

World-Famous Scholars!

Critics today claim the Bible is a collection of myths and fantasies written by ignorant shepherds and dirt farmers. Yet history proves these Biblical writers to be the greatest scholars of all time. What is this proof? Why has it been suppressed? Read this eye-opening article and find out!

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MODERN theologians are teaching millions to believe the Old Testament writers were primitive storytellers who copied down the myths and legends of their days.

The leading theologian of New York City is teaching, "We know that every idea in the Bible started from *primitive and childlike* origins..." (Dr. Harry Emerson Fosdick, *The Modern Use of the Bible*, p. 11).

He is not alone. Very recently the president of the Society of Biblical Literature called the Bible account in the first eleven chapters of Genesis, "primal history."

This theologian went on to cast suspicion on the inspiration of the Bible by calling the Genesis account of the tower of Babel (Gen. 11:1-9) "The beautiful little legend" (Frederick V. Winnett, "Re-examining the Foundations," *Journal of Biblical Literature*, Vol. LXXIV, March 1965, pp. 1-2).

Did the authors of the Old Testament merely copy down the "primitive and childlike" legends of their day as Bible writers claim?

Or were the Old Testament writers capable scholars?

What Is the Truth?

You can know the truth! Let the proof of history cast aside all doubt, all modernism, all evolutionary theory, all confusion.

There is irrefragable proof the writers of the Old Testament were highly educated scholars and scientists. In spite of what evolutionary-tainted theologians claim, they were the most capable men of their day.

For proof, let's begin with the man who lived so long ago the theory of evolution demands that he be a primitive storyteller. But was he?

This man wrote the oldest book of the Bible two hundred years before the time of Moses. His name was Job. Ancient as he was, authentic history proves he was the outstanding scholar and scientist of his time — perhaps of all time.

Authentic history and the Bible prove the author of the oldest book of the Bible was a top-flight statesman and scholar, and was the most famous architect and construction engineer of all time. Yes, history proves he was *greater* than engineers living today. And believe it or not, he was also a king.

What the Bible Says About Job

The written, authentic, reliable, strictly accurate Word of God states about Job, "There is none like him in the earth." The Scripture which cannot be broken (John 10:35) reveals, "... this man was the greatest of all men of the east" (Job 1:3, 8).

Yes, Job could honestly have said, as one famous boxer of today did, "I am the greatest." Your Bible says he was.

Even so, as great as he was, Job needed to learn a lesson. In the first 31 chapters of the book of Job, Job tells us why God punished him by taking away all his wealth and all his children. Job confessed he had thought he became the great man he was through his own efforts. Job had failed to perceive he was great because God had made him great. Job admitted he was self-righteous.

Job was the outstanding man of his day, nevertheless. He not only admitted his mistake — he repented. In the last 11 chapters of Job he tells how he came to acknowledge God's greatness. When he did this, God blessed him again with great wealth and many sons and daughters.

Not only does the Bible say Job was "the greatest," but ancient historians also recorded how great Job really was.

Why did ancient Manetho write about Job? The answer is as astonishing as it is simple! The author of the book of Job was a world-famous king. When God dealt with him, the whole world knew about it.

Modern historians hate to admit it, but both the Palermo Stone and the Turin Canon make clear that the Job of your Bible ruled Egypt from 1726 to 1703 B.C., over two hundred years before Moses led the Israelites out of Egypt in 1487 B.C.

History Proves Job to Be An Engineer

Even more surprising, a careful study of ancient history reveals that the Job of your Bible was a world-famous construction engineer. He was known throughout the ancient world as the builder of the Great Pyramid.

For startling, carefully documented proof, send for the *free* article, "Who Built the GREAT PYRAMID?"

Few people realize what a highly skilled construction engineer the Job of your Bible, the builder of the Great Pyramid, really was.

According to the *Encyclopaedia Bri-*

tannica, the Great Pyramid of Egypt is a masterpiece of *technical skill* and *engineering ability*. The *Britannica* says, "The geometrical precision of its layout and the accuracy of the stonecutting are truly amazing . . ." (*Encyclopaedia Britannica*, Vol. 18, Art. "Pyramid," p. 793).

Leonard Cottrell in his recent book, *The Mountains of Pharaoh*, wrote, "The Great Pyramid is so incredibly precise that compass errors can be checked against it."

To this very day the Great Pyramid remains a witness to Job's great engineering skill. Job, the author of a book in your Bible, was not a primitive savage.

