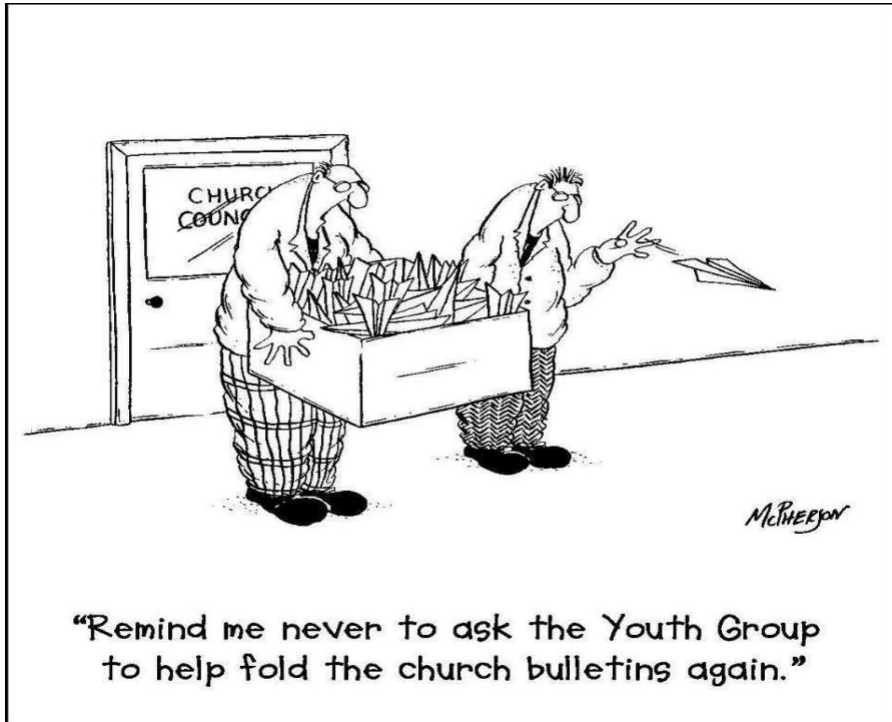


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Atonement

I read about a small boy who was consistently late coming home from school. His parents warned him one day that he must be home on time that afternoon, but nevertheless he arrived later than ever. His mother met him at the door and said nothing. At dinner that night, the boy looked at his plate. There was a slice of bread and a glass of water. He looked at his father's full plate and then at his father, but his father remained silent. The boy was crushed.

The father waited for the full impact to sink in, then quietly took the boy's plate and placed it in front of himself. He took his own plate of meat and potatoes, put it in front of the boy, and smiled at his son. When that boy grew to be a man, he said, "All my life I've known what God is like by what my father did that night."

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QUESTION: "How does Scripture align to contemporary history? I heard it is full of untruths about historical events and people."

ANSWER: More Accurately Than External Histories. Every discovery in ancient civilizations, in fact, proves the Bible narrative is the factually established truth.

1) Text Is Completely Preserved. When Jehoiakim, king of Judah, had the prophet Jeremiah's scroll read to him, he cut it apart and burned it in the fireplace. At God's command, "Jeremiah took another scroll and gave it to Baruch the scribe, the son of Neriah, who wrote on it at the instruction of Jeremiah all the words of the book which Jehoiakim king of Judah had burned in the fire. And besides, there were added to them many similar words" (**Jeremiah 36:32**). God has kept His Word complete, so we have "the faith which was once for all delivered to the saints" (**Jude 3**).

2) Text Is Precisely Written. Paul wrote: "how that by revelation He made known to me the mystery (as I have briefly written already, by which, when you read, you may understand my knowledge in the mystery of Christ), which in other ages was not made known to the sons of men, as it has now been revealed by the Spirit to His holy apostles and prophets: that the Gentiles should be fellow heirs, of the same body, and partakers of His promise in Christ through the gospel" (**Ephesians 3:3-5**). "Briefly written" in the original text is "few words," but with full expression of Holy Spirit-guided truth! Those chosen words completely express what the Holy Spirit intended for all to know and understand throughout the span of time.

