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During our lives, we are exposed to various opinions. In person, or by different forms of media, tv, internet, movies, books, etc. Some opinions are true to facts, while others are not. Through our experiences, and just plain common sense, we are able to distinguish most of what we can or cannot believe. This short book is about the Bibles truths, on the questions on

salvation, who is God, what is His plan for redeeming us from our sins, and getting us to heaven. It goes over and over again, on His plan of Him forgiving us of our sins, and other questions of Biblical truths. Redundancy may be necessary, and even appreciated, when commenting on the truths of God, especially on His way of redemption from sin. John 3:17-- "For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved." He made us with a free will, so we can chose to believe or not to believe Him, while giving us this awesome Creation as His Witness. This book "theorizes" the way God went from the "beginning", to the "completion"

of our home earth. Also, His truths about coming events for the earths future, in prophesy. The most precious attribute in the universe it could be argued, is truth. For without truth, living itself is more difficult, and our eternal life would end up in hell. We have no reliable foundation on which to obtain the answers to humanity's many questions without it. Some of which may be inconsequential, while others are of utmost importance. For instance, questions on the creation and how we got here? Questions on heaven and hell, and what each is like? Who or what determines which one we will go to, when we leave this life? There are many verses on hell in the Bible, one of them,

Matthew 10:28-- "And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. But rather fear Him who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell," Fear Him does not mean be afraid of God, rather it means we are to be in awe of Him and His Truth. There are also many verses on heaven, one of them, 1st Corinthians 2:9-- "But as it is written: "Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, Nor have entered into the heart of man The things which God has prepared for those who love *Him.*" If someone doubts some of the miracles of old in the Bible, water to wine *John 2:1-11*, the parting of the Red sea *Exodus* 14:21-31, or perhaps others? Those doubts can be

overcome, by observing two much greater miracles than those, in person and in real time. By one, looking in the mirror, and two, observing nature and this totally awesome creation that surrounds each and every one of us. When anyone tries to explain it, or answer questions about it, without the obvious truth of a Designer and Creator, they illustrate the very height of human arrogance and ignorance. Though some may think commenting on the creation is speculation, and though we certainly do not know everything, we do have some divine help. The creation itself, the Bible, our brains and senses, actual science, and often overlooked, common sense.

Why the Bible? The Bible has been truly documented by facts. Fact one, the Bible has been purchased an estimated six billion,

(6,000,000,000) times, many times more than any other book. Two, the Bibles truths have actual power to change and save lives, and has done so for countless millions of humans. Three, its a history book including the history of the Jewish people, verified by archaeology and secular historians such as Josephus. Four, its an accurate description of the human condition and has the remedy for its ailment of sin. Five, fulfilled prophesy, hundreds of events foretold then fulfilled.

Hundreds of years after the completion of the earth and the

creation of mankind, humans had become so evil and wicked that, "God was sorry He had made them" Genesis 6:5-8. It grieved Him, but concluded He would destroy them all in a great flood. There is absolute proof of a world wide flood. Only Noah "found grace in the eyes of the Lord." God saved him and his wife, their three sons Shem, Ham, and Japheth, and their wives, in the great Ark that Noah built. God had Noah bring all forms of life *"after their kind."* into that ark. Common sense tells us, that all life left living on land, including the rest of the dinosaurs, would have perished in that 150 day overwhelming flood. After the waters subsided, all of the forms of life God had saved began

propagating. Now we just have their descendants "after their kind" with us. Example, dinosaurs descendants, lizards, alligators, crocodiles, turtles, etc. In time God choose Abram, then later renamed him Abraham, as the patriarch of His own chosen people, the Jewish people. God gave them the land of **Israel**. *Genesis* **15:18--** "On the same day the Lord made a covenant with Abram, saying: "To your descendants I have given this land, from the river of *Eqypt to the great river, the river Euphrates.*" All the land between the Nile and Euphrates rivers. The Jewish people retain possession of just a small portion of that land today. They were also given the oracles of God. Romans 3:1-2--

