

If the Bible were a person,

you could ask him questions and he would tell you what he thinks. Let's pretend the Bible is a real



person and that you're going to ask him questions. The only way that he can answer you is by quoting from his own pages. In this way, he is telling you what he thinks. In this way you will know what is in him. Know that the Bible is not afraid to tell you exactly what he really thinks. He will not hide anything from you. **Here are questions that you might ask the Bible.**

YOU ASK: Who wrote you?

THE BIBLE SAYS: "Know this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, for no prophecy was ever made by an act of human will, but men moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God" (2 Pe 1:20, 21). "The gospel which was preached by me is not according to man. For I neither received it from man, nor was I taught it" (Ga 1:11, 12).

YOU ASK: Why should I believe you?

THE BIBLE SAYS: "These have been written that you may believe... and that believing you may have life" (Jn 20:31). "All the utterances of my mouth are in righteousness; There is nothing crooked or perverted in them" (Pr 8:8).

YOU ASK: Why have you been around so long?

THE BIBLE SAYS: "My words... shall not depart... from now and forevermore" (Is 59:21). "Until heaven and earth pass away, not the smallest letter or stroke shall pass away" (Mt 5:18).

YOU ASK: Are you a myth?

THE BIBLE SAYS: "We did not follow cleverly devised tales when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of His majesty" (2 Pe 1:16-18).

Scriptures taken from the New American Standard (NAS) version unless otherwise noted.

YOU ASK: Are you a dead letter that was written only for people long ago?

THE BIBLE SAYS: "The word of God is living and active and sharper than any two edged sword, and piercing as far as the division of soul and spirit, of both joints and marrow, and able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart" (He 4:12). "For the promise [forgiveness of sin & the gift of the Holy Spirit] is for you and your children, and for all who are far off" (Ac 2:39).

YOU ASK: Why do so many phony people teach the Bible?

THE BIBLE SAYS: "A pretext for greed... seek glory from men, either from you or from others" (1 Thess 2:5, 6).

YOU ASK: Why do religious people not always do what the Bible says to do?

THE BIBLE SAYS: "For the sake of... tradition. In vain do they worship... teaching as doctrines the precepts of men" (Mt 15:6, 9).

YOU ASK: How can you help me?

THE BIBLE SAYS: "To know wisdom" (Pr 1:2). "All Scripture is... profitable for teaching... that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work" (2 Tim 3:16, 17). "The word implanted... is able to save your souls" (Ja 1:21). "With most of them [the Jews], God was not well pleased; for they were laid low in the wilderness. Now these things happened as examples for us, that we should not crave evil things, as they also craved... and they were written for our instruction" (1 Cor 10:5-6, 11).

YOU ASK: Why are no other books included in your Bible?

THE BIBLE SAYS: "I felt the necessity to write to you appealing that you contend earnestly for the faith which was **once for all delivered**" (Jude 3). "Even though we [an apostle, preacher, teacher, evangelist, or prophet], or an angel [e.g. Moroni/Mormons] from heaven, should preach to you a gospel contrary to that which we have preached to you, let him be accursed... I say again... let him be accursed" (Ga 1:6-9). "I testify to everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: if anyone adds to them, God shall add to him the plagues which are written in this book; and if anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part from the tree of life and from the holy city, which are written in this book" (Re 22:18, 19).

YOU ASK: People say you contradict yourself and are inconsistent. Is this true?

THE BIBLE SAYS: "The untaught and the unstable distort... the Scriptures" (2 Pe 3:16). "Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a workman who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth" (2 Tim 2:15 NIV).

YOU ASK: Do you think God really can see me?

THE BIBLE SAYS: "There is no creature hidden from His sight, but all things are open and laid bare to the eyes of Him with whom we have to do" (He 4:13).

YOU ASK: How can I get God's help in my life?

THE BIBLE SAYS: "To this one I will look, to him who is humble and contrite of spirit, and who trembles at My word" (Is 66:2). "He may strongly support those whose heart is completely His" (2 Chron 16:9). "If anyone serves Me [Jesus], the Father will honor him" (Jn 12:26).

YOU ASK: Do you think God really loves me and wants me to live?

THE BIBLE SAYS: "God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believes in Him should not perish, but have eternal life" (Jn 3:16).

YOU ASK: What's the best way to study the Bible?

THE BIBLE SAYS: "Meditation all the day" (Ps 119:97). "Blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked... But his delight is in the law of the Lord, and in His law he meditates day and night" (Ps 1:1, 2).

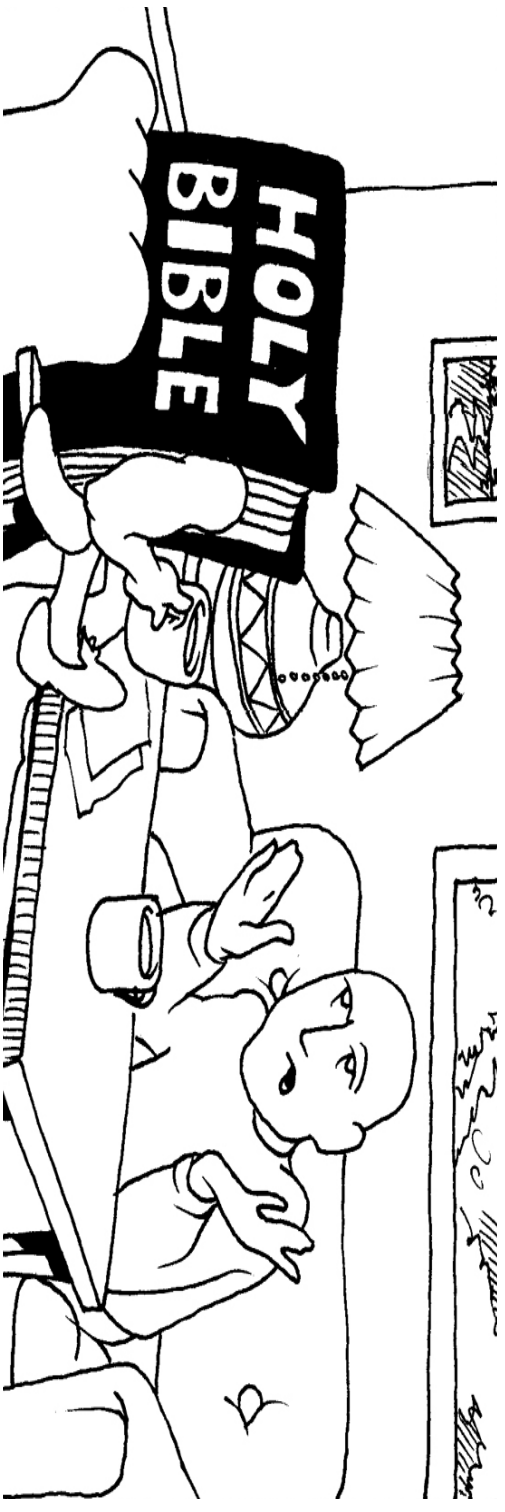
YOU ASK: What great things can I do for God?

THE BIBLE SAYS: "They said therefore to Him, 'What shall we do, that we may work the works of God?' Jesus answered and said to them, **This is the work of God**, that you believe in Him whom He has sent" (Jn 6:28, 29). **Who did God send? Do you trust in Him?**

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