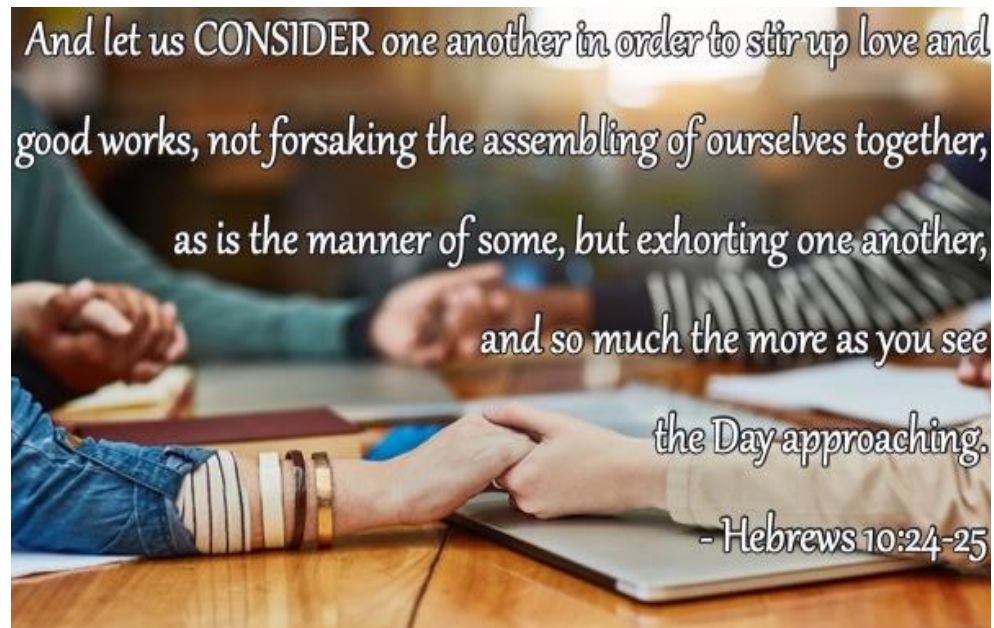
3) Text Is Historically Accurate. No other historical record has been so scrutinized, and found to have a correctly written account that perfectly matches all the archeological evidence which has ever been uncovered to date. "The appropriate manner, both as to time and place, with which the proper names of cities and countries are used in the Old Testament defies all hostile criticism directed against the genuineness of the narratives. The marvelous way in which such countries, nations, and cities as Elam, the Hittites, the old Babylonians, the Assyrians, the Egyptians and Ethiopians, the Moabites, and the Edomites; Tyre, Sidon, Damascus, Hamath, Separad, and scores of other names of places, are brought into the biblical narrative, each in its proper place and time, and generally with the very spelling as accurate as could be expected, is beyond comparison in any ancient document." (pp. 173-174, **A Scientific Investigation of the Old Testament**, by Robert Dick Wilson, Ph.D., D.D., The Sunday School Times Company, Philadelphia, Publication Date 1926. -----jtpll

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Salted Speech Colossians 4:6

- ~God is as good as His Word.
- ~A Bible falling apart belongs to a person who isn't
- ~Many books can inform; only the Bible can transform.
- ~You feed your body; why starve your soul.
- ~ Failures are divided into two classes: Those who thought and never did, and those who did and never thought.
- ~Cigarette: a tube of tobacco with fire at one end and a sucker at the other. Vape: no fire!



"By this we know love, because He laid down His life for us. And we also ought to lay down our lives for the brethren."

1 John 3:16

"If I Were the Devil"

This speech was broadcast by legendary ABC Radio commentator Paul Harvey () on April 3, 1965:

If I were the Devil . . . I mean, if I were the Prince of Darkness, I would of course, want to engulf the whole earth in darkness. I would have a third of its real estate and four-fifths of its population, but I would not be happy until I had seized the ripest apple on the tree, so I should set about however necessary to take over the United States. I would begin with a campaign of whispers. With the wisdom of a serpent, I would whisper to you as I whispered to Eve: "Do as you please." "Do as you please." To the young, I would whisper, "The Bible is a myth." I would convince them that man created God instead of the other way around. I would confide that what is bad is good, and what is good is "square". In the ears of the young marrieds, I would whisper that work is debasing, that cocktail parties are good for you. I would caution them not to be extreme in religion, in patriotism, in moral conduct. And the old, I would teach to pray. I would teach them to say after me: "Our Father, which art in Washington" . . .

If I were the devil, I'd educate authors in how to make lurid literature exciting so that anything else would appear dull and uninteresting. I'd threaten T.V. with dirtier movies and vice versa. And then, if I were the devil, I'd get organized. I'd infiltrate unions and urge more loafing and less work, because idle hands usually work for me. I'd peddle narcotics to whom I could. I'd sell alcohol to ladies and gentlemen of distinction. And I'd tranquilize the rest with pills. If I were the devil, I would encourage schools to refine young intellects but neglect to discipline emotions . . . let those run wild. I would designate an atheist to front for me before the highest courts in the land and I would get preachers to say "she's right." With flattery and promises of power, I could get the courts to rule what I construe as against God and in favor of pornography, and thus, I would evict God from the courthouse, and then from the school house, and then from the houses of Congress and then, in His own churches I would substitute psychology for religion, and I would deify science because that way men would become smart enough to create super weapons but not wise enough to control them.

If I were Satan, I'd make the symbol of Easter an egg, and the symbol of Christmas, a bottle. If I were the devil, I would take from those who have and I would give to those who wanted, until I had killed the incentive of the ambitious. And then, my police state would force everybody back to work. Then, I could separate families, putting children in uniform, women in coal mines, and objectors in slave camps. In other words, if I were Satan, I'd just keep on doing what he's doing.

Paul Harvey, Good Day.