"What advantage then has the Jew, or what is the profit of circumcision? Much in every way! Chiefly because to them were committed the oracles of God," including *Isaiah* 53. Jewish Moses wrote the first five books of the Bible, Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, and Deuteronomy. Other Jewish Spirit inspired writers wrote the rest of the entire Bible. God also gave them prophets, and Jesus teaching and miracles. And He had told them Deuteronomy 28, that if they would follow Him as their true and only God they would be blessed, and if not they would be cursed. Nearly all the people in the Bible are Jewish. Including Mary the mother of Jesus, the prophets, the disciples

and apostles, and the writers of both the old and new testaments were Jewish. Predictably, the Jewish people failed to follow God faithfully and suffered the harsh consequence. No people on earth have suffered more, or been discriminated against more, than the Jewish people. They were a "stiff necked and resistant people" Acts 7:51, despite all that God had given them. Most Jewish people reject Jesus Christ as their Messiah. That's one reason some still ignorantly call the Jews, "the Christ killers." When in fact, the sins of all humanity brought about the cross and Jesus atoning death. We should all be thanking God for the Jewish people. For through them came our Savior,

Jesus Christ, the **Bible**, and their many contributions to medicine and science that help alleviate some of human suffering. It's up to God to deal with the Jewish people, we are to love them and pray for them. The Jewish laws and the blood of animal sacrifices, were never able to atone for the sins of the Jews. Also some of the gentiles, who believe they can attain heaven by doing good works or by being "good" were both corrected by God in Ephesians 2:13-- "But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the *blood of Christ.*" Some people feel studying the Bible is difficult for various reasons. Don't have enough time, hard to understand, or their

own circumstances. Such as the struggles to just get through life, relationships, self control, distraction by entertainment and sports, etc. And as always the devils lies and deception. This short book is an attempt to address those issues. Though God's truths are in all the books of the Bible, reading with a sincere desire to understand God's truths in these four books, will get you there. It's meant as a bridge to help those and others be led to all of the Bible. With the least amount of human input, relying rather on God's own words. These four books read in no particular order, but rather as God leads, 1-The book of *Genesis* is the "foundation" of the Bible. 2 - The book of **Proverbs** is

"wisdom for life and living." 3-The gospel of *John* shows us *who "Jesus Christ"* is and what He has done. 4-The book of *Romans* is truly the very "heart" and explanation of the many truths of the Bible. Jesus Christ, (Anointed Messiah) is the central theme of the entire Bible. *Ephesians 1:9-10--*

"having made known to us the mystery of His will, according to His good pleasure which He purposed in Himself, that in the dispensation of the fullness of the times He might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven and which are on earth—in Him."

The Bible has sixty six books, not in chronological order, but were

written and arranged by God's Holy Spirit's direction. 2nd Peter 1:21--"for prophecy never came by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit." Written by 40 different Spirit inspired authors, over a period of 1500 years. Yet the Bible is totally consistent and affirming in every way. There are no contradictions in God's Word, only ones own lack of understanding. If a person will love and seek for God with all their heart soul and mind, *Matthew 22:37*, God will make them aware of His love for them, His awesome plan for them, and will create a desire in them to believe and apply His truths to their lives, **Proverbs 3:5-6.** If a verse or passage seems unclear, the way to clarify that verse or passage, is to compare that verse or passage with other verses and passages. Those are found and usually referenced, either somewhere on the Bible page itself, or in the concordance at the back of each Bible. Bible concordance's can and do help us find verses, if we know even one or two words in the verse. We are to be careful to always interpret scripture in context. The times, place and customs of the day, may affect our understanding of scripture. The Holy Bible is available in many versions and languages, all versions and languages contain the same truths of God. As Christians, we do our best to make it available to as many

humans as possible. Bible quotes in this book are taken from the New King James Version (NKJV). Every word in the Bible is God inspired truth.

2nd **Timothy 3:16-17--** "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."

There is only One God.

Isaiah 45:22-- "Look to me, and be saved, all you ends of the earth! For I am God, and there is no other." God is a Holy Trinity. 1st John 5:7--"And there are three that bear

witness in heaven: the Father, the

Word, and the Holy Spirit; and these three are one." God cannot lie. *Titus 1:2--* "In hope of eternal life which God, who cannot lie, promised before time began." God's promise of of eternal life, **1**st **John 5:11-12--** "And this is the testimony: that God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life." Life as spoken of here means eternal life with Him. Our life on earth is somewhat like a road trip. Some may find themselves on a much bumpier road than others. There may be detours and road blocks placed by Satan, keeping us from God's truths. Jesus has His eyes on all, we just have to keep our

