Fast Facts Bible – Fact or Fancy—1

*Why do so many believe in the Bible? What is their rational—or is there any logical reason for what others may feel is illogical? We will endeavor to bring some reasonable answers to these questions.

*We cannot put God—if there is such a being—into a test-tube; someone that by the very nature of his title has mental capacities far above anything we can understand. But we can look at 'obviously verifiable indicators' of His existence; and that the Bible might be a revelation of this God.

- 1. Men as Scribes—which means there will be some text flaws, but **Historical Facts** abound and we will look at these!
- What makes the Bible unique compared to other writings such as: Confucius a.551+72 BCE; Buddhism a.500 BCE; Hindu Writings a. 500 BCE-300 CE; Quran a. 609+23 CE (AD); Shintoism a. early 700 CE (common era). Few if any have specific verifiable passages (Prophecies) that can be tested and tried by verifiable World History/Archeology—seems to Lack Specificity!
- Scope of Biblical History: Covers 6,000 years—a.4,000 before Christ (established by genealogy Matthew 1:1-17 Abraham to Christ; Luke 3:23-38, Adam to Christ.) Historically Christ lived a. 2014 years ago @ this writing. No Proven Errors in the <u>Historical Facts</u> of Scripture
- 4. The Bible was written over a 1500 year period beginning 1400 yrs. before Christ to 90 years after (Old & New Testaments). But the God of the Bible challenges any and all persons to match what He can do <u>in Isaiah 46:9-10</u>. If this claim is not true, it would indicate that this God is arrogant and very self-centered. <u>BUT IF IT IS</u> <u>TRUE—THERE IS NONE LIKE HIM AS HE STATES!!!</u>

*GOD OF PROPHECY DANIEL CHAPTER 2—shows earths history from the time of Daniel (606 bce) clear up to current events of our day; DANIEL CHAPTER 7—ADDITIONAL NOTES REGARDING DANIEL 2 and the great horn to level harm to the saints of God till he sets up the final kingdom of God; REVELATION 13—the final war between good & evil on this earth.

- 5. The Incredible Virgin Birth of Jesus Christ and 48 of 333 Prophecies of the Messiah. The PROBABABILILTY of even 48 prophecies coming true is 1 in 10 to the 157th Power!! Like covering All Texas with 2 feet of Silver Coins, Mark one coin, blindfold a person to pick it out in one try. List can be found on (ask @ Come Reason Together: missiontrek4u@yahoo.com)
- 6. God's Word will not pass away except it be fulfilled. Mark 13:31

*GOD AS CREATOR OF ALL THINGS, Visible & Invisible: RE.

- 7. Creation of our solar system; Genesis 1 & 2; Wall Street Journal December 25, 2014: SETI =Search for Extraterrestrial Intelligence.
- 8. Modern Medicine: Genesis 2:21-23, (Deep Sleep= Anesthesia, Take out a rib=Extraction, Closed up the flesh=Suturing.
- Hygiene: Disease Control, (mold, leprosy, excretions, waste) Leviticus 13 & 14:33-49; Deuteronomy 23:13, Leviticus 11; Isolation/separation Numbers 5:2-5, Leviticus 13:3,46; Bubonic Plague=75-100 million died in Europe, Russia, Middle East because they did not follow the Biblical counsel to separate/ isolate.
- 10. Man is made up of 'matter' which does not feel, think, or compute right or wrong; yet he has consciousness, intelligence, emotions, where do these things come from? Genesis 1:26-28 In God's Image

*GOD OF ORDER—YET RANDOM HARMONY (e.i. Snowflakes, Vocal Choirs, Orchestras); Natural Laws—so stable & consistent that we can count on them to create our own Creations-E=mc², Spiritual Laws—So simple yet so profound Exodus 20:3-17, Written by God's own Finger 31:18, Personal Laws. Matthew 22:37-40

*GOD OF FELLOWSHIP—The God of the Bible Wants to be <u>With Us</u> Personally.

- 11. God walked and talked to Adam & Eve in the Garden of Eden-Genesis 1:28, 29; 2:16; 3:9-20
- 12. Enoch Walked and talked to God Genesis 5:24
- 13. Noah walked with God and found Grace & built an ark of safety. Genesis 6:8-9
- 14. Abraham God talked to Abraham & Led him out of his home. Genesis 12:1-3
- 15. Joseph Genesis 39:2-3 and after trying his character made him ruler.
- 16. Daniel found favor with God and was blessed. Daniel chapters 1-6
- 17. Galatians 4:4 The Messiah came to be with His people for 3 ½ years. He was the Word in John 1:1-3, 14
- 18. Promised his Disciples he would come back and take them home, John 14:1-3
- 19. And He also gave the promise that He would come again the 2nd time Acts 1:11; Revelation 1:7; Paul, 1 Corinthians 15:51-55; 1 Thess. 15-18
- 20. Everything He has PROMISED IN PROPHECIES THROUGHOUT HISTORY has been accurate and True. Would it not be wise to consider the PROPHECIES FOR THE FUTURE to ALSO BE TRUE?