and the life of miracles and service that He lived on earth. In them we are told to trust in Jesus and to live for Him all of our life.

The Bible was written by more than 40 writers over hundreds of years. Yet, there was but one author, as those who wrote, did so by the Holy Spirit. It, the Bible, is God's revelation to man and tells us the Will of God. Believe it to be the truth, because it is. Believe and obey as though your life depended on it, because it does.

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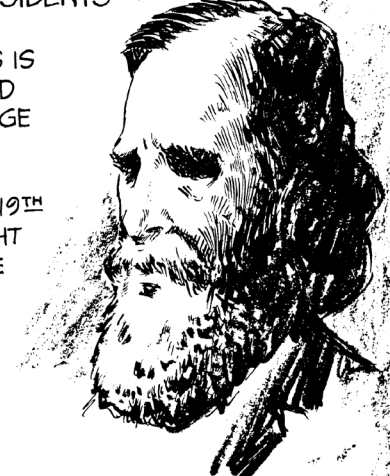
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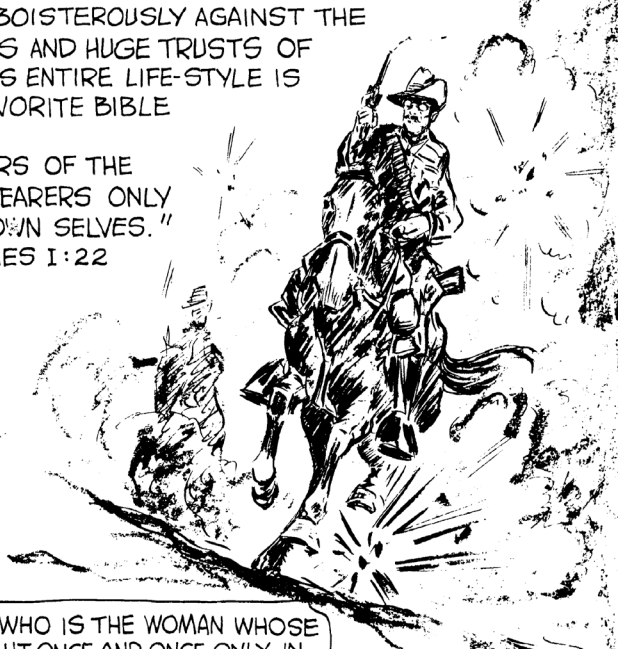
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WHEN A NEWLY-ELECTED PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES IS SWORN INTO OFFICE, HE TAKES THE OATH OF OFFICE WITH HIS HAND ON THE BIBLE. IT IS CUSTOMARY FOR THE BIBLE TO BE OPEN AT A PAGE OF THE NEW PRESIDENTS CHOOSING WHERE HE HAS SELECTED A VERSE OR QUOTATION—IT IS INTERESTING TO NOTE HOW FITTING THESE QUOTATIONS ARE! FOR INSTANCE, RUTHERFORD B. HAYES, 19TH PRESIDENT (1877-1881) WAS ALMOST DEFEATED IN A HARD-FOUGHT AND VERY BITTER ELECTION, WINNING BY ONE ELECTORAL VOTE ONLY! HIS OPPONENTS CLAIMED FRAUD BUT THE ELECTORAL COMMISSION DECIDED IN HAYES FAVOR—LITTLE WONDER THAT HE PICKED THE FOLLOWING QUOTATION FROM THE BIBLE....
"THOU HAST THRUST SORE AT ME THAT I MIGHT FALL: BUT THE LORD HELPED ME."
PSALM 118:13



THEODORE (TEDDY) ROOSEVELT, OUR 26TH PRESIDENT (1901-1909) STARTED LIFE AS A SICKLY CHILD BUT EXERCISED VIGOROUSLY AS A BOY TO GAIN GREATER HEALTH AND, AS A YOUNG MAN, WENT OUT WEST TO BECOME A CATTLE RANCHER. THE ROBUST LIFE HE CHOSE WAS EXEMPLIFIED IN HIS CAREER, IN HIS MANNER OF SPEECH, AND CERTAINLY IN THE WAY HE LED HIS FAMOUS "ROUGH RIDERS" REGIMENT DURING THE SPANISH-AMERICAN WAR! AS A PRESIDENT, HE FOUGHT HARD AN BOISTEROUSLY AGAINST THE VESTED INTERESTS AND HUGE TRUSTS OF "WALL STREET". HIS ENTIRE LIFE-STYLE IS ECHOED IN HIS FAVORITE BIBLE QUOTATION....
"BUT BE YE DOERS OF THE WORD AND NOT HEARERS ONLY DECEIVING YOUR OWN SELVES."
JAMES 1:22

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