

HISTORY, ARCHAEOLOGY, AND SCIENCE

In the courtroom careful analysis of forensic evidence has become crucial in determining who is telling the truth. Likewise, the careful analysis of archaeological evidence is crucial in determining the truth of ancient manuscripts.

As a crime scene is investigated, blood stains, hair fibers, fingerprints, footprints, tire tracks, and clothes fibers are all gathered and analyzed to determine the true story of what took place. If this forensic evidence verifies what the defendant is saying then he probably is telling the truth but, if this evidence contradicts what he is saying, then he most likely is lying and the rest of his testimony is in serious doubt.

Archaeology is the careful gathering of ancient artifacts by excavating civilizations that have been buried for hundreds, even thousands of years. This evidence would include such things as coins, eating utensils, pottery, mosaics, art, monuments, architecture, and, most important, inscriptions, parchments and documents.

There are individuals that claim that the Bible is true and that all the stories that it records are actual historical events. Others claim that the stories in the Bible are myths and that many of the cities and characters never existed.

Who is telling the truth? What does the evidence say? After years of archaeological study and millions of hours of gathering and analyzing the evidence, the Bible has been proven to be extremely accurate.

There has been no evidence that contradicts the Bible, and there has been an impressive amount of evidence that verifies that the stories in the Bible are historically accurate. This would lead a person to believe that the Bible is a book that can be trusted because it tells the truth.

I am going to give you just a few examples and then list some web sites and books that will give you many examples in much greater detail. Please take the time to find the truth.

Archaeological excavations at Tell Mardikh discovered about 15,000 tablets. On these tablets are written the names of the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah . For years skeptics considered these mythological cities because their names were not recorded in any other historical books. Those who have read the Bible know that God totally destroyed the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah with fire because of their sinfulness.

The Bible is arguably the most complete and accurate book on ancient history. The Bible contains 66 books written over a span of 1500 years by more than forty different writers in three languages on three different continents. It is written in perfect harmony on several topics with one main theme, the fall of man into sin and God's offer of deliverance from the penalty of sin

through a Savior, His son Jesus Christ. Put ten people in the same room on the same day and tell them all to write on the same subject and see what you get. Utter confusion! Only God could have inspired so many writers over such a time period to write in perfect harmony.

Getting back to the evidence, Luke, who wrote 2 of the 66 books of the Bible, is probably the greatest historian of Jesus' time. In the Bible Luke who wrote the books of Luke and Acts records the names of fifty-four cities, thirty-two countries, and nine islands: all these names have been found to be 100% accurate. Should we not believe Luke when he tells us about the life of Jesus Christ?

Luke used the term "politarchs" when referring to city officials, but for years critics said no such term existed in ancient manuscripts. Once again the Bible was found to be correct when a first century arch was found with the term "politarchs" written on it. This arch is now in a British museum. To this point they have found thirty-five inscriptions that mention "politarchs" written on them, so much for the critics.

Luke is not the only writer who recorded historical facts. Many books of the Bible contain historical facts. John, who also was one of Jesus' disciples, wrote the book of John. Critics also doubted his accuracy and even claimed that the book of John was written long after he was dead. One piece of evidence that they presented as proof of his inaccuracy was that he refers to a pool in Bethesda that has five porches (John 5:2). The scholars claimed that no such pool has ever been found. Recently the pool of Bethesda was located approximately forty feet below the ground. True to the Bible the pool contained five porches. You may ask why it was forty feet below the ground. In the Middle East there are thousands of mounds above the ground, some big and some small. These mounds are called tells, which are formed by building one city on top of another. For one reason or another a city is destroyed. That city is leveled and another city is built on top of it. Over the centuries this would happen many times gradually building a mound. When archaeologist dig, they could be digging through four, five, or more layers of cities.

The book of Genesis is the first book of the Bible. Genesis 24:10 mentions the name of the city of Nahor. In 1933 while excavating the city of Mari on the Euphrates river, archaeologists uncovered thousands of cuneiform tablets dating back to 1700B.C. Along with a great deal of information concerning biblical times, the name of the city of Nahor was found.

