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Interesting Bible Stuff for Bible Believers

**Interesting Bible Stuff**

**for Bible Believers**

***Another Helpful Handbook***

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**NOTE: This handy reference is available in a printed version. It measures only 4" X**

**7". It is an excellant "quick" and inexpensive resource for distribution. It covers alot of**

**material in a few pages. To order printed tracts**

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**Introduction**

In 1995, God allowed us to publish a handy little booklet titled The Bible Believer's Helpful

Little Handbook. Then in early 1997, we published a reference guide for King James Bible

believers titled Fighting Back!. Both of these booklets have been used of God in ways that

we never imagined. Churches and individuals throughout the world continue to order our

literatur e for their ministries, while God continues to bless us with many praying saints,

kind letter s, generous donations, and yes, even a few challenging skeptics.

I wouldn't trade it for anything. There's nothing more fulfilling in life than to dwell in the

place of God's blessing! It has been a very humbling experience. God has blessed our

m inistry thus far, so we'd be rather foolish to change our direction or even to slow up in our

pace. By His grace, we intend to keep right on publishing the truths of His word--without

compromise and without apology. B rethren, we covet your prayers!

I'm not much of a motivator. I figure that God's word and the Holy Spirit can handle that

better than I. I just try to get people interested in God's word and let the Holy Spirit do the

r est. The Bible is a life-changing Book, so if I can say or do something to interest you in, or

to help you with God's word, then I'll do it. Nothing matters more to me.

This booklet is just a miniature collection of study helps, quotations, poems, definitions,

humor , general facts, and other items of interest. The title says it all.

Our prayer is that God will bless you in a special way as you read the forthcoming pages.

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M ay His Spirit be your guide.

*"My son, if thou wilt receive my words, and hide my commandments with thee;*

*So that thou incline thine ear unto wisdom, and apply thine heart to*

*understanding; Yea, if thou criest after knowledge, and liftest up thy voice for*

*understanding; If thou seekest her as silver, and searchest for her as for hid*

*treasures; Then shalt thou understand the fear of the LORD, and find the*

*knowledge of God. For the LORD giveth wisdom: out of his mouth cometh*

*knowledge and understanding." (Proverbs 2:1-6)*

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**General Information**

According to most sources that I've seen, the Bible has 66 Books, 1,189 chapters,

31,102 verses, 773,693 wor ds, and 3,566,480 letters.

It was written on three different continents, over a period of about 1,800 years, by

m any different men from all walks of life.

It's longest chapter is Psalm 119, which consists of 176 verses. The number "176"

just happens to be 16x11. Our K JV was first published in the year 1611. An accident

I guess.

Psalm 117 is the shortest chapter.

Esther 8:9 is the longest verse, while John 11:35 is the shortest.

The longest word in the B ible is "Mahershalalhashbaz" (Isa. 8:1).

The m iddle verse is Psalm 118:8, and "the LORD" are the two middle words in that

verse. Another accident.

The m ain subjects of the B ible are God's revelation of His character, His eternal

r ighteous kingdom, and His plan of redemption through Jesus Christ.

The average per son can read the Bible through in about seventy hours r eading time.

Reading three chapters per day and five on Sundays, you can read your Bible

through in one year. A bout fourteen chapter s per day will take you through in three

m onths.

The Bible was the first Book ever printed on a pr ess. The first one was printed on the

Gutenberg press in the 1450's. The first American printing was in an Indian

language in 1663.

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**How Do We Know The Bible Is God's Word?**

The Bible claims for itself VERBAL INSPIRATION. This is the doctrine that God chose to

BREATH His words through His prophets, that these prophets SPOKE God's words, and

that these words were later reduced to the writings that we know today as the Holy

Scriptures ( 2 Tim. 3:16-17; 2 Pet 1:20-21; 2 Sam 23:2; Jer. 1:9; Luke 1:70; Jer 36).

Christians generally believe this doctrine by faith alone, which is good, but can it be

proven? Yes, it can. Any reasonable person would accept the following arguments as

legitimate proof for the inspiration of S cripture.

**The Bible Is A Negative Book**

Why would man write a book to condemn his own race? From cover to cover the Bible is

NEGA TIVE toward man. It utterly condemns man (Psa 39:5; Isa 64:6; Rom 3:10-18; John

3:18; Jer 17:9; P sa 51:5).

**The Bible Is An Authoritative Book**

M ost ancient writings do not even profess inspiration, but the Bible professes not only to

be inspired, but to be the ONLY inspired writing (Isa. 8:20). The central character of the

Bible, the Lor d Jesus Christ, professes to be the ONLY way to Heaven. Unlike the ancient

philosophers, the men of the Bible are m en who speak with great power, certainty, and

author ity.

**The Bible Is An Infallible Book**

Although many have tried, and are still trying, no one has ever proven that there are

m istakes in the Bible ( KJV ). All apparent errors and contradictions can be explained

Scripture with Scr ipture and by closely studying the context.