eyes on Him, to find the right "parking place." Nations that turn away from God, Hosea 5:4-6 "will stumble, and seek but not find *Him;* " America is and has been turning away from God much too long. Recent events show America certainly is "stumbling". The Bible confirms how science and the Bible are in agreement. We have scientific knowledge, atoms, known speed of light, DNA, and much more. Atoms, the different particles science has determined make up everything in the universe. It follows, that God in the "beginning", created the foundation for everything that would ever exist, in the form of atoms. With the exception of light, which is made up

of photons. Scientific estimate of the number of atoms in a 150 lb. human, seven octillion, 7 with 27 0's. The known speed of light, and the time it takes to reach earth from distant galaxy's, stars, etc, tells us their age and distance. Latest scientific estimate on the age of the universe, is between thirteen and fourteen billion years? DNA shows that humans are diverse and unique to themselves, each designed individually, and not the product of the absurd "theory of evolution." Psalm 139:13-14--"For You formed my inward parts; You covered me in my mothers womb. I will praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; Marvelous are your works, And that my soul knows very well." The size

of a human at conception, is the size of a grain of sand. Yet over a period of about nine months, grows into a several pound person. With the bones, nerves, heart, lungs, blood vessels, tendons, muscles, skin, brain, eyes, ears, fingers, toes, and everything else, including life giving blood. All growing together to completion, truly a miracle. All other forms of life have their amazing reproduction miracles as well. DNA applies to all life forms on earth, and we and them are clearly not the product of evolution. The variety and complexity of life, with all its amazing attributes, makes this apparent. We live on a planet that sustains all of this interdependent life. Rotating at one

thousand miles per hour at the equator, and traveling through space at seventy six thousand miles per hour, with "gravity" holding everything together. We know what gravity does, but where does it come from? John 1:3-- "All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made." Colossians 1:17-- "And He is before all things, and in Him all *things consist.* " There are many different life forms on the earth, not evolution, but merely descendants "after their kind." All with amazing attributes, instincts, abilities, senses etc. Including insects, animals, fish, reptiles, flowers, trees, birds, humans etc. etc. It pleased God to make beautiful and amazing

forms of life, that prove He is Almighty God. An astounding variety, showing design, purpose, wisdom and power.

Genesis 1:27-28-- "So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. Then God blessed them, and God said to them,

"Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth." This is certainly true and easily observed. He originally gave all life forms green herbs for food, *Genesis 1:29-30.* Everything had greens for lunch, a tranquil earth with no death, "And God saw that it was good." Or are we to believe, that all these wonderful fruits and vegetables we love to eat are just "happy accidents?" Then sin entered, Adam and Eve disobeyed their Creator, *Genesis 3*. Everything changed, the earth became a place of violence and death as it is today. **Romans 6:23--** "For the wages of sin is death," much of life started killing and consuming other life to survive. Between *Genesis* 1:1-2--"the beginning" and Genesis 1:3-31. The six 24 hour days, "evening and morning" that completed the creation of the universe, the earth and all that is on the earth, alludes to a time gap of billions of years. **Day 1,-** "*light*," Day 2-"firmament to divide the

waters which were under the firmament from the waters which were above the firmament."God called the firmament heaven." Day 3,- "dry land, grass, fruit trees, seeds, God called the dry land Earth" Day 4,- "sun, moon and stars, and let them be for signs and seasons, and for days and years, and God set them in the firmament of the heavens to give light on the earth, and to rule over the day and over the night" **Day 5,- "S**o God created great sea creatures and every living thing that moves, with which the waters abounded, according to its kind, and every winged bird according to its kind" **Day 6,-** "Then God said, "Let the earth bring forth the living creature

according to its kind: cattle and creeping thing and beast of the earth, each according to its kind", Then God said, "Let us make man in our own image, according to our likeness." Day 7,--"God saw that everything was good, and rested the seventh day." Not because He was tired, but because the creation was completed. The word "Dinosaur" wasn't invented until 1842. God called them "behemoth" in Job 40: 15-24, and "beast" in Genesis 1:30. We know the universe is billions of years old. At that time, God created "in the beginning" its foundation, atoms, for it and everything that would ever exist in it. Genesis 1:1-2-- "In the beginning God created the heavens

and the earth. The earth was without form and void; and darkness was on the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters." So in the "beginning," the earth was not completed, "without form and void." "And darkness was on the face of the deep." It was dark throughout the universe, there was no light. God created light billions of years later, *Genesis* 1:3-5. There also were waters in heaven, "And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters." The only waters God has told us about existing in heaven,