In 1925 over one thousand clay tablets were found while digging at a site in Mesopotamia. On these tablets is recorded the story of a son-in-law who possessed his father-in-law's images (idols) This gave him legal claim to the family property. Genesis 31:19-23 records the story of a man named Jacob who married a woman named Rachel. When they left town to go to a far country, Rachel stole her father Laban's images and took them with her. When her father finds them missing, he goes to a great deal of trouble to pursue after them. Before the discovery of these tablets, scholars wondered why Laban would go to such trouble to recover these images when they could have been replaced with very little effort. These clay tablets do not record the story of Jacob and Rachel but they do give us insight into the truth of Biblical stories.

It is miraculous how God has preserved the accuracy of the Bible over the years. The Dead Sea scrolls have proven that the Bible has not changed over a period of one thousand years. Previous to the discovery of the Dead Sea scrolls in 1947, the oldest complete copy of the old testament was 1008 A. D. Even though the Dead Sea scrolls are approx. 1000 years older, the accuracy with which the text has remained the same has silenced the skeptics who assumed that the Bible has changed since it was originally written. For more information on the Dead Sea Scrolls: www.backtothebible.org/articles/kroll-part5.htm

Books on history and archaeology:

A READY DEFENSE by Josh McDowell compiled by Bill Wilson

ARCHAEOLOGY AND THE BIBLE (magazine) by J. P. Free's

READY WITH AN ANSWER by John Ankerberg and John Weldon

THE CASE FOR CHRIST by Lee Strobel

Web sites (you may have to search the web site a little to find the subject you are looking for):

www.probe.org/docs/arch-ot.html

www.geocities.com/worldview_3/history.html

www.digbible.org

(creation vs. evolution) you have to look at this web site. www.creationdesign.org

PROPHECY

Anybody can be a prophet. You can be a prophet. A prophet is one who predicts what is going to happen in the future. You can with a limited amount of certainty predict what you are going to do tomorrow. I say limited because you are not always in control of your own circumstances.

For instance Thursday night John makes arrangements with Jack, Bill, and Bob to go golfing. John prophesied to his wife Rachel that he has a tee time for 10:00 Saturday morning. Rachel prophesied to John that, if he is going to be golfing all day, she and their daughter, Susan are going to go shopping at the mall.

On Saturday it rains hard all day so John's prophecy fails. Susan falls and breaks her arm so instead of a Saturday visit to the shopping mall, Rachel spends the day reading magazines in the waiting room at the local hospital.

Why did their prophecies fail? They failed because they had limited control over their circumstances and no ability to see into the future. Their ability to prophesy depended totally on the predictability of their future circumstances. This is the same principal that these so called fortunetellers use. Most of the time John and Rachel would have been correct in their prediction, but not this time. Why? Because the circumstances that they depended upon for their prediction to come true changed.

God being omnipotent (all powerful) and omniscient (all knowing) is not limited with His ability to predict what is going to happen on Saturday. He has the power and authority to make it rain or shine on the golf course. And He knew before Susan was ever born that she was going to fall and break her arm on Saturday morning.

So when God prophesies, it is going to happen because He controls the circumstances and He knows what is going to happen in the future.

Mark 4:37 and 39 And a great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that it was already filling. (39) Then He (Jesus) arose and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Peace, be still!" And the wind ceased and there was a great calm.

Matthew 10:30 But the very hairs of your head are all numbered. You know that the number of your hairs constantly changes so this means that God is constantly aware of everything in your life.

God even knows what you are thinking. Matthew 9:4 But Jesus, knowing their thoughts, said, "Why do you think evil in your hearts?"

God knows everything past, present, and future. And He has the power to move His creation in any direction that He so chooses.

This is what makes the Bible such an awesome book. It was written by an all-knowing and all-powerful God.

The Bible contains hundreds of prophecies many of which have already come to pass and some that are being fulfilled right now and many that will come to pass in the future.

We live in exciting times, as we see the nations of Europe gathering together to form a union, as we see the nation of Israel like a ship in the midst of a troubled sea, and the pressure to form a one world government. These events and many more things that are happening right now are all prophesied in the Bible.

It sure looks like the main event is about to begin. The Bible says that Jesus will return from heaven to gather up all the believers and take them back to heaven with Him. Then a seven -year tribulation period will begin under the control of a one-world government. At the end of this seven- year period, all the nations of the world will gather themselves against Israel to destroy it, but it isn't going to happen because Jesus will return and defeat all the enemies of Israel and set up his earthly kingdom for a thousand years.