**The Bible Is An Old Book**

It's the oldest REAL book in the world. It was the first book printed on a press.

**The Bible Is A Prophetic Book**

While other ancient wr itings do not even attempt prophecy, the Bible attempts it and fulfills

it! One only has to consider a few Old Testament prophecies about the life of Christ to see

this (Num. 24:17-19; Gen. 49:10; Mic. 5:2; Isa. 7:14; Dan. 9:25; Hos. 11:1; Isa. 53; Zec.

9:9; Psa. 69:21; Psa. 34:20; Psa. 16:10; Psa. 41:9; Zec 11:12; Psa. 35:11; Psa. 22).

**The Bible Is A Unif ied Book**

The sixty-six books of the Bible were written by some thirty -five or forty different authors,

on three continents, over a period of 1,800 years. These men came from all walks of life,

differing greatly from one another, but their writings never contr adict. These books

COM PLIME NT one another. Such an accomplishment would be impossible if the Holy

Spirit were not the Divine Author .

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**The Bible Is An Interesting Book**

Unlike other books, the Bible is read by all classes of people. A small remnant of people

from all walks of life share an interest in the Bible (educated, non-educated, old, young,

m ale, female, black, white, rich, poor, etc.)

**The Bible Is A Best-Selling Book**

Over 800,000,000 copies sold since 1611. Over 2,000,000 per year, and over 5000 per

day. This is a very conservative estimate, and it doesn't include those translated for

m issionary work.

**The Bible Is A Blessed Book**

It has changed m ore lives than any other book in world history. Eighty-eight per cent of the

colleges in Am erica were founded for the purpose of teaching God's word and training

m issionaries. M any literary countries are the product of Bible-believing Christianity.

Nations and individuals always prosper when Bible principles are followed.

**The Bible Is A Preserved Book**

If the Bible is only a man-written book, then why does it still exist? Satan has fought

endlessly to rid the wor ld of the Bible, yet it still exists today. Everything that man

accomplishes eventually falls apart (wonder s of the world, educational system,

governments, etc.), but the Bible lives on (Psa. 12:6-7; Mat. 24:35).

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**How to Study the Bible**

When you were about ten or twelve years old, you were taught to memorize the

m ultiplication table. You did so, and to this day you have in your mind the BASIC

knowledge that you need to multiply numbers. You know very well that 8x7=56. You do not

have to figure it up, because you just know it. You've made that fact a part of your own

being. It goes with you always. You'll have no trouble figuring 8x70, 80x7, 70x80, 7x800,

or 700x8, because you've learned the BASICS.

Well, the Bible works the same way. When studying God's word, there are several laws

that one should keep in mind to serve as a study foundation. A good knowledge of these

laws will pr ove helpful to you time and time again.

**Literal Interpret ation**

Actually, there's no need for you to interpret God's word. He doesn't speak in unknown

tongues. He means exactly what He says, as He says it, where He says it. Always take the

Bible LITERALLY, unless it can't possibly be literal. In such cases, it may be figurative.

For example, Jesus said in John 10, "I am the door". Well, we know that's a figur ative

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door, because literal doors do not talk. Always take God's wor d literally, unless it's

impossible.

**Context**

Always notice the context of a passage before making application. Read the surrounding

passages to understand the subject matter.

For example, no one today earns their salvation by enduring unto the end (Mat. 24:13).

The context of Matthew 24:13 is the "great tribulation" (vs. 21). Millions of people are living

a lie today because, they have failed to check the context of scriptural quotations made by

their leaders.

**Application**

All Scriptur e has at least three applications: Historical, Doctrinal, and Spiritual.

Never make application of Scripture until a correct meaning has been firmly established

*with Scripture.*

**First Mention**

Get in the good habit of taking note of "first mentions" in the Bible. Often times God will

use the first mention of a word, phrase, or even a number, to establish a certain

association that you'll need to remember throughout His word.

For example, the first mention of the word "life" in the Bible is Genesis 1:20. Here life

comes from water. You'll need that information when you get to Isaiah 48:1, Proverbs

5:15-18, and you'll REALLY need it in John 3:5. A water birth is a physical child birth.

**Progressive Revelation**

To keep carnal and lazy people from learning the Book, God chooses to reveal tr uth to us

in bits and pieces like a puzzle. He seldom addresses a subject in it's entirety in one

place. He'll introduce a doctrine, and then He'll wait maybe two hundred chapters before

telling you anything else about it! Sometimes He'll repeat the same thing over and over

just for emphasis. Scripture with Scr ipture is the only way to learn God's word (Isa. 28:9-

13; I Cor . 2:13).

**Rightly Dividing**

According to II Timothy 2:15, God's word has set divisions that must be respected if we

are to understand Scripture.

There are various dispensations in which God dispenses to man certain duties, and these

duties can differ greatly from one dispensation to the next. We just mentioned one when

considering the law of context.

Like it or not, God is a divider. He has divided the Bible, the sexes, the races, the animals,

the heavens, the spirit world, the underworld, the two natures in Christians, the first and

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