

TRUTH JOURNAL

Print these pages to begin a journal chronicling your discoveries about Christian truth. The first twelve pages come from your DiscipleSkill. The remaining page is for questions you'd also like to investigate. Print as many copies of that page as you need. May the God of all truth satisfy you, growing you in knowledge and wisdom!

Q: Is the Bible true? / Can I trust the Bible?



A: Of all the ancient writings, more copies of the Bible exist than any other document. Scientists who study artifacts (archaeologists) have proven that even tiny details in the Bible are historically correct. Also, hundreds of prophecies have been fulfilled exactly as the Bible predicted. Yes, God's Word is true and trustworthy!

- What does the Bible say about its origin (2 Timothy 3:16-17)?

- What did Jesus say about God's Word (John 17:17)?

- How long will the Bible last (Isaiah 40:8)?

Further investigations: _____

What do I believe? _____

Q: Does God exist?



A: Scientists know that the universe had a beginning. If there was a beginning, there must have been a Beginner (God). Since our bodies and the world we live in are beautifully designed, a great, intelligent Designer (God) must have created them. Also, people throughout history have experienced God's love, hope, and answered prayers! Yes, God exists and we can know Him!

- Where did the universe, heavens and the earth come from (Genesis 1:1)?

- What does the beauty of nature tell us about God (Psalm 19:1)?

- Where did God come from (Psalm 90:2)?

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Q: Did God create everything?

A: People can't create something from nothing. For example, if you found a working computer in the desert, would you think the sun, sand, and wind accidentally made it? Or, would you think some intelligent person created it? Our world and our bodies are much more amazing than a computer. They didn't just "happen." Only an intelligent Designer (God) could have created these things! Yes, God created everything in the universe!

- Where did people come from (Psalm 139:13-14)?

- Who created the sun, moon, stars and planets (Isaiah 40:26)?

- What can we learn about God by looking at His creation (Romans 1:20)?

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Q: Are angels and demons real?

A: The Bible tells us that God created angels (Colossians 1:16) and gave them freedom to obey or disobey Him. Some angels disobeyed God and became evil (the devil and his demons). Good angels serve God and His people. Yes, angels and demons are real and powerful, but Jesus has much more power and authority!

- What does God send angels to do (Hebrews 1:14)?

- Do we always know when angels are near (Hebrew 13:2; Matthew 18:10)?

- What will happen to the devil and his demons (Revelation 12:7-9)?

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Q: Is Jesus God's only Son?



A: If God became human and decided to live on earth, what do you think this person would be like? We would expect Him to be perfectly good, incredibly powerful, and a great teacher of truth. Only one Person claimed to be God's Son, lived without sin, and performed many miracles. He even raised the dead! Christ's words were the greatest ever spoken. Yes, Jesus is God's Son, and He entered our world so we could enter heaven!

- Why did God send His Son to this world (John 3:16)?

- Can I trust Christ to forgive my sins (1 John 2:1)?

- Long before Jesus was born, how did God describe what He would be like (Isaiah 7:14)?

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Q: Did Jesus really rise from the dead?

A: Jesus was killed on a cross then buried in a rock tomb. Three days later, the tomb was empty. Many people saw Jesus alive at different times and places. Once, more than 500 people saw Him at the same time! They weren't all imagining this or making things up. After seeing Jesus alive, His followers told people everywhere the good news that Jesus is alive! Some were even killed for saying this! Yes, Jesus Christ rose from the dead!

- What are three important facts about the Christian faith (1 Corinthians 15:1-8)?

- What happened to Jesus' body after He was killed (Matthew 28:5-10)?

- Why don't Christians need to fear death (Hebrews 2:14-15)?

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Q: Are heaven and hell real places?

A: The Bible says a great deal about both heaven and hell. One passage describes hell as separation from God, His people, and heaven forever (2 Thessalonians 1:8-9). God wants everyone to be saved from hell (2 Peter 3:9) and has provided a way for people to go to heaven through Christ (1 John 2:1-2). Yes, hell is real, but Jesus died on the cross so we can live forever in our real home—heaven.

- What did Jesus say about hell (Luke 16:19-31)?

- What did Jesus say about heaven (John 14:1-3; Revelation 21:1-5)?

- How long will people exist in heaven or hell (Daniel 12:2-3)?

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Q: Is Jesus the only way to heaven?

A: Jesus clearly answered this question. He did not say, "I am a way to God." He did not say, "I am *one of the ways* to heaven." He said, "I am *the way* and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me" (John 14:6). We can know Jesus was telling the truth because He lived a perfect life and never sinned. Only Jesus died to pay for sins. Yes, Jesus is the only way to receive forgiveness and eternal life!

- Can someone or something other than Jesus save us (Acts 4:12)?

- Who has eternal life (John 3:16-17)?

- What is Jesus preparing for His followers (John 14:1-3)?

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Q: Why does God allow evil and suffering?

A: God created a good world with no pain or evil. Then He gave people the freedom to obey or to disobey Him. Because Adam and Eve sinned, suffering and death entered the world. Everything on earth has been tarnished (Romans 8:19-21). Sin always has painful consequences. But because of Jesus' death and resurrection, God promises to bring His children to heaven—where evil, suffering, and death don't exist!

- What will heaven be like (Revelation 21:3-5)?

- Can suffering help us grow closer to God (2 Corinthians 1:8-9)?

- Did God ever plan this world to be our final home (Hebrews 11:13-16)?

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Q: Did the miracles in the Bible really happen?

A: The people who wrote about Jesus' miracles actually witnessed each one. They didn't make them up or exaggerate what happened. And many other people saw them, too. If these miracles were not true, Jesus' enemies could have said, "I was there, and Jesus did not do that miracle." But no one ever said that. If God can make a universe and raise Jesus from the dead, He can do anything! Yes, every Bible miracle really happened.

- Does the Bible tell us about all of Jesus' miracles (John 20:30-31)?

- What did Jesus' enemies say about His miracles (John 11:47-48)?

- What is your favorite miracle in the Bible?

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Q: Does God answer prayers?

A: Jesus said that God loves to hear from us and always wants the best for us. When we pray, God responds! God answers our prayers in many ways. Sometimes He says, "Yes!" Sometimes He answers, "No." Other times He says, "No, not yet!" or "No, I love you too much!" But many times God answers our prayers by saying, "Yes, I thought you would never ask!" Yes, be sure that God answers our prayers!

- Why doesn't God answer some of our prayers (James 4:3)?

- Is prayer powerful (James 5:16)?

- How did Jesus teach us to pray (Matthew 6:9-13)?

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Q: Does the Bible have mistakes or contradictions?

A: God directed human authors to write His words without error in all sixty-six original Bible books. Even though some Bible passages are difficult to understand, for more than 2,000 years people have carefully studied the Bible and have found no mistakes. Thousands of discoveries from historians, scientists, and archeologists do not contradict the Bible. Yes, God's Word is living, active, and it has no mistakes!

- What does God say about the Bible (Hebrews 4:12)?

- Did the Bible come from humans or God (2 Peter 1:20-21)?

- How can the Bible guide our way (Psalm 119:105)?

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