You may say, this sounds like stuff for a good fiction book. If you are willing to study the Bible and learn how accurately it has predicted events that have already come to pass, you will have a hard time ignoring what it has to say about the future.

Again the amount of information concerning Bible prophecy is enormous so I will just mention a few prophecies and then list other resources.

The Bible says in **Isaiah 44:28Jerusalem, “You shall be built,” And to the temple, “Your foundation shall be laid.” (45;1) “Thus says the Lord to His anointed, to Cyrus,”....** The book of Isaiah was written about 700 B. C. (before Christ). At that time the city of Jerusalem and the temple were already built and Cyrus wasn’t even born yet, so why would Isaiah prophecy that a man named Cyrus would be instrumental in building Jerusalem and the temple?

In 586 B. C. more than 100 years later the city and the temple were destroyed by King Nebuchadnezzar.

In 539 B. C. Jerusalem was conquered by Persia and a King named Cyrus made a decree to rebuild the temple in Jerusalem. This is only one of hundreds of amazing fulfilled prophecies.

Josh McDowell, in his excellent book **A READY DEFENSE**, has recorded several very interesting accounts of bible prophecies. Among them is the account of the city of Tyre (592-570 B.C.) which was located on the Mediterranean Sea. This is what the Bible records in the book of Ezekiel about the city of Tyre .

Ezekiel chapter 26: verses 3,4 “Therefore, thus says the Lord God: “Behold, I am against you, O Tyre, and will cause many nations to come up against you, as the sea causes its waves to come up. and they shall destroy the walls of Tyre and break down her towers; I will also scrape her dust from her, and make her like the top of a rock.”

verses 7,8 “For thus says the Lord God: “Behold, I will bring against Tyre from the north Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, king of kings, with horses, with chariots, and with horsemen, and an army with many people. He will slay with the sword your daughter (villages) in the fields; he will heap up a siege mound against you, build a wall against you, and raise a defense against you.

verse 12 They will plunder your riches and pillage your merchandise; they will break down your walls and destroy your pleasant houses; they will lay your stones, your timber, and your soil in the midst of the water.

verse 14 I will make you like the top of a rock; you shall be a place for spreading nets, and you shall never be rebuilt, for I the Lord have spoken, says the Lord God.

PROPHECY (predictions fulfilled)

- 1. Nebuchadnezzar will destroy the main land city of Tyre (Ezekiel 26:8).**
2. Many nations will come against the city of Tyre (26:3).
3. She (Tyre) will be made a bare rock; flat like the top of a rock (26:4).
4. Fishermen will spread nets over the site (26:5).
5. The debris will be thrown into the water (26:12).
6. She will never be rebuilt (26:14).

Nebuchadnezzar laid siege to mainland Tyre three years after the prophecy. After a 13-year siege (585-573 B.C.) by Nebuchadnezzar, Tyre made terms and acknowledged Babylonian authority.

When Nebuchadnezzar broke the gates down, he found the city almost empty. The majority of the people had moved by ship to an island about one-half mile off the coast and fortified a city there. The main land city was destroyed in 573 B. C. (Prediction #1), but the city of Tyre on the island remained a powerful city for several hundred years. The next incident was with Alexander the Great. Alexander laid siege to the city. Because he had no ships, he demolished the old city of Tyre on the mainland and, with the debris, built a causeway 200ft wide across the straits separating the old and new towns. Towers and movable walls were erected to protect the workers. The army on the island countered by burning the walls and routing the enemy. Alexander realized he needed ships. He began pressuring and mustering conquered subjects to make ships available for this operation. Alexander's navy received vessels from cities and areas as follows: Sidon, Aradus, Byblus (these contributed about 80 ships), 10 from Rhodes, 3 from Soli and Mallos, 10 from Lycia, a big one from Macedon, and 120 from Cyprus . (Prediction #2) With this now superior naval force at Alexander's disposal, the conquest of Tyre through completion of the land bridge was simply a question of time. Finally, the causeway was completed, the walls were broken down, and the city was conquered. Eight thousand people were slain and many more sold into slavery. After the conquest of Alexander the Great, men tried to rebuild the city and others tried to destroy it. Finally after several hundred years, the city was destroyed: never to be rebuilt again. (Prediction #6) The place where the city of Tyre once stood is now smooth as the top of a rock, (Prediction #3) because all the debris was used to construct the causeway. (Prediction #5) Even in recent times fishermen spread their nets there. (Prediction #4).

