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Why Many Do Not Read the Bible

Author Unknown When Queen Elizabeth I's, of the 1500's, wrinkles became deep and many, it is reported that an unfortunate master of the coin mint incurred disgrace by a too faithful

likeness of the Queen. The die for the shilling was broken and only one mutilated specimen is now in existence.

Her maids of honor took the hint and were careful that no fragment of a mirror would remain in any room of the Queen's palace. A magazine of the times said that the Queen "had not the heart to look herself in the face for the last twenty years of her life."

A mirror exposes wrinkles, dirt, etc. that may be on the face; so does the Word of God expose the sin within one's heart. Reading the Bible shows us our sins. If we refuse to repent and change, we soon get tired of seeing our "dirty faces" in God's mirror, the Bible. That is why so many stop looking into His Mirror. How foolish! Better to see the dirt, confess it, and be cleansed by the Blood of the Lamb, then die "dirty" in one's sins!

What Is the Bible? Bill Brinkworth

One could knock on many doors and ask what books are in those houses. Few would have the same books. Fewer would have the same book that was over 100 years old. Rarely would any



household have a book that is at least 500 years old. of the

houses, however, would have a form of one of the oldest and most popular of all books, the Bible. Parts of the Bible are over 4,000 years old, yet many still have a copy of it.

What is this book that so many have, cherish, and some even ridicule? It is not just a book; it is Continued on Page 2

What Is the Bible?

Continued from Page 1 the preserved Word of God. It is the road map through a difficult life. It tells of a saving plan that will give riches and life eternal. Its advice, when followed, will change one's life and alter one's future. It is the only Book that tells the mind of God. It is God's Word.

* The Bible is exactly what God wants us to know. "And Moses came and told the people all the words of the LORD, and all the judgments: and all the people answered with one voice, and said, All the words which the LORD hath said will we do. And Moses wrote all the words of the LORD..." Exodus 24:3-4

As Moses received God's commandments and wrote them down, God also used other godly men to preserve what He wants mankind to know. The recorders of His Word included kings. leaders, prophets, disciples, professional men, and others. The Creator of this universe promised that we would always have His Word with us (Isaiah 40:8). He kept His word.

God promised He would give us a perfect copy (Matthew 5:18). No words are to be added or removed. Other than the King James Version, all of the other

250+ modern, English versions violate this commandment of God. That is why a Christian should stay away from the modern altered, changed translations and revisions.

"Ye shall not add unto the word which I command vou, neither shall ve diminish ought from it, that ye may keep the commandments of the LORD your God which I command you."

Deuteronomy 4:2 "Add thou not unto his words, lest he reprove thee, and thou be found a liar." Proverbs 30:6 "For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book: And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy. God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are writbook " ten in this Revelation 22:18-19

* The Bible will always be made available to mankind. "The secret things belong unto the LORD our God: but those things which are revealed belong unto us and to our children for ever, that we may do all the words of this law." Deut. 29:29

 $\Box \Box = believe$ the Bible is the best gift God has ever given to man. All the good of the Saviour of the world is communicated to us through the Book. But lor it. we could not know right from wrong!" - Abraham Lincoln

"The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: but the word of our God shall stand for ever." Isaiah 40:8

* The Bible contains God's promises.

"Be ye mindful always of his covenant: the word which he commanded to a thousand generations: "I Chronicles 16:15

* The Bible is His Word and guidance. our "Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee." Psalm 119:11

* The Bible also contains prophecy, wisdom, songs, history, and life examples.

God committed to keeping His promise and to preserve His Word. Many gave much time, and some even lost their lives so that we could have God's truths. The least we can do is read, believe, and obey It.

It's All Here

Author Unknown

A young Christian, packing his bag for a journey, said to a friend, "I have nearly finished packing. All I have to put in are a guidebook, a lamp, a mirror, a microscope, a telescope, a volume of fine poetry, a few biographies, a package of old letters, a book of songs, a sword, a hammer. and a set of tools."

"But you cannot put all that into your bag," objected the friend.

"Oh, yes," said the Christian. "Here it is," and then he placed

"The Bible was human in penmanship, but divine in authorship!" — R. G. Lee

his Bible in the corner of the suitcase and closed the lid.

The Keystone

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Remove the keystone, and the arch will fall into a heap of ruins. There will be the same stones there, but they will be scattered in confusion and useless for any practical pur-Kevstone

You may admire the Bible. You may praise its poetry and say its precepts are truthful, loving, and good. However, if you doubt its authenticity.

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you render it powerless for that for which it was given - namely, to save the souls of men.

