

BIBLE FACTS

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Let's briefly examine some "**facts**" about the Bible.

The Scriptures - Divine Inspiration. "All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work." {2 Timothy 3:16,17} Every word in God's book is inspired-God-breathed. Yes, God used the styles of men to record these words, but the word did not originate with them; it came from God. Do we understand what this means? When one rejects the teachings of the Bible they are arguing with God!

The Oracles of God - Divine Authority. "Much in every way! Chiefly, because to them were committed the oracles of God. For what if some did not believe? Will their unbelief make the faithfulness of God without effect?" {Romans 3:2,3} The Jews had a great advantage-God's sayings were given to them first. Yet, it did them little good because they would not accept the authority behind, or the giver of the sayings- Jesus Christ. Christ is God's final spokesperson to men, and if men reject Him, they reject their final means of salvation. {John 12:48} "God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets, has in these last days spoken to us by His Son, whom He has appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the worlds." {Hebrews 1:1,2}

The Word of God - Divine Revelation. "For what man knows the things of a man except the spirit of the man which is in him? Even so no one knows the things of God except the Spirit of God. Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might know the things that have been freely given to us by God." {1 Corinthians 2:11,12} Why is revelation so important? How else would man know God or what He demands of him? The creation enables us to understand God and to know that He is real. {Romans 1:20}. Only by God revealing His mind to us, through His word, could we understand and know our duties to Him. Divine revelation removed the guess work and gave us assurance. If we believe and obey His word the things we do will please Him. Only accepting God's word can give one peace of mind to know, "all is well with our soul!"***