Scientific-Minded Job Recorded Facts

Contrary to what modern-day hypocritical theologians would have you believe, Job was scientific minded. When he wrote the book of the Bible which bears his name, he rejected the myth and superstition which were common in his day.

Ancient historians tell us the common people in Egypt during the time Job lived believed the earth was supported by five great pillars, one under each corner and one in the middle.

You can read the book of Job from one end to the other, and you will never find a trace of any myth. Job was a scientific-minded man whom God inspired to write scientific truth.

The book of Job was written to teach us a great spiritual lesson. It was not meant to be a scientific textbook. Yet when Job mentions scientific facts, they are always accurate.

Two hundred sixteen years after the time of Job, God used Moses to lead the Israelites out of Egypt. He too was a capable, well-educated, highly trained, world-famous leader.

Moses Was a Great Man

By the time Moses was born, the Israelites had been slaves of the Egyptians for many years.

But even in slavery, these Israelites multiplied very rapidly. The Egyptians became fearful lest the Israelites soon outnumber and conquer them.

To keep the exploding Israelitish population down, the Egyptians tried to kill every male Israelite baby (Ex. 1:15-16). But the mother of Moses was not willing to see her baby boy killed, so she hid her baby in the Nile River (Ex. 2:3) in a waterproof basket. Your Bible tells us how Pharaoh's daughter found him and adopted him as her son (Ex. 2:10).

Pharaoh's daughter had Moses educated in the very best schools of all Egypt. Your Bible says, "And Moses was learned in all the wisdom of the Egyptians, and was mighty in words and in deeds" (Acts 7:22).

He was an educated man! Even secular history proves it.

During the days Moses lived in Pharaoh's palace, Egypt was invaded by Ethiopians from the south. (Irenaeus, ap. edit. Grab. p. 472.)

Josephus says, "So Moses at the persuasion . . . of the king himself, cheerfully undertook the business . . ." whereby, "He gave a wonderful demonstration of his sagacity" and "conquered them" (Flavius Josephus, *Antiquities of the Jews*, Book II, chap. X, sec. 2).

Yes, General Moses defeated the invading Ethiopians.

Thus both secular history and the Bible prove that Moses was a capable leader!

But Moses was not only a great general, he was also the *greatest historian* and *writer* of the ancient world.

But what kind of a writer was he? Did he write down unscientific legends about Creation? Did he record myth as German rationalists claim?

Did he "gather up the primitive traditions of the people," as Dr. James Moffatt claims in the introduction to his famous English translation of the Bible?

Or did this highly educated, capable man record historical and scientific truth? Let's examine the facts!

Moses Recorded Facts

Moses was educated by pagan Egyptian priests, in pagan Egyptian schools. The pagan priests claimed the first man sprang from certain white worms found in the slime of the Nile after each

annual overflowing of its bank. They taught that the earth hatched from a winged egg.

But did Moses blindly swallow the primitive and childlike myths he was taught by pagan priests? Did he record such mythological tales in the books of Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, and Deuteronomy?

No! Moses was one of the rare individuals who could think for himself.

Because Moses had seen proof there was a God, Moses deliberately excluded every single Egyptian myth from the first five books of the Bible. (Read the first five books of the Bible and see the proof for yourself.)

Moses wrote, "In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth" (Gen. 1:1).

But Moses' educational background did have an influence on what he wrote. He hated with a fury the false evolutionary theory he had been taught. He knew it to be a lie. What is the proof? Moses painstakingly excluded all evolutionary myth from what he wrote. With God's help he set out to disprove the Egyptian theory.

Ten different times he carefully stated in the very first chapter of Genesis that all life will reproduce after its kind, that dogs will always be dogs and cows will always be cows. Your Creator was not theorizing. He knew that He **KNEW** the **FACTS**. He did the creating.

God inspired Moses to disprove the Egyptian theory of evolution by recording the facts of Creation. God wanted us to know it wasn't a worm who created us, but our Creator God.

God also knew modern-day man's faulty scholarship could not be trusted. He knew modern God-hating scholars would attempt to reject Him as Creator God by teaching false theories about evolution. That is why in the very first chapter of Genesis, God inspired Moses to warn you again and again against believing in evolution.

God used Moses to teach us the truth about Creation, because He knew this highly educated man could be trusted to record the true facts.

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easier and more simple your preparation becomes.

What About the Many Questions?

