

THE BIBLE AND LOGIC

Some, who would not want to believe what the Scriptures teach, make the claim that the Bible is not logical. They insist that to know what truth really is, one must look at life logically, with all reason and wisdom applied so that one might ascertain that truth. They go on to say that within their search for logical truth about life and behavior that the answers cannot be found in the Old and New Testaments.

Upon first reading the Bible, one may come to the conclusion that what is written doesn't make sense. Why does the preacher have to quote so many scriptures in so many different places to support his teaching? Why isn't the Bible arranged in a one, two, three, etc., manner whereby we can easily see all of its dos and don'ts? The answers to these and other questions like it lie in understanding the Bible's purpose, history, theme, and message. And it is my contention that once the Scriptures have been properly presented, they stand alone in clarity, logic, and understandability.

For example, what can be more logical than Galatians 6:7 "...for whatever a man sows, this he will also reap." Or Matthew 12:25, "...any city or house divided against itself shall not stand." Ask yourself; which is observable today, evolution from one species to another, or everything reproducing after its own kind (Gen. 1:12,25). Which is more logical, a society without laws, rules, and regulations or one with strict guidelines to prevent anarchy?

Is it easier to believe in thousands upon thousands of accidents and mutations as the beginning and maturing of man, or just one supreme God as creator of all things? Which thought would you rather live by, to "love one's neighbor as oneself" or the selfish, "look out for number one"? Of all of the above which one is more logical? Which is more reasonable?

The Bible is obviously the work of a supreme being who fits all of the characteristics and qualities of the God found in the Holy Scriptures. Man has not and could not write such a volume. The Bible has proven itself to be the anvil which has worn out many hammers, the eye of the storm, and a lamp shinning in a dark place. No book on earth has given as much instruction, guidance, comfort, revelation, and hope as the Bible. Thousands upon thousands have turned to its pages through the centuries to find answers to life's most difficult problems.

If those who denounce the Scriptures as being authoritative, logical, and reasonable would only give themselves a chance to know this book of life, they too would have to agree that once everything has been said and done it is the Bible that is the logical, reasonable choice to guide men's lives.

As we try to grow in our Positive Spiritual Attitude (PSA) we already recognize the fact of the genuineness and reliability of the Old and New Testaments to guide our life. For to those who successfully live by its laws and precepts, loved its stories of righteousness and valor, kept the commandments written therein, and hope in its promises for the future that when it comes to truth that is logical, reasonable, and factual, the Bible is truth; the truth that can make you free (Jn. 8:32).