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Men Would Not And Could Not (Max Dawson)

The Bible is the inspired word of God. But those folks who deny the Bible like to claim it is nothing more than a book of myths written by men. Those who make this claim typically have never thought about what is really in the Bible--and how unreasonable their claim is. God's book is composed of 66 books written by about 40 different men who lived in different times and places, spoke different languages, had differing backgrounds and opinions, and yet their work produced a consistent whole without contradiction.

Try to get 40 men who live in our time to all write on one topic--men who all know one another, who speak the same language, who have the same background, men who all live in the same community. Whether their topic is science,

literature, or history, it would be extremely difficult to find 40 men who would agree on all points. Yet, the Bible writers write from extremely diverse conditions and have complete unity. The unity of the Bible argues that it came from one mind, the mind of God.

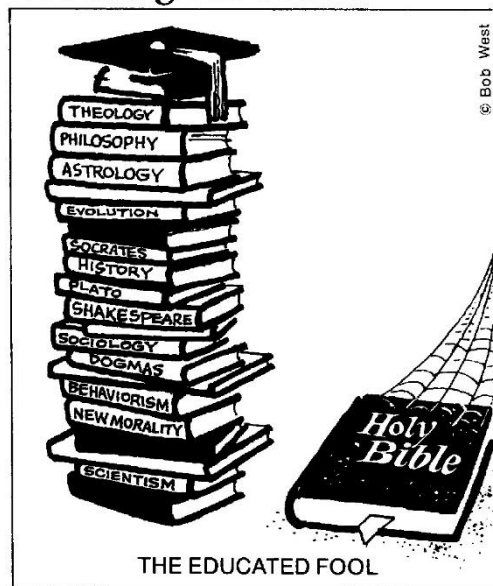
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It is evident from the content of the Bible that it is not the product of man's thinking. If mere men wrote it, what would

be their motivation? It would obviously be to please themselves!

Yet, the Bible It is a book that is too narrow to please men. It presents only one God, one religion, and one set of standards for mankind. Contrast that with the prevailing views in ancient times and in our times--men tend toward many gods, multiple religions, and freedom to live as they want. If mere men had written the Bible, they would not have written a book that is so narrow in thought.

Our Religious World

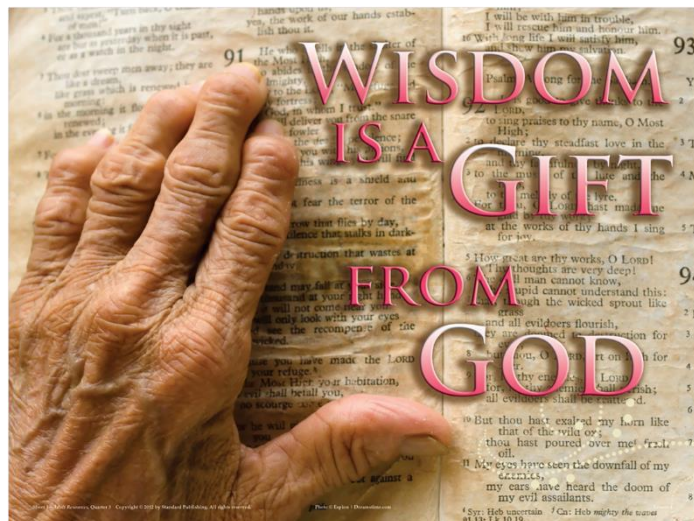


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It is impossible for mere men to write predictive prophecies of events that are hundreds of years in the future. How could men know the birthplace of the Messiah (Micah 5:2); that He would be born of a virgin (Isaiah 7:14); or that He would be sold for 30 pieces of silver (Zechariah 11:12)?

There are at least 100 predictive prophecies of the Messiah in the Old Testament. Jesus fulfilled each of those. Those writings are special. Jesus is special. Believe the writings. Believe in Jesus.

May our good Lord give us the wisdom to believe His word. May He also supply us with the motivation and strength to obey it.



THE BIBLE RECOGNIZES NO FAITH THAT DOES NOT LEAD TO OBEDIENCE, NOR DOES IT RECOGNIZE ANY OBEDIENCE THAT DOES NOT SPRING FROM FAITH. THE TWO ARE AT OPPOSITE SIDES OF THE SAME COIN.
(A. W. TOZER)

The Bible Is The Mind Of God (Author Unknown)

This Book is the mind of God, the state of man, the way of salvation, the doom of sinners, and the happiness of believers. Its doctrines are holy; its precepts are binding; its histories are true, and its decisions are immutable.

Read it to be wise, believe it to be safe, practice it to be holy. It contains light to direct you, food to support you, and comfort to cheer you. It is the traveler's map, the pilgrim's staff, the pilot's compass, the soldier's sword, and the Christian's character. Here paradise is restored, heaven opened, and the gates of hell disclosed.