The main reason God has never "listed" in the Bible any "do's and don'ts" for the Sabbath is that He wants us, as individuals, to learn to *think*, be personally *responsible* and use the PRINCIPLES He has given us. It is too easy to lose sight of the goal when you have a myriad of legalistic lines drawn up for you. But once you know and can apply the *principles*, you will be able to almost automatically answer your *own* questions.

Just remember some very basic ques-

tions to ask yourself: "Is this in God's service? Is this a genuine emergency, or can I put it off till tomorrow? Should I have already done this as a part of preparation? Have I prayed about this and thoroughly gone over the principles in my mind?" If you find there is some question which still bothers you after thoroughly studying it out, you should seek advice from one who should know more about the principles of Sabbath-keeping — your local minister.

Apply these principles and you will soon find that God's Sabbath is one of His greatest gifts to mankind — a gift for rest, peace, knowledge and *true delight!*

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Moses, being a capable honest scholar, recorded the truth even though it was contrary to what the world of his day believed.

Modern Fable Also Disproved

God inspired Moses to disprove in advance the modern-day evolutionary myth about long geologic ages.

God inspired Moses to reveal that each day of Creation was EXACTLY 24 hours long.

Moses said, "The evening and the morning were the first day" (Gen. 1:5). Then he repeated, "And the evening and the morning were the second day" (Gen. 1:8). To impress this great truth upon your mind, Moses repeated the third time, "And the evening and the morning were the third day" (Gen. 1:13).

Merely repeating three times the fact that each day of Creation was 24 hours long was not enough. At God's command, Moses wrote, "And the evening and the morning were the fourth day" (Gen. 1:19).

God did not want to leave any room for doubt. He inspired Moses to repeat, "And the evening and the morning were the fifth day" (Gen. 1:23), "and the evening and the morning were the sixth day" (Gen.

1:31). God wanted you to know each day of Creation was a single 24-hour day.

A famous American minister in New York wrote, "We know that every idea in the Bible started from *primitive and childlike origins*" (Harry Emerson Fosdick, *The Modern Use of the Bible*, pp. 11, 24).

But what is the truth?

Did Moses record the simple, primitive traditions he had been taught?

No!

Moses painstakingly excluded all myth and error from what he recorded in the first five books of the Bible.

Daniel Also a Well-Educated Man

Like Abraham, like Job, like Moses, this Daniel of the Bible *rejected* all pagan myth and all pagan superstition — all simple primitive pagan tradition.

Your Bible tells us that Daniel was "well favoured, and skillful in all wisdom, and cunning in knowledge, and understanding science, and . . . had ability . . . to stand in the king's palace, and whom they might teach the learning and the tongue of the Chaldeans" (Dan. 1:4).

Daniel was a very well-educated man. Nebuchadnezzar admitted this alien

Jew was the most outstanding scholar in Babylon. He said he found Daniel and his three friends "ten times better than all the magicians and astrologers that were in ALL his realm" (Dan. 1:20).

Daniel was among the captives of Judah in Babylon. He was educated by Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon (Dan. 1:3-6).

Daniel Rejected Myth

The Chaldean priesthood of Daniel's day taught their own version of evolution. They taught that a great battle occurred between the chaos monster, Tiamat, and the great god Marduke. In this battle, Marduke slew Tiamat. He then rolled up Tiamat's carcass and stepped on it — squashing it flat.

Then according to the Chaldeans, Marduke began spitting. Wherever he spat, a man sprang into being, full grown and erect. This was the Chaldean "intellectual's" theory of evolution.

According to this version of evolution, these spit-created men in turn began spitting. Wherever these men spat, women suddenly emerged from the sod. These ancient evolutionists then theorized that when there were women enough for all men, these women also began spitting! Wherever these spit-created women spat, animals sprang into being. (See any complete history of Chaldean and Babylonian mythology.)

Absurd? Ridiculous? Yes, but this was the ancient pagan Babylonian theory of evolution. At least they had the good sense to realize life must come from life.

Did Daniel swallow this evolutionary theory? No! Read the book of Daniel.

God's Educated Prophets

Remember there were atheists in the days of the prophets, just as there are today.

Abraham, Job, Moses, Daniel and all other prophets of God were great men in God's eyes because they were honest scholars. They "checked up" and proved whether or not there was a God.

They then decided that having checked and proved there was a God, they would obey this God.

God made these prophets great be-

cause they had already proved they would obey His will.

This is why we tell you "Don't believe us. Look in the Bible and check for yourself."

God blessed them for their faithfulness. He made many of them wealthy, as well as famous.

