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Before we begin, Why do we use the authority of Jesus Christ? No one is better! ... This Document is one of a series of position statements Documents on The Authority Of The Bible. This Document is the next step for those who have admitted that they are a sinner and that Jesus of Nazareth died in their place so that they can live with a holy God forever. There are many things in the Bible that support that Jesus is the Messiah Christ Savior Son of God such as Jesus rose from the dead never to die again as support for who He is. But Satan the Devil hates the Bible and he shows up with the same message that he used in the Garden of Eden: "It isn't so". When people become Christian, they can be hindered in getting all that Jesus and the Bible offer them because misinterpretations lead them to miss all that Jesus offers and desires. This document examines the teaching of Jesus that Bible Scripture cannot be broken or false. Please consider.

It's been a lifelong search for truth. It's been a lifelong search for "what is truth?" You are invited to come with me on this search. Please walk with me as I tell you what I found.

Not hearing what I wanted to see about truth, I began a lifelong independent study concerning truth and what truth is. Way back in the days of the Bible book of Judges: "In those days there was no king in Israel: every man did that which was right in his own eyes." But if there is truth, then logically everybody can't have their own opinion of what it is. Even today in our history people have different opinions about truth that is confusing if there is real truth. I would like

to get to the real truth if such a thing really exists. In my mind the lack of finding the real truth if such exists is imperative to me since there are thoughts of various kinds of eternal life after death. Knowing truth if such exists seems very important to me. Thus I have pursued a lifetime of independent study about truth.

Even the nature of truth needs to be found if possible - - what is truth? Pilate asked Jesus "What is truth?" when he had Jesus on trial. Matthew 27:19 "When he was set down on the judgment seat, his wife sent unto him, saying, 'Have thou nothing to do with that just man: for I have suffered many things this day in a dream because of him." [guidance from God and Jesus Christ often come through our minds with one thought seeming better than the other thoughts.] Pilate ignored his wife and sent the Prince of Life, the Son of God to His death. Pilate did not have a clue about truth or what it was!

If there is such a thing as truth, I want to find it!

Some accept the Bible on faith without much examination of why this is indeed true. Theirs is an admirable, successful position. But I would like to know more about why it is true.

In my work with adults, the idea that there can be errors in the Bible presents a great hinderance to getting all the Bible has to offer. Experts are used for authority who are less than the authority of Jesus Christ. Jesus did not teach that there are errors in the Bible. Instead, assuming a Bible passage is correctly interpretated, Jesus said, "Scripture cannot be broken (or false)" (John 10:35b). Saying that we do not understand about something in the Bible is not the same as saying there is something that is an error in the Bible.

My first understanding about ultimate truth came in another document which is listed at the end of the present document. It is an examination of what we call knowledge which is the tentative truth we accept.

In my lifelong independent study of truth, I think that I have found three unique things of ultimate truth that no one else has found.

In a study of numerology, I noticed that the pattern of prime numbers changes at every prime square. This is truth based on definitions and

their extension. This may be why a formula for the pattern of prime numbers is so hard to find. Prime numbers are used in encryption. This truth is discussed in another document.

Also in the same studies I noticed the truth that starting at prime 5 square the distance between two prime squares is a multiple of 24.

In passing I will mention that the music I have written patterned after the masters is a special kind of truth.

Now with the **Bible Loop** I see a much more important, ultimate truth that can give us complete confidence in the Bible Old and New Testaments <u>based on the authority of Jesus Christ</u>, correctly interpreted, and under His guidance.

The Bible Loop:

>> [Down the one side of the loop from God] God to Jesus Christ:

John 12:49-50 "For I {Jesus} have not spoken of Myself; but the Father which sent Me, He gave Me a commandment, what I should say, and what I should speak. And I know that His commandment is life everlasting: whatsoever I speak therefore, even as the Father said unto Me, so I speak." This Jesus said at the end of His earthly ministry in the book of John.

>> [Approaching the bottom of the loop] Jesus Christ to His close disciples and they include Paul as Scripture; these are the special selected voices for Jesus Christ:

John 15:15 "Henceforth I call you not servants; for the servant knows not what his lord does: but I have called you friends; for [Jesus to the disciples whom He chose to be a voice for Him] all things that I have heard of My Father I have made known unto you."