The big puzzle, and it can only be attributed to the power of God, is why was the city never rebuilt. It would be an excellent location and the most important resource necessary for the development of a city in that part of the world and fresh water is in abundance where the city once stood. There is a fresh water spring that flows out of the ground at a rate of ten million gallons per day. Enough water for a large modern city yet the city has never been rebuilt. Why? (Prediction #6)

A Prophecy that God made in the Bible over 2500 years ago (586 B.C.) was fulfilled on May 14, 1948 .

Ezekiel 36:24 For I will take you (the Jewish people) from among the nations, gather you out of all countries, and bring you into your own land.

Ezekiel 37:21 Then say to them, Thus says the Lord God: “Surely I will take the children of Israel from among the nations, wherever they have gone, and will gather them from every side and bring them into their own land;

The city of Jerusalem was destroyed by the armies of Titus in 70 A. D. As a result the Jewish people were scattered throughout the nations of the world. Miraculously, for a period of nearly 1900 years, they maintained their own religious and cultural identity. No other conquered nation has ever maintained its identity immersed in another culture for such a long period of time. When God makes a prophecy, it will come to pass.

On May 14, 1948 when Israel became a nation again David Ben Gurion quoted from the book of Ezekiel.

The Bible not only has been accurate in the past about its predictions, but it is very informative as to what is going to take place in the future. Once you study and find out how amazingly the Bible has predicted past events, you will want to learn what God has to say about the future. Let me just say this, keep an eye on Israel and the middle east because it is the focal point of future Bible prophesy.

Books on Prophecy.

A READY DEFENSE by Josh McDowell compiled by Bill Wilson.

READY WITH AN ANSWER by John Ankerberg and John Weldon

MAJOR BIBLE PROPHECIES by John F. Walvoord

Web sites:

www.100prophecies.org

www.geocities.com/worldview_3/prophecy.html

www.amazingbible.com

(creation vs. evolution) you do not want to miss this web site www.creationdesign.org

SCIENCE, CREATION AND EVOLUTION

When Darwin promoted the theory of evolution, it was believed that a single biological cell was very simple in its' structure, a "blob" and this was supposedly how life began. In the last few years it has become very evident that a single cell is extremely complex. The human body contains approximately 37 trillion cells and a single cell contains 3.16 billion base pairs of DNA. It is estimated that a single cell contains as much information as 1000 books of 500 pages. **All this information is packed into one cell** that weighs less than a few thousand millionths of a gram, **so small that you could not see it with the natural eye.** The complexity of a single cell is enough to blow your mind. Darwin had no idea how complicated a single cell is. If he had, he would have realized how foolish it is to believe that an extremely complex single cell just suddenly appeared from nowhere. So why do people accept the theory of evolution as true science? It is because it sets them free to live a life apart from the authority of a creator God. So sad, free from God and a slave to sin and satan.

God did not write the Bible for the purpose of using it as a textbook for chemistry or physics class. The Bible was written to show us how we could have a relationship with God through His Son Jesus Christ and how a believer should live in light of that relationship.

Although the Bible is not a science book, it is very accurate whenever it touches on the subject of science.

There are many good scientists who believe in the truth of the Bible. But the scientific community as a whole looks at the Bible as foolishness and at those who believe in it as uninformed, "unenlightened," uneducated, and poor captives of oppressive religious dogma. It is no wonder that God called the wisdom of this world foolishness.

Unbelieving scientists, the so called "experts", have formulated their theories as to the origin of the universe. A theory is not exact science but an opinion. Before a theory or opinion becomes exact science, it must meet and pass certain scientific examinations. The theory of evolution fails miserably when it is scientifically examined. Although the theory of evolution is taught as a fact, it is still nothing but a theory, the figment of someone's imagination. An honest scientist who looks at the facts can only conclude that evolution has no scientific basis, therefore evolution is a religion not a science. So why would someone choose the religion of evolution over a relationship with the creator God? Because when you admit that God created you, you are admitting that there is a higher authority over you. Our sinful nature would rather be a result of evolution than creation. This either eliminates God or makes for a very small god. And if there is no God, we become the higher authority and we become our own god.