Revelation 22:1-- "And He showed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding from the throne of God and of the Lamb." This is John speaking of a vision God gave him of heaven. Thus it seems, these may have been the waters the Holy Spirit was hovering over. Patiently and expectantly awaiting His mission from the Godhead, which was and is, to convict humans of their sin, lead them to Christ, comfort them, and teach them in righteousness to love God and each other. All humans have sin, and that sin is what was laid on His sinless Son Jesus Christ. Who then went willingly to the cross, because of His mercy, grace and love for us. He paid the penalty for our sins, past present and future. All of our sins were future when Christ died for them. God knew us and our future

sins even then, when Christ was crucified. There is no unpardonable sin. For God to be true to Himself, sin had to be paid for to be forgiven, there is no sin or death in heaven. Christ was the only One who could pay that price, for He was the only sinless one in His human form, 1st Timothy 2:5-- "For there is one God and one Mediator between God and men, the Man Christ Jesus." We are to confess our sins to God, Jesus, not to humans. Though God does tell us forgive others, and also to ask forgiveness from anyone we have wronged or sinned against. **Ephesians 4:32--** "And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God in Christ forgave you." Some of

those we've sinned against have passed away. So we ask Jesus to forgive us those sins just as our other sins, through Him.

1st John 1:9-- "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." Though sin is what brought physical death to life on earth, including the human race, that is our penalty, not the payment for forgiveness of our sin. Jesus took that penalty, and paid the price for our sin with His death on the cross. If we believe in Him and that this is God's way of forgiving us, then ask for His forgiveness, we are forgiven of our sins, and Jesus did it all. **Proverbs 6:16--** "These six things the Lord hates, Yes, seven are an

abomination to Him: A proud look, A lying tongue, Hands that shed innocent blood, A heart that devises wicked plans, Feet that are swift in running to evil, A false witness who speaks lies, And one who sows discord among brethren," The "beginning" period of time in the creation is referred to as, *"laying the foundation of the* earth" in **Zechariah 12:1.** Also Hebrews 1:10 -- "And: You Lord, in the beginning, laid the foundation of the earth, And the heavens are the

work of Your hands." He doesn't tell us much about the beginning, or the billions of years of the universe's transition, but instead goes to **Genesis 1:3-31,** The six literal 24 hour days, "evening and morning", that completed His creation of the universe, the earth and all that is on the earth. Consistent with His narrative on His Son Jesus Christ's time on earth. The fact of Jesus virgin birth, hardly anything about His earthly middle years, and mainly about His last three years of life on earth. Last years, weeks, days and minutes, Jesus life, death, burial and resurrection. Jesus showing mankind who God is, by becoming God in the flesh. John 14:9--"He who has seen Me has seen the *Father*;" Expounding on the latter time of the creation, and the latter time of Christ's human life on earth. The two events that relate to and are the most important to God, and His greatest creation, human

beings made in His image. The taking of the atoms He had created, and making with them the things He wants in His universe, *Romans 1:20--*"For since the creation of the world His *invisible attributes are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse.*"

Exodus 20:11--"For in six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth, the seas, and all that is in them, and rested the seventh day. Therefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and hallowed it." With the book of Romans telling how unbelief can lead to a sin filled life, and also by not believing to an eternal hell. **Romans 1:18-32**--"For

the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who suppress the truth in unrighteousness, because what may be known of God is manifest in them, for God has shown it to them. For since the creation of the world *His invisible attributes are clearly* seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse, because although they knew God, they did not glorify Him as God, nor were thankful, but became futile in their thoughts, and their foolish hearts were darkened. Professing to be wise, they became fools, and changed the glory of the

incorruptible God into an image made like corruptible man—and birds and four footed animals and creeping things. Therefore God also gave them up to uncleanness, in the lusts of their hearts, to dishonor their bodies among themselves, who exchanged the truth of God for the lie, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator. who is blessed forever, Amen. For this reason God gave them up to vile passions. For even their women exchanged the natural use for what is against nature. Likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust for one another, men with men committing what is shameful, and receiving in themselves the penalty of their error

