

Messenger of Truth

"Holding forth the Word of Life" (Phil. 2:16)

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Faith

"God does not expect us to submit our faith to Him without reason, but the very limits of reason make faith a necessity." – Augustine

"All I have seen teaches me to trust the Creator for all I have not seen." – Ralph Waldo Emerson

"Faith is the capacity to trust God while not being able to make sense out of everything." – James Kok

"Faith is not jumping to conclusions. It is concluding to jump." – W.T. Purkiser

"Faith is not believing God can; it's believing God will." – Lewis Timberlake

"Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen" (Heb. 11:1). Did you notice the writer makes reference to "the evidence of things not seen?" It is not referring to a belief in something that has no basis in fact. Actually, the original word suggests the idea of proof!

Let's be reasonable. What is more baseless to believe; that God created everything and we see the evidence, or that all that we see is the process of evolution and chance. Perhaps if the people who promote the foolishness of evolution would listen to themselves, they might have a change of heart.

Once, while listening to a television program, there was a highly educated man who said that reptiles "decided" to grow wings, and over the process of millions of years did so. Seriously? Was that man really thinking about the absurdity of his statement?

True faith has its basis in fact, not conjecture. And God has not left us without that evidence. We have sixty six books known as the Bible to provide us with our proof, along with the ability to see the wonders upon the earth and in the heavens. "So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God" (Rom. 10:17). "The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament shows His handiwork" (Psa. 19:1).

Isn't it amazing how people will believe something that has been written that may only be based upon one or even two manuscripts? They are ready to accept it as fact! The Bible itself is the product of more than 24,000 manuscripts! Any reasonable person would say that it shows that the Bible has a strong basis for being believed.

Man's salvation is dependent upon faith in God. "But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him" (Heb. 11:6).