

## BUT THE BIBLE SAYS:

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There are those who boldly embrace the materialistic philosophy of naturalistic evolution, **BUT THE BIBLE SAYS:** “*The God that made the worlds and all things therein*” (Acts 17:24).

There are those fence-straddlers who maintain the impossible theory of theistic evolution, **BUT THE BIBLE SAYS:** “*In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth*” (Gen. 1: 1).

There are those who condescendingly accept the inspiration of the Bible in “thought” or “substance,” **BUT THE BIBLE SAYS:** “*Which things also we speak, not in words which man’s wisdom teacheth, but which the Spirit teacheth*” (1 Cor. 2:13; read also vv. 6-13; Matt. 10:19-20 and Lk. 21:12-15).

There are those rationalists who contend that Jesus had an earthly father as well as an earthly mother, **BUT THE BIBLE SAYS:** “*Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel: which is, being interpreted, God with us*” (Matt. 1:23; read vv. 18-25).

There are those who assert that marriage and monogamy are mere human arrangements developed gradually by society, **BUT THE BIBLE SAYS:** “*And he answered and said, Have ye not read, that he who made them from the beginning made them male and female, and said, For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and shall cleave to his wife: and the two shall become one flesh? So that they are no more two, but one flesh. What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder*” (Matt. 19:4-6; read also Gen. 2: 18-24).

There are those who, influenced by modern society, maintain that the wife should have as much authority in a marriage and home as the husband, **BUT THE BIBLE SAYS:** “*Wives, be in subjection unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord. For the husband is the head of the wife, as Christ also is the head of the church*” (Eph. 5:22-23; read also Col. 3:18; Gen. 3:16; 1 Pet. 3:1-7).

There are those who wishfully declare that the Scriptures do not actually condemn homosexuality, **BUT THE BIBLE SAYS:** “*For this cause God gave them up unto vile passions: for their women changed the natural use into that which is against nature: and likewise also the men, leaving the natural use or the woman, burned in their lust one toward another, men with men working unseemliness, and receiving in themselves that recompense of their error which was due*” (Rom. 1:26-27; read also vv. 24-25; 1 Cor. 6:9-10; 1 Tim. 1:10; Gen. 19:4-5; Lev. 18:22, 24; 20:13).

There are those feminists who think that there is nothing in the Bible that would bar women from serving as preachers, elders and deacons in a congregation or from taking a lead in public worship (the assemblies of a church), **BUT THE BIBLE SAYS:** “*Let a woman learn in quietness with all subjection. But I permit not a woman to teach, nor to have dominion over a man, but to be in quietness*” (1 Tim. 2:11-12), and: “*Faithful is the saying, If a man seeketh the office of a bishop, he desireth a good work. The bishop therefore must be without reproach, the husband of one wife*” (1 Tim. 3:1-2), and: “*Let deacons be husbands of one wife*” (1 Tim. 3:12). (Read also 1 Cor. 11:3; 14:32-35; 1 Tim. 2:13-15; Titus 1:5-9).

However, what the Bible plainly teaches carries no weight with many people for various reasons. Some openly reject God and regard the Bible as a deceptive fabrication. Others regard the Bible as the product of honest and sincere, but deluded and misguided men. Still others believe it to be nothing more than the speculations of some ancient religious people. Then there are those who regard it as the inspired word of God “in substance,” which leaves it all in question since the “actual wording” is viewed as entirely of men. **“THE BIBLE SAYS” WILL HAVE WEIGHT ONLY WITH THOSE WHO RIGHTLY REGARD IT AS THE LIVING WORD OF THE LIVING GOD.**