which was due. And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a debased mind, to do those things which are not fitting; being filled with all unrighteousness, sexual immorality, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, evilmindedness; they are whisperers, backbiters, haters of God, violent, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents, undiscerning, untrustworthy, unloving, unforgiving, unmerciful; who, knowing the righteous judgement of God, that those who practice such things are deserving of death, not only do the same but also approve of those who practice

them." Isaiah 42:5--"Thus says God the Lord, Who created the heavens and stretched them out, Who spread forth the earth and that which comes from it, Who gives breath to the people on it, And spirit to those who walk on it:" There was no so called "big bang." Too, the universe clearly shows design in every aspect of its existence. From the laws of physics, to life itself and its many attributes, including instinct, emotion's, the senses, etc. Not only the amazing variety of life, and not just one model of each, but male and female to perpetuate that species, all obvious design. When we die, we are not like a dead deer by the side of the road. At conception, God gives only humans, a body, soul and

spirit, three in one. At death, the body returns to dust, and the soul and spirit rejoin God in heaven with whom they originated. That is, if we have believed and acted on God's truths we rejoin Him, otherwise we are forever separated from God in hell. Because of His mercy and grace and His love of humans, God offers each of us a full pardon of our sin through His Son Jesus Christ. If we seek Jesus, believe Him for who He is, admit to Him we are a sinner, and ask sincere forgiveness.

Romans 6:23-- "For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord." God provides every human with a temporary physical life, in which we are to seek God's way to our everlasting life in heaven, through Jesus and the gospel. *John 3:16--*

"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life."

1stJohn 1:9 -- "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." The gospel, "Jesus Christ lived, was crucified, dead and buried, then rose to life the third day." He paid the penalty for our sins, the Just for the unjust. Before we die, we must be "born again", John 3:3-- "Jesus answered and said to him, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the Kingdom of God."

That is, if we believe God's truth's and we truthfully admit to God that we are a sinner, then sincerely ask God for His forgiveness through the blood sacrifice of His only Son Jesus Christ on the cross. We, actually decide our own fate, heaven or hell. Romans 8:31-39. Verses 38-39--"For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord." We then repent of our sins the very best we can, and try to live and do the things God wants us to do. If we "endure" and are "approved" we

will also, *James 1:12*, *"receive the* crown of life." He doesn't hold children, until a time when they can understand, and also some mentally challenged, responsible. Many around the world have no Christian information, but everyone does have this awesome creation to make determinations on it all. Which is enough for anyone to determine there is a Creator. We are thankful that our Holy God, who knows all humans intimately, decides their fate. If we do truly love God and our fellow human beings, we try to support Bible preaching churches, Christian broadcasting, missionaries, etc, as much as we can. God expects Christians to "tithe." Tithing is not about just money, it is also about

our time. In His wisdom, God judges

not just our actions, but also our motives. Some people can't realistically give ten percent of their income to God's work, while others can give much more. Helping others is one way of tithing our time. We are "saved" by faith, then further "justified" through our works.

James 2:24-- "You see then that a man is justified by works, and not by faith only." Many people may feel that God could and should stop all the death and injustice in the world. He will someday, but He tells us in 2nd Peter 3:8-9--"But beloved, do not forget this one thing, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one 41 day. The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should *come to repentance.*" He wants all humans to accept His forgiveness and repent of sin. God did not create evil, but rather evil happens in the absence of God's ways, and sin that's manifested through Satan and sinful mankind. Also *Hebrews* 10:30--"For we know Him who said,

"Vengeance is Mine, I will repay," says the Lord. And again, "The Lord will judge His people." God once destroyed mankind in the great flood, because of their wickedness. Then set a rainbow in the cloud, *Genesis 9:8-17--* as a reminder of

His promise, covenant, to never destroy all life by water again. But as we look around at the world we live in today, wickedness is growing daily, and seems to be heading to a climax of epic proportions. When this wickedness again reaches the level that only God can determine, He will remove the restraints to evil, His church and Holy Spirit from earth, in "The Great Tribulation." As outlined in the last book in the Bible, *Revelation.* This time instead of by water, His judgement will be by fire. 2nd Peter 3:12-- "looking for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be dissolved, being on fire, and the elements will melt with fervent *heat.*" Nuclear weapons certainly

cause the elements to melt with fervent heat, and there are thousands of them deployed around the world. God foresaw all of this of course, with humans free will. So, while today mankind's knowledge is increasing rapidly, sometimes to its detriment, it's wisdom is declining precipitously. *Jeremiah 9:23-24--*