Newman Watts, a London journalist, made this comment. "In compiling my book, Britain without God, I had to read a great deal of anti-religious literature. Two things impressed me. One was the tremendous amount of this literature available, and the other was the fact that every attack on the Christian faith made today has as its basis the doctrine of evolution."

In truth evolution is an unscientific religion that attacks the Christian faith and exalts itself above God.

D. M. S. Watson, a zoologist, once wrote; Evolution is a theory universally accepted, not because it can be proved to be true, but because the only alternative, special creation, is clearly impossible. Does that statement sound like exact science?

The Bible makes no foolish statements that would conflict with actual scientific facts. Actually it proves how accurate it is when it referred to the earth as a circle two thousand years before Columbus was born.

Isaiah 40:22 It is He (God) who sits above the circle of the earth,

The Vedas, which are the Hindu Scriptures, teach that “the moon is approximately 150,000 miles higher than the sun and shines with its own light. It also teaches the earth is flat and triangular, and that earthquakes are caused by elephants shaking themselves under it!” The Bible does not cast doubt on its truthfulness by such inaccurate statements.

The Bible claims that God created the heavens and the earth and all that is on it in six days. The Bible also claims that there was a worldwide flood. To many scientists this is “clearly impossible”. But to the scientist who is not afraid of accepting the fact that there is a God superior to him, and who is willing to look at the evidence, creation and the flood are very possible.

Some scientists place the age of the earth at 4.5 billion years, this is necessary to support their theory of evolution. Other scientists place the age of the earth at approx. 6-10,000 years. What does the earth say?

The fossil record has proven that there is not a gradual change from one species to another. After years of cataloguing an estimated 250,000 million fossils, there is no evidence of transitional forms. This more than any other evidence virtually eliminates Darwin's theory of evolution. You know the saying “the proof is in the pudding”. Well the fossils just aren't there. If evolution actually happens, there would be thousands of transitional forms of fossils, but there are none. The most that the evolutionist can claim is that there are limited variations within a group. These variations occur because God gave animals the ability to adapt to their environment so they can survive. In other words a cat may become bigger or smaller, vary to some degree in its physical shape but a cat does not become a dog. If this is true, why do so many scientists hold to such a theory? Because they can't and will not accept the alternative, and the alternative is that this world and everything in it are a creation of God.

Is coal millions of years old or is it young in age? There are two theories as to the formation of coal: the swamp theory and the wash-in theory. Evolutionists prefer the swamp theory, which would require millions of years. Creationists choose the wash-in theory. The swamp theory assumes that vegetation grew in a swamp-like environment and then was gradually covered by earth movement and compressed into coal which would take millions of years. The wash-in theory assumes that a large amount of vegetation was washed into a low spot and then immediately covered by massive amounts of sediments. Creationists believe that this most likely occurred during the world-wide flood of Noah's day, as recorded in the Bible. What does the earth say?

If the swamp theory is correct, then the earth directly below the coal would have to be composed of soil that would support swamp life. You can't grow a flower garden on your sidewalk. Also any fossils found in the coal would be those which would be common to swamp life and, assuming this took millions of years, complete decomposition should have taken place.

If the wash-in theory is correct, then the earth directly below the coal would not have to be the composition that would support swamp life. And radical forms of plant, bug, and animal fossils may be found there.

Studies have shown that the earth directly below many coal deposits would not be conducive to swamp life and that there are many radical fossils found in coal.

For instance, in a coal deposit in Germany they found a complete mixture of plants, insects, and animals from all the climatic zones of the earth that are capable of supporting life. In some cases leaves have been deposited still green, so that the "green layer" is used as a marker during excavations. Among the insects present are beautifully colored tropical beetles, with soft parts of the body including the intestines, preserved intact; normally such materials decay or change color within a few hours of death, so that preservation by inclusion in a aseptic medium must have been sudden and complete.

When you examine the evidence, which makes more sense, the swamp theory which would require millions of years or the wash-in theory caused by a catastrophic flood?

For more detailed information on the age of coal read "Reasons Skeptics Should Consider Christianity" by Josh Mc Dowell and Don Stewart.

The existence of fossilized footprints is very interesting. As humans and animals walk on the face of the earth, they leave footprints, but it doesn't take long for a wave, wind, or rain to erase that footprint. So how did we end up with fossils of footprints of everything from insects to humans? Evolutionists would say that this process took thousands even millions of years. But how does a footprint keep its shape long enough for sediment to gradually fill it and then gradually be compressed by movement of the earth?

