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## The Bible Still Stands

The Bible has been in existence for some time, the oldest part of it about 3,500 years old, the youngest part of it almost 2,000 years old. It has stood the test of time; it has come through trials too numerous to mention. Its history and geography have been denied or questioned again and again, only in every case to be confirmed when relevant evidence became available. Time and again various Biblical statements have been branded as in conflict with facts of science, but none has been proved to be. "It is filled with contradictions" has been a repetitive cry, but the foundation of each charge has always consisted of such things as (1) ignoring the context, (2) misconstruing the words, or (3) problems with either ascertaining the original wording or the proper way of translating that wording. Be sure, the Book still stands and always will; and we can rely upon it. "The Bible is God's word" must mean the Bible is true in what it says and is "the truth" in what it contains.

## Evolution Has Shaken The Faith Of Many

Many religious people believed in God, believed Jesus of Nazareth to be more than a man, and believed the Bible to be a book from God. These same people believed that God is the Creator of the universe, just as the Bible teaches. But along came the hypothesis, theory, or whatever you want to call it, of evolution (naturalistic, general or macro—) — the assumption that everything in the universe evolved gradually, that man himself and all other living things evolved slowly from primitive forms of life, that had themselves evolved out of non-living materials). Evolution grew in popularity and acceptance and was propped up with all kinds of impressive "evidences" (mostly academic rhetoric) until it was finally even being claimed that no reputable scientist rejected it. This shook the faith of many of the aforementioned believers.

## Their Solution: A Compromise

Some of these same religious people, especially preachers and academic teachers, not wanting to seem foolish and ignorant and not wanting to reject the whole foundation of their religious faith, decided that they would have to find a way to reconcile creation and evolution. In the process, they sold out — to evolution. They decided that God must have "created" the universe by the process of evolution, and that the Genesis account of creation (chapters 1 and 2) must be taken as an allegory or as purely figurative language. Some came up with the "gap theory" or the "day age" theory. Thus was born "theistic evolution," a thing most evolutionary scientist laugh at. The truth of the matter is that evolution is false, has not been established and never will be, and that the Bible story is a true and factual account. Creation and evolution are antithetic, and evolution requires more faith than creation to embrace.

## The Charge Of Contradictions Has Shaken The Faith Of Many

Similarly, many religious people who believed in God, believed Jesus of Nazareth to be more than a man, and believed the Bible to be a book from God were also disturbed when non-believers began to unfairly and injudiciously label many things in the Bible as misleading, false, exaggerated, contrary to known facts, and contradictory to themselves. These alleged "discrepancies" have been dealt with effectively time and again in various volumes and on polemic platforms (in debates). In spite of that, they are "discovered" again and repeated by some in

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