"Thus says the Lord: "Let not the wise man glory in his wisdom, Let not the mighty man glory in his might, Nor let the rich man glory in his riches; But let him who glories glory in this, That he understands and knows Me, That I am the Lord, exercising lovingkindness, judgement, and righteousness in the earth. For in these I delight," says the Lord." Every person can avoid those terrible times the same way they can avoid eternal hell, by placing their faith and trust in Jesus Christ, being "born again." Fifty days after the ascension of Jesus back to heaven, which He had left to do "The will of the Father" and pay the penalty for our sin, God sent His Holy Spirit, to convict humans of their sin, then guide and comfort them, "Pentecost" Acts 2:1-47. At which time He also instituted His church. Made up of those who truly believe and trust in Jesus Christ, including Messianic Jews. Witness to God's never ending love for Israel and its people. Informing Jewish people "the way" of redemption is through the blood sacrifice of God's only Son Jesus Christ on the cross.

Christians can not judge any ones final destiny, heaven or hell, and God tells us not to, *Matthew* 7:1, *Luke* 6:37, *John* 7:24, but only tells us *Matthew* 7:20-- *"Therefore by their fruits you will know them."* This helps us to believe if they are Christian or not, but we cannot be sure of another human's final fate. Most when they are enlightened,

"born again," do not get vocal and announce it to the world. Though we need and love enthusiastic Christian's that are genuine. Someone we have known all of

our lives may have kept their relationship with God more private, and we do not know all their prayers and things they've done. Though God does want us to use our lives as a witness to His transforming message, and to spread His truth of the gospel. Someone on their death bed can in their last breaths, believe and act on God's truths, without anyone knowing. But we know not the time of our last breath so,

Romans 13:11-12-- "And do this, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep; for now our salvation is nearer than when we first believed. The night is far spent, the day is at hand. Therefore let us cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armor of light."

He gave us,

1st **Thessalonians 4:13-18--** to be aware of how He would care for

Christians, children, and some others, just before total sin and rebellion, Satan's plan for the great tribulation, would come upon the earth. "But I do not want you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning those who have fallen asleep, lest you sorrow as others who have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will bring with Him those who sleep in Jesus. For this we say to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive and remain until the coming of the Lord will by no means precede those who are asleep. For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will

rise first. Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord. Therefore comfort one another with these *words.* "So just before the great tribulation, God is going to remove Christians the church, children and others He deems mentally too young to understand the gospel, and are thus not held accountable. This event is known as the "Rapture." We will be "caught up," called to heaven, for the marriage supper of the Lamb, Jesus Christ, as He marries His faithful bride the church. Meanwhile down on the earth, which many humans have recently left in the rapture, the

"Great Tribulation" will soon begin, and will last seven years. This tribulation is only for people who have not accepted Jesus Christ. After this, Jesus, the church, and all believers from the past, return to earth, Jesus 2nd advent. Jesus will then destroy His enemy's, "Battle of Armageddon." God makes this clear in *Revelation* **19.** After the rapture, the false "antichrist" will make everyone take the mark 666. Those who refuse that mark will be martyred. But now, refusing that mark will be the only way for anyone to get to heaven. This is allegorized in *Revelation 13:1-18*. Matthew 24:27-- "For as the lightning comes from the east and flashes to the west, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be." 1st Thessalonians 4:13-18, and also

1st *Corinthians* 15:51-58, speak of the rapture event.

"Behold, I tell you a mystery: We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed—in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality. So when this corruptible has put on incorruption, and this mortal has put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written: "Death is swallowed up in victory." "O Death, where is your sting? O Hades, where is your victory? The sting of death is sin,

and the strength of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord."

