

Twenty Questions

- ◆ 14 Questions on the Inerrancy of the Bible
- ◆ 6 Inerrancy related questions on Theology

Your Name:

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YES

NO

14 QUESTIONS ON THE INERRANCY OF THE BIBLE

1. Did Moses write the first 5 books of the Bible (with the exception of the account of his death in Deuteronomy 34)?

2. Did God make Eve out of a rib from Adam's body and did the entire human race descend from that first pair of human beings as described in Genesis chapters 2-5?

3. Should the account of the fall of Adam and Eve in Genesis 3, the account of Noah and the flood and distribution of families over the earth in Genesis 6-9, the plagues of Egypt in Exodus 4-15 and the fall of Jericho in Joshua 6 be taken as serious, actual history the way we take the signing of the Declaration of Independence in 1776 as actual, time-space history?

4. Did God actually give the Ten Commandments and the other laws to Moses in the word-for-word way they are recorded in Exodus 20-23 (in the original Hebrew language) and the instructions for building the tabernacle and furniture the way those instructions are recorded in Exodus 25-27?

5. Did Isaiah the prophet write the whole book of Isaiah in the 8th century B.C. and was the book of Daniel written in Daniel's time in the 6th century B.C.?

6. Did all the miracles recorded in Matthew, Mark, Luke, John and the Acts happen exactly the way they are recorded in those 5 books?

7. When Christ and the apostles cast out demons, were personal demonic beings actually making an exit from those victims and is there a real, personal Satan who is bent on deceiving and destroying human beings and whose activities in actual history with Job are recorded in Job 1 and 2?

YES

NO

8. Is Paul's hierarchical teaching in Ephesians 5 (that wives are to live in submission and obedience to their husbands as the Church should in relation to her Lord Christ) to be taken as normative teaching which is absolute and is binding on the Church in the 20th century as it also was in the 1st century?

9. Is the entire Bible (Genesis through Revelation) inerrant in its statements about matters of interest to science, history, anthropology, psychology and ethics as it is inerrant regarding matters of faith and practice, Heaven and the unseen World?

10. Is the Bible synonymous with and identical to the written Word of God so we may accurately say, "The words and sentences of the Bible (in the original manuscripts) are the very words and sentences God wanted written into the Bible..." and so we may say, "What the Bible says, God says."?

11. Did Jesus and Paul believe and teach the view of inerrancy of Scripture which was later defended by Augustine, Luther, Calvin, Spurgeon, Hodge, Warfield, Machen and recently Francis Schaeffer?

12. Is the Historical-Critical Method (and the JEDP theory as it is generally applied) a liberally biased, destructive, non-neutral tool because of its anti-supernatural presuppositions that should not be followed by Bible-believing scholars?

13. Is the view of Scripture as it was taught by Hodge, Warfield, Machen and Francis Schaeffer more biblical, more logical and more like the view taught by the heroes of church history the first 18 centuries than that view of Scripture taught by the neo-orthodox theologians Kart Barth, Emil Brunner and the later G.C. Berkouwer?

14. Do you agree with the 19 Articles of the Chicago Statement on Biblical Inerrancy* created by the I.C.B.I. and do you consider that statement to accurately reflect the Bible's teaching about its own inspiration and the approach to Scripture of the mainstream scholars of church history during the first 18 centuries of the church?

*Read or print from www.ChurchCouncil.org

YES

NO

**6 QUESTIONS ON THEOLOGY WHICH CAN REVEAL
ONE'S VIEW OF THE BIBLE'S INERRANCY**

15. Was Jesus' death a substitutionary payment of the death penalty for men's sins to propitiate God's wrath and offer a legal, forensic justification for those humans who willingly come under Christ's blood atonement?

16. Will the entire human race be separated into only two categories, those who respond properly to God and Christ's atonement to spend eternity with God in heaven, and those who respond improperly to be separated from God for eternity in hell?

17. Are abortion-on-demand, adultery, homosexual sex and pornography condemned by God in the Bible for all people for all time so involvement in any of these practices would be scripturally and morally sinful for any Christian?

18. Does Socialism, Marxism and "Liberation Theology" stand in opposition to the principles of the Bible and its teachings about man, law, government, economics and general reality?

19. Should all secular psychology including that taught by men such as Freud, Skinner, Rogers and Maslow be informed by, interpreted by, and judged by Scripture for its conformity to truth and reality rather than Scripture's view of man and reality being informed and judged by secular psychology?

20. Were Calvin, Knox, Bradford, Witherspoon, Spurgeon, Warfield and Francis Schaeffer correct in claiming that in the Bible, God calls all kings, governors and civil magistrates to govern the people justly as servants of God on earth as justice is defined in the Bible, and that those magistrates also must live under those principles of justice at all times as private persons or public officials?

I have written some comments on the back of this page to: a) more fully Express certain answers; b) state my opinion about some of the questions; c) explain why some questions are not answered.