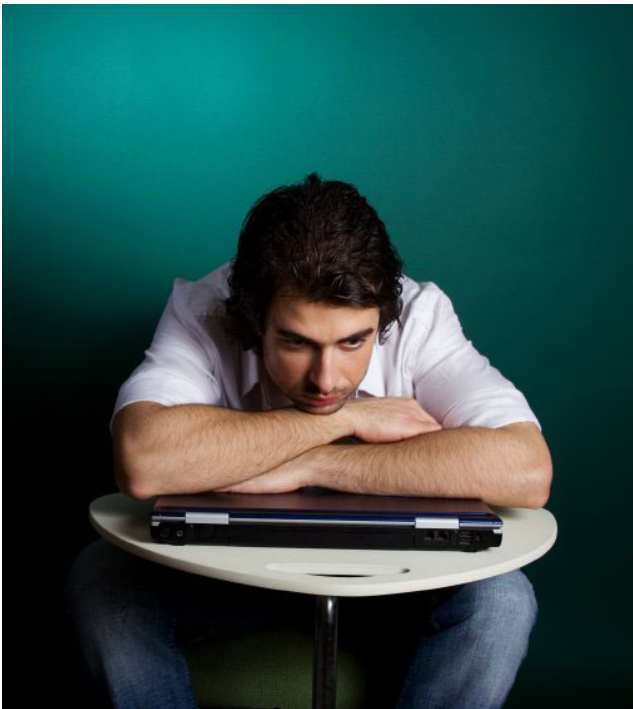


Is this all there is to life?



Is there more to life than:

buying the “latest”?

socialising?

holding down a stressful job?

getting older?

an uncertain future?

For some of us, life can be good, but most of us have problems.

Many of us are uncertain about our long term future.

So we should ask the question “Is this all there is?”

Is there anywhere we can look for an answer? Will we have good reason to believe it?

We will explore whether there is such a source of information. We shall look for good reasons for trust when it tells us about our long term future.



We need a source of information that we can trust to tell us about our long term future

Why bother about our long term future?



When our short term future is threatened by illness or accident, most of us seek help from someone we trust.

When anyone is seriously ill or injured, we call an ambulance to get help to the person as soon as we can.

Ambulances are given priority on the road and everyone co-operates in assisting the ambulance to get to its destination quickly.



Our long term future is uncertain. So we need urgent help from a source of information we can trust.

The Bible is just such a trustworthy source of information. There is much evidence to convince us that the Bible comes from a power greater than ourselves and that its message can be trusted. We will look at some of this evidence.

Why is the Bible worth reading?

The Bible contains unlikely accurate predictions

We can only predict the future based on what has happened in the past.

The Bible, on the other hand, predicted that the Jews would be generally unpopular and have a history unlike any other nation.

These predictions are:

- clear and direct
- known to have been written before the event
- written by people who had no influence to make them come true
- fulfilled by people who were not aware they were doing so



These highly unlikely predictions have proved 100% accurate!

The Bible contains a law ahead of its time



The Bible contains a system of law given to the early Israelites that was thousands of years ahead of its time!

Compared with the practices of other nations, the Bible's advice on community health was remarkable. It wasn't until the nineteenth century that most European countries discovered and adopted ideas found in this 3000 year old law. If we had taken the Bible's advice earlier on sewage disposal and

hygiene, many lives would have been saved.

There are parts of this civil law which are even ahead of our time. The Bible law forbade rich Jews from charging interest on loans to their poor Jewish neighbours – preventing the rich becoming richer and the poor becoming poorer.

The Bible is supported by archaeology

About 200 years ago, many of the places and people found in the Bible were not known to be mentioned anywhere else. Critics said that the Bible was myth and legend. But in the last 200 years, names from the Bible have leapt to life with the discovery of palace walls, stones, coins and cylinders, like the one in the picture, mentioning Biblical names and records of Biblical events.



The Bible has a consistent message

The Bible is made up of 66 individual books written down by a variety of people.

There is *no other book in the world* written down by so many different authors spread over a period of 1,500 years that has such a consistent message.



The Bible does not conflict with scientific facts



Wherever they look, scientists find that our world is made up of distinct animals and species.

There are no observable facts to support *major* development of species.

This agrees with the Bible record that our world was made fully functional.

More information:

Look at the “What is the evidence the Bible is special?” and “Has Science disproved the Bible?” sections.

So, what about our long term future?

The Bible tells us:

- that our Creator is concerned about people
- we have a caring Creator who has a rescue plan for our planet
- that God sent His Son, Jesus Christ, as part of His plan



The rescue plan

We seem increasingly incapable of running this planet ourselves. So a worldwide government headed by a wise caring ruler is planned. Jesus Christ will return to the earth to implement this plan.

The plan involves sorting out our world's problems including :



war
famine
pollution
and the problem we all face - death

Have a look in a Bible at Daniel 2 v 44 and Micah 4 v 1 to 4

On a personal level, the Bible tells us that we can be involved in this plan. If we die before Jesus comes, we can be raised from the dead.

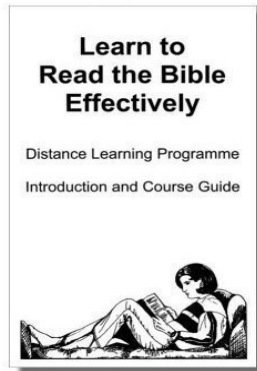
You can learn more about this rescue plan in the "What is the meaning of life?" section



For evidence to help you to decide if you can trust the Bible rescue plan:

Have a look at the “What is the evidence the Bible is special?” section.

If you would like to know more about the Bible message:



Click here (www.biblecourse.f9.co.uk)

Frequently asked questions...

Who are the Christadelphians? A group of people who believe that the Bible is the Word of God, and base their beliefs on what it teaches.

Why are they doing this? Our faith and belief in God makes us want to share His message of truth. We believe that the Bible is God's message to us. We also believe that what He teaches is right and helpful in directing our lives. We feel compelled to tell everyone about the wonderful plan that God has for our earth. We want people to make their own informed decision.