When these two passages speak of sleep, they are obviously speaking of death. Numbers in the Bible are important and not coincidental. God completed the earth and everything on it, including mankind in six days, and rested the seventh day. He has also reached out to mankind in six different ways (dispensations). Innocence, Conscience, Civil government, Promise, Law Ten Commandments, and the present, Age of Grace. Most of mankind has ignored or rejected all six. The seventh dispensation will be next, after the great tribulation is over. It is the one thousand year

"millenium." Revelation 20:1-6. When God binds Satan for one thousand years, and Jesus reigns in "Righteousness". This will be a time of rest for mankind and the creation, *Romans* 8:22-23, both of which have been "groaning" for their redemption from sin. True to His ways, God is and has been warning mankind for centuries, that this time of judgement upon the earth will come. But even sinless Christ, who went to the cross for the payment of our sin, was and is rejected by most of mankind. Still, God in

His mercy and grace had the writers of the new testament remind us that, no one knows the day of Jesus return except God, and that it is imminent. *Matthew 24*, and *25*, *Romans*, 1st *Thessalonians*,

2nd Thessalonians, 1st Corinthians, Revelation, and other scripture. Telling us what to look for and alert us to the fact that God's judgement was ever faster approaching. The rebirth of Israel, Isaiah 66:8 "Or shall a nation be born at

once?" The nation of **Israel** was "reborn" on May 14, 1948.

In *Matthew 24* and *25*, He tells us other things to look for including, increasing number of wars, earthquakes, plagues, apostasy, etc. God has told us in both the old and new testaments, about these coming events. Daniel 12:4-- "But you, Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book until the time of the end; many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall increase." Today, millions are going "to and fro" every day by plane, train, bus, automobile etc. Astoundingly, from being earthbound since the *Creation*, till flight in 1903. Then from 1903 to in 1969, being able to travel "to and fro" between the earth itself and the moon. Also, in the last few decades there has been a dramatic increase of knowledge.

Matthew 24:33-- "So you also, when you see all these things, know that it is near—at the doors! " The Bible corrects mankind's misconceptions MM, with God's truths GT. MM, theory of evolution. GT, *Genesis 1:1-31*. All aspects of the creation, including every living thing, show design, purpose, wisdom and power.

Psalm 53:1--"The fool has said in his heart, "There is no God." MM, big bang theory. GT, **Genesis 1:1--**

"In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth." MM, there are many different ways to heaven. GT, John 14:6-- " Jesus said to him, "I am the way the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." Titus 3:5--

"Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, through the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit." MM, most people are good, and will go to heaven. GT, Romans 3:23-- "For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God." 1stJohn 1:8-- "If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us." 1st Corinthians 1:18-- "For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God." Ephesians 2:13-- "But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ."

Romans 6:23-- "For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord." MM, Satan is a myth. GT, 1st **Peter 5:8--** "Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour." **Luke 10:18-**"And He said to them,"I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven."

Lucifer, most beautiful and powerful of all the angels, is in fact Satan. He was lifted up by his false pride and tried to be equal with God. And so was cast down to the earth where he has been deceiving humans ever since. Isaiah 14:12-- "How you are fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! How you are cut down to the ground, You who weakened *the nations!"* All prophecy concerning Jesus 2nd advent have been fulfilled, one of these, Hebrews 9:28-- "So Christ was

offered once to bear the sins of many. To those who eagerly wait for Him He will appear a second time, apart from sin, for salvation." There are many prophesies in both the old and new testament's predicting Jesus 2nd Advent. God makes it clear, though we've sinned, its not what we've done good or bad, that will determine us getting to heaven. Because good deeds can't earn it, and bad deeds can be forgiven. Rather, its belief in Jesus Christ, and admitting to Him we are a sinner, then a sincere plea for His forgiveness of our sins, through Jesus Christ and His atoning death. God doesn't think like humans. Isaiah 55:8-9-- "For My thoughts are not your thoughts, Nor are your ways My ways", says the

Lord. "For as the heavens are higher than the earth, So are My ways higher than your ways, And My thoughts than your thoughts." He expects us to seek His answers to life.

Matthew 7:14-- "Because narrow is the gate and difficult is the way which leads to life, and there are few who find it." We hope and pray, that more people, young and old, will read, Genesis, Proverbs, John, Romans, as a way of finding God's Truth. Though God also provides the clearest way for any person to reunite with Him, and be assured of eternal life in heaven. That is, to believe in and act on these 3 truths, John 3:16---"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life."

1st **John 1:9---**"If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."

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Ephesians 1:7-9 "In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace. Which He made to abound toward us in all wisdom and prudence, having made known to us the mystery of His will, according to His good pleasure which He purposed in Himself."