A few years ago a bear left his foot print next to a mud puddle in our back yard. I took some mortar cement and poured it into the footprint, a few hours later when it hardened we had a fossil of a bear paw. Shortly after I removed my fossil from the paw print, the weather erased all the evidence.

The Bible records the historical event of a world-wide flood. The creationist believes that it is this flood that is responsible for most of the fossils that you see. The water producing this flood not only came from forty days of rain, but the Bible describes the water as coming up from beneath the earth. You have seen the devastation of a local flood, imagine a worldwide flood with water raining down from above and gushing up from beneath through the ground. This flood disfigured the whole face of the earth covering the entire earth with water.

As it began to rain, naturally the ground became saturated with water. When animals and humans walked on this wet ground, they would leave footprints. Suddenly some foreign sediment from

the flooding and shifting of the earth settled into these footprints and was compressed by billions of pounds of material into fossils, much like my bear print. As the earth was broken up by water from beneath, masses of earth movement took place which could easily account for fossils of footprints and seashells on top of mountains. This all took place in a short period of time.

Recently I saw a documentary of the damage caused by a hurricane to the country of Guatemala in Central America. They showed pictures of massive mud and bolder slides that covered entire villages. To look at the picture you would not even know that there was a village there. Everything was buried instantly.

If you are willing to study the facts, there is a great deal of evidence to support the Biblical account of a world-wide flood.

Ask the evolutionist, who doesn't believe that man and dinosaurs lived at the same time, how footprints of dinosaurs and humans have been found near each other in the same layer of rock. Very interesting!

Footprints along with the evidence found in coal and many other materials clearly give convincing evidence of a world-wide flood. The account of a worldwide flood is recorded in the Bible in Genesis chapter 6:5-8:22.

If you would like to read more interesting accounts of fossilized footprints and the young age of coal, let me again recommend the book by Josh McDowell and Don Stewart, Reasons Skeptics Should Consider Christianity. This book talks about fossils of raindrops and footprints together. It also talks of footprints of animals all going uphill like they are trying to stay above rising water.

Here is a list of other questions this book will also answer for you.

1. Is the solar system really 4.5 billion years old?
2. Does uranium- dating work?
3. Does potassium-argon dating work?
4. Does carbon 14 work?
5. Is there evidence of instantaneous creation?
6. Are the spiral galaxies young in age?
7. Is there controversy in the history of the origin of life?
8. Does evolution violate the second law of thermodynamics?
9. What are the assumptions of Darwinian evolution?
10. Do embryos show evolutionary development?

11. Is the fossil record complete?
12. Are their transitional forms: creature to creature?
13. Did the horse evolve?
14. Is Piltdown a hoax?
15. Who is Neanderthal Man?
16. Is God unscientific?
17. Is fossilization evidence of a catastrophe? (the flood)

There is a vast amount of evidence to support the truth of creation, please take the time to check out these resources.

BOOKS ON CREATION

REASONS SKEPTICS SHOULD CONSIDER CHRISTIANITY by Josh McDowell and Don Stewart.

EVOLUTION FACT OR FICTION? By John Blanchard

CREATION vs. EVOLUTION WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW by John Ankerberg & John Weldon

READY WITH AN ANSWER by John Ankerberg & John Weldon.

Web Sites

www.creationdesign.org (you must look at this web site)

www.answersingenesis.org

www.creationmoments.com

www.geocities.com/worldview_3/index.html

The evidence for instantaneous creation and a world-wide flood is extremely compelling. If you choose to believe the evidence and the Bible, you are admitting that there is a higher authority than you. This higher authority is God and He created you to fellowship with Him and to spend all eternity with Him. But this can only happen if you will believe in His Son Jesus Christ. **John 14:6 Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."**

To believe in evolution may give you the illusion that you are set free from the authority of God, but in reality it places you into the bondage of sin and your own selfish desires. To believe in creation and to enter into a personal relationship with God through Jesus Christ truly does set you free, free from the bondage of sin and the penalty of sin. **John 8:31-32 Then Jesus said to those Jews who believed Him, "If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed. And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."**

Romans 3:23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,

Romans 6:23 For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 10:9... if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.

The Bible tells you where you came from, how you should live, and gives you the option to serve God or the devil. Which do you choose?