# WHAT GOD DOES IS FOREVER! PART 1 - THE WORD OF GOD IS FOREVER ECCLESIASTES 3:14

#### **INTRODUCTION**

We live in a world where nothing is forever! Things wear out and decay! We live our lives observing that the Second Law of Thermodynamics—also known as the law of increasing entropy or disorder—is in full effect! Everything in the universe is winding down.

We observe the law at work around us to such an extent that it almost seems to be a universal law.

Automobiles have to be washed and maintained, oil has to be changed, maintenance and repairs have to be made and eventually, cars must be replaced.

Clothes wear out and must be replaced.

Houses must be painted, roofs have to be replaced, other repairs and maintenance must be made.

However, there are some things that are forever! Our text says it! (Eccl 3:14) *Psalm 119:89–"For ever, O Lord, thy word is settled in heaven."* 

Psalm 119:160—"Thy word is true from the beginning: and every one of thy righteous judgments endureth for ever."

Psalm 12:6,7—"The words of the Lord are pure words: as silver tried in a furnace of earth, purified seven times. Thou shalt keep them, O Lord, thou shalt preserve them from this generation for ever."

Matthew 24:35—"Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away."

1 Peter 1:24-25—"For all flesh is as grass, and all the glory of man as the flower of grass. The grass withereth and the flower thereof falleth away: But the word of the Lord endureth forever."

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#### I. NOTHING CAN BE ADDED TO IT!

It doesn't need a supplement!

#### A. We Don't Need Another Book To Add To The Bible!

- 1. Mormons–Book of Mormon, Doctrines and Covenants, Pearl of Great Price.
- 2. Jehovah's Witnesses–Studies in Scriptures
- 3. Christian Scientist– Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures.
- 4. Seventh Day Adventist–writings of Ellen G. White.
- 5. Islam–*The Koran*
- **B** We Don't Need Another Book About The Bible!
  Realize that ONLY the Bible IS the inspired Word of God!

Commentaries and other books about the Bible are only the word of fallible men!

### C. We Don't Need Another Version Of The Bible!

There have been more than 450 English Versions of the Bible! It doesn't need to be re-written, it needs to be re-read!

If you water it down so that everybody can understand it, then you don't have the Word of God any more!

1 Corinthians 2:14—"But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned."

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#### D. All We Need Is The Bible And Its Author!

The Word of God is perfect, it is sure, it is right, it is pure, it is clean, it is true and righteous altogether. (Psalm 19:7-11)

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#### II. NOTHING CAN BE TAKEN AWAY FROM IT!

Dr. Robert Dick Wilson, former professor of Semitic philology at Princeton Theological Seminary, said,

"After 45 years of scholarly research in biblical textual studies and in language study, I have come now to the conviction that no man knows enough to assail the truthfulness of the Old Testament. Where there is sufficient documentary evidence to make an investigation, the statements of the Bible, in the original text, have stood the test."

A noted Archaeologist by the name of Dr. J. O. Kinnaman said: "Of the hundreds of thousands of artifacts found by the archaeologists, not one has ever been discovered that contradicts or denies one word, phrase, clause, or sentence of the Bible, but always confirms and verifies the facts of the Biblical record."

Over 100 years ago, William Ramsay, a young English scholar, went to Asia Minor with the expressed purpose of proving that the history given by Luke in his gospel and in the Acts was inaccurate. His professors had confidently said that Luke could not be right.

He began to dig in the ancient ruins of Greece and Asia Minor, testing for ancient terms, boundaries, and other items which would be a dead giveaway if a writer had been inventing this history at a later date as claimed. To his amazement, he found that the New Testament Scriptures were accurate to the tiniest detail. So convincing was the evidence that Ramsay himself became a Christian and a great Biblical Scholar.

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In my library I have two books by Josh McDowell entitled *Evidence That Demands A Verdict* and *More Evidence That Demands*.

There was a time when Josh McDowell didn't want anything to do with Christianity or religion of any kind.

But as he was challenged to examine the claims of the Bible and Christianity, the more he studied, the more he became convinced that the Bible is indeed the Word of God and Jesus Christ is indeed the very Son of God!

I have several other books written by Journalist Lee Strobel entitled *The Case For Christ, The Case For Faith*, and *The Case For Christmas*.

Lee Strobel also investigated the claims of the Bible regarding Christ and came to the conclusion that the Bible is true and reliable!

### A. Though The Bible Is Not A Book Of Science, It Is Scientifically True!

#### 1. Creation vs Evolution debate!

Don't be fooled by those who say that Evolution is Science but Creation is Religion!

Evolution is every bit a matter of belief because it is based on shoddy science or pseudo-science!

One of my favorite books in my library is entitled "Many Infallible Proofs" by Dr. Henry M. Morris of the Institute For Creation Research.

Chapter 18 of that book is an entire chapter dedicated to pointing out the *Scientific Fallacies Of Evolution*, In the opening line of that chapter, Dr. Morris states:

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"One of the strangest paradoxes in the history of science is that a theory so barren of scientific proof as evolution could be so universally accepted as scientific fact."

I saw where someone said it this way: "If evolution were put on trial, the case would have to be dismissed for lack of evidence!"

When I studied Bible at *Tennessee Temple University*, One of my favorite classes was my *Apologetics* class *Apologetics* deals with the defense of the Bible as the Word of God and the defense of Christianity.

In that class, I was required to pick from a list of books and do a book review. The book I chose I still have in my office. It is a book by A. E. Wilder-Smith entitled *The Natural Sciences Know Nothing Of Evolution* that shows just how un-scientific evolution really is!

2. Only recently (in my adult lifetime) has science determined that all of mankind have their roots in one woman! The Bible has shown that for thousands of years and goes one step further and tells us her name!

## B. Though The Bible Is Not Just A Book Of History, It Is Historically True!

### 1. Noah and the worldwide Flood!

It is not a myth! It is not just a story! It happened! There is plenty of evidence that suggests that it indeed did happen!

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#### 2. Jonah and the Great Fish!

It's not an allegory! It happened the way God said it happened and for the reasons God said it happened!

### C. The Bible Is Theologically True!

- 1. Regarding Sin!
  - a. All have sinned!
  - b. Sin is against God!
  - c. God will judge sin!

### 2. Regarding Salvation!

- a. There is only one way! Jesus Christ!
- b. It is free to all who will believe!

### 3. Regarding Everything God Has For Us!

#### III. GOD DID IT THAT MEN SHOULD FEAR BEFORE HIM!

Have you believed God's Word? Do you fear Him?

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