God will bless you if you faithfully check up and find out what the truth really is and then follow and obey it.

At the second coming of Christ, when God sets up His government and rule on earth, these faithful prophets will receive their reward, eternal life, and positions of rule and power.

If you, like the prophets of old, are faithful, Christ will make you "kings and priests" in His Kingdom (Rev. 5:10).

The choice is yours to make. Do you want to be like the prophets of old and trust God to give you His greatness, His wealth, His Kingdom, His gift of Eternal life?

Or do you want to be like the world even if it does mean sharing its suffering, its misery, its wretchedness — eternal death?

Which choice does God want you to make?

God commands you to choose life (Deut. 30:19).

were merchants selling cattle, sheep and doves for sacrifices. The place was in an uproar, confusion, shouting men dickering for a better price in the very Temple of God!

Angered, He carefully fashioned a scourge of small cords. The next day He strode into the temple brushing aside those who were milling around. Grasping the first table He came to, He flipped it into the air. Money flew everywhere! The money changers were stunned.

Taking the scourge, He whipped it through the air, it snapped with a crack of a pistol. Animals scattered! Men fell over one another as they retreated to the nearest exit. A thundering voice called out after them, "Get these things out of here! You who make my Father's House a house of merchandise."

Every last one MEEKLY obeyed!

Imagine the headlines in the Jerusalem news the next day — that is if there had been a newspaper. Bold-faced headlines would have read, "Man from Nazareth turns temple upside down! — throws out money changers — drives out beasts — men shrink in fear!!"

There were no streetcars, no trains, no horses or carriages in 30 A.D. Jesus Christ walked from village to village. The highways were dirt and gravel. They were treacherous. Thieves abounded. Only a real man *dared* travel the dusty roads between Jerusalem and Jericho.

Remember the man who fell among thieves on the road to Jericho? They stripped him of his clothing, beat him senseless and left him for dead (Luke 10:30).

What Did it Take to Die?

Jesus Christ died on a stake for YOU! What did it take to die? What kind of day was it that Christ spent — His last day before His crucifixion? It began Tuesday morning, April 24, 31 A.D., very early in the morning. It ended in the most brutal murder ever suffered by a human being — AGONIZING HOURS OF SUFFERING climaxed by a SLOW, TORTUROUS DEATH on a BLOODED STAKE!

Next month read what it took for Jesus Christ to bleed out His life for you. Learn how precious is the Passover.

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What Kind of Man Was Jesus Christ?

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filling the boat with water until it was ready to sink.

Frightened half out of their wits, the experienced fishermen, Peter, James and John labored furiously with the other disciples to keep the boat afloat. It was hopeless! They were sinking! Where was Jesus Christ? James answered, "He's asleep, He found a few boat cushions and curled up to sleep in the back of the boat."

Disturbed, angered, and frightened, Peter rushed back followed by the other disciples to find Christ. Sure enough, there He lay, protected from the storm, sound asleep! Peter shouted to be heard above the thunderous roar of the wind and waves. "Master, don't you care if we all drown, this ship is about to sink and you aren't even concerned enough to help save the boat."

Jesus Christ opened His eyes, looked up at the wet, distraught, disheveled fishermen. What a sight they were. He couldn't help but smile. Shedding the oilskin covering, He stood up and commanded the sea, "Be quiet you wind, waves be still."

Instantly the sea was transformed from a raging, turbulent, fierce storm into a mill pond. The moon and the stars broke through the fast dissipating dark clouds and He said, "Why are you

so fearful? Why is it that you have no confidence, no faith in me?" (Mark 4:35-40 — Phillips, RSV, Moffatt.)

A Hearty Masculine Man

The Jesus Christ of your Bible ate big, thick, juicy steaks. He enjoyed good wine, masculine friends like Peter, James and John. He and His disciples were hard-driving, dedicated men with a purpose, a goal in life. There were both serious moments and times of laughter around the campfire at night. A real he-man's fellowship existed between these virile, robust men of great strength.

Jesus Christ was a man of character, of stamina, of great determination. He fasted as few men are capable of fasting. Forty days and forty nights without food or water. THAT'S MORE THAN A FULL MONTH!

There was a reason. Deep within burned a singleness of purpose — your salvation and mine BY DEATH!!

A Thundering, Dynamic Personality

Near Passover time, Jesus walked over to Jerusalem. He passed by the Temple. What He saw stopped Him short in His tracks. He couldn't believe His eyes! There in His Father's Temple