Christ is its grand subject, our good its design, and the glory of God its end. It should fill the memory, rule the heart, and guide the feet. Read it slowly, frequently, prayerfully. It is a mine of wealth, a paradise of glory, and a river of pleasure.

Follow its precepts, and it will lead you to Calvary, to the empty tomb, to a resurrected life in Christ; yes, to glory itself, for eternity.

✚ This great book ... is the best gift God has given to man ... But for it we could not know right from wrong. (Abraham Lincoln; to a delegation that presented him with a Bible, August 1864)

The Bible (Vance Havner)

I am certain that the Bible is the Word of God. Either it is, or it isn't, and either all of it is the Word of God, or we never can be sure of any of it. It is either absolute or obsolete. If we have to start changing this verse, toning down that, apologizing for this, and making allowances for that, we might as well give up, so we must take it as it is or leave it alone.

The Tongue (Phil Robertson)

“The tongue has the power of life and death, and those who love it will eat its fruit” (Proverbs 18:21).

Wouldn't it be great to have a superpower? Think of how you could change the world. Consider how you could inspire others. Imagine how many people you could save. Well, guess what? You have a superpower, and you have had it a long time. It's your tongue.

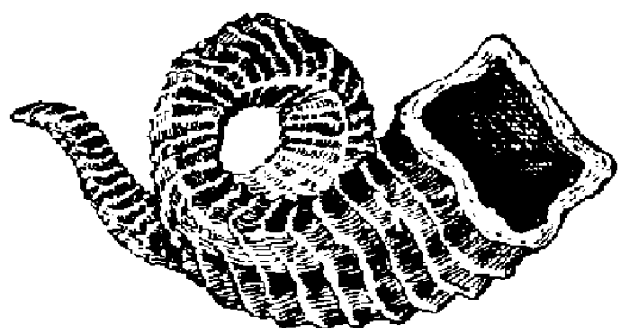
What is the wisdom in this verse? Our words are powerful. We change the future of others by how we speak to them. We have the ability to rescue, encourage, teach, comfort, edify, defend, guide, compliment, forgive, motivate, praise, strengthen, and even save. Yes, we can “save” when we share THE WORD (James 1:21). However,

just like in the movies, superpowers can be used to kill. Words can hurt, depress, discourage, sham, break, and destroy others.

Granted, this is an ominous proverb. But, don't hide your superpower. Use it. Just use it wisely. As Uncle Ben said to Peter Parker (AKA - Spiderman), “With great power comes great responsibility.”



Go to the ant, you sluggard! Consider her ways and be wise, which, having no captain, overseer, or ruler, provides her supplies in the summer and gathers her food in the harvest. How long will you slumber, O sluggard? When will you rise from your sleep? A little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to sleep— so shall your poverty come on you like a prowler and your need like an armed man. (Proverbs 6:6-11)



Ram's Horn - Trumpet

Hymns For the Halfhearted (Selected)

*I love thy church, O God,
Her walls before me stand;
But please excuse my absence, Lord;
This bed is simply grand.*

*A charge to keep I have;
A God to glorify;
But, Lord, don't ask for cash from
me;
Thy glory comes too high.*

*Am I a soldier of the cross,
A follower of the Lamb?
Yes! Though I seldom pray or pay,
I still insist I am.*

*Must Jesus bear the cross alone,
And all the world go free?
No! Others, Lord, should do their
part,
But please don't count on me.*

*Praise God from who all blessings
flow;
Praise Him all creatures here below!
O, loud my hymns of praise I bring
Because it doesn't cost to sing.*

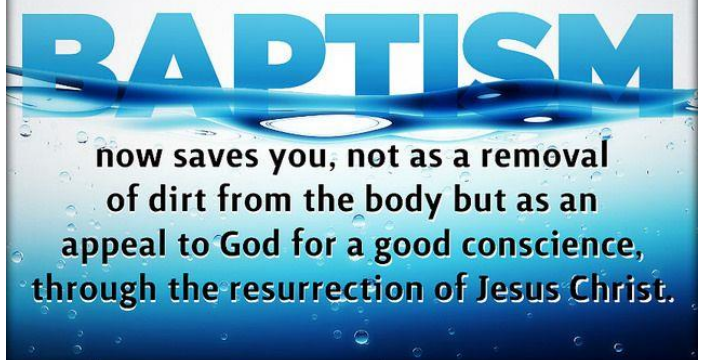
Where Love Abides (Henry Van Dyke)

I turned an ancient poet's book
And found upon the page
"Stonewall do not a prison make
Or iron bars a cage."

Yes, that is true, and something
more,
You'll find where'er you roam
That marble floors and gilded walls
Can never make a home.

But everywhere that love abides,
And friendship is a guest
Is surely home, and home sweet
home,
For there, the soul can rest.

1 Peter 3:21



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Times of Services

Sunday Bible Class for all ages (10:00am)
Sunday Worship all Welcome (11:00am & 6:00pm)
Wednesday Bible Class for all ages (7:00pm)

Supporting the GOSPEL in other places:

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