(End prayer of Jesus to disciples; "Neither pray I for these alone (His close disciples), but for them also which shall believe on Me through their word;" (John 17:20)

(Paul a Scripture level voice for Jesus and Peter); Acts 9:15 "for he (Paul) is a chosen vessel unto Me, to bear My Name before the

Gentiles, and kings, and the children of Israel:" [Jesus choosing Paul to be a Scripture level voice for Him is mentioned twice in Acts.] Acts 22:14-15 "And he said, 'The God of our fathers has chosen you (Paul), that you should know His will, and see that Just One, and

(Paul), that you should know His will, and see that Just One, and should hear the voice of His mouth." "For you (Paul) shall be His witness unto all men of what you hast seen and heard."

- 2 Peter 3:15-16 (the disciple apostle Peter includes Paul with Scripture) "And account that the longsuffering of our Lord is salvation; even as our beloved brother Paul also according to the wisdom given unto him has written unto you;" "As also in all his (Paul's) epistles, speaking in them of these things; in which are some things hard to be understood, which they that are unlearned and unstable wrest, as they do also the other Scriptures, unto their own destruction."
- >> [Bottom of the loop] Disciples and Paul give their message to you and me in the Bible New Testament:
- >> [Up the other side of the loop back to God] You and me to the disciples and Paul: we accept their message and thus onto Jesus and thus to God.

John 13:20 "Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that receives whomsoever I send (includes those who become the Bible messengers for Jesus) receives Me; and he that receives Me receives Him that sent Me."

Matt. 10:40 "<u>He that receives you receives Me, and he that receives</u> Me receives Him that sent Me."

Simply stated, the Bible Loop is:

God told Jesus.

Jesus told the His chosen disciples what God said. Paul was especially chosen by Jesus also. ----- this is the authority!

The chosen disciples and Paul tell us their message in the Bible New Testament.

He who receives the [New Testament] message of Jesus's chosen disciples and Paul that Jesus chose to be a voice for Him -- those

people who receive these Scriptural-level voices for Jesus [the disciples and Paul] receives Jesus and thus receives God!

Caveats and things to realize:

- Jesus gives approval of the Bible Old Testament in the disciples' and Paul's Bible New Testament message. ... [Jesus speaking: Think not that I am come to destroy the Law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil. For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled." ... [Jesus also said:] "Then he said unto them, O fools, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken: Ought not Christ to have suffered these things, and to enter into his glory? And beginning at Moses and all the prophets, he expounded unto them in all the scriptures the things concerning himself. -- And they said one to another, Did not our heart burn within us, while he talked with us by the way, and while he opened to us the scriptures?" ... "Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me." ... And the great Moses said in the Old Testament that a Prophet was coming like him - Listen to Him.
- The New Testament re-interprets the Old Testament in places like Acts 15 and the book of Hebrews. (We in our age of human history are under the Bible New Testament New Covenant with God and the Bible Old Testament Covenant is no longer in effect as a covenant.) For instance, we do not do Old Testament Leviticus material sacrifices. We do not say that Leviticus is in error. We are under a different Covenant with God now. Hebrews 10:10b "we are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all".

- Acceptance without obedience and not following the guidance of God and Jesus that they put in our minds is not acceptance. John 14:22-24, 15 "Judas said unto Him, not Iscariot, 'Lord, how is it that You will manifest Yourself unto us, and not unto the world?' Jesus answered and said unto him, 'If a man love Me, he will keep My words: and My Father will love him, and We will come unto him, and make our abode with him. He that loves me not keeps not My sayings: and the Word which you hear is not Mine, but the Father's which sent Me (which come to us through the disciples' and Paul's Bible message)." ... "If you love Me, keep My commandments." Luke 11:28 "But He {Jesus} said, 'Yea rather, blessed are they that hear the Word of God (the Bible message), and keep (obey) it." You have to know Jesus to understand the Bible. It is possible to know only about the historical Jesus when what we really need is to know Jesus. ... And, without obedience, we will not get the Comforter, the Spirit of truth. Jesus will not come to us in His fullest sense. ... There is more than one kind of obedience. Devils believe and tremble. When Jesus makes a command to demons, they obey because Jesus has power over them. This is not the kind of obedience we are talking about. The kind of obeying that we are talking about is the kind that exists between two people that love each other. ... John 14:15-18 "If you love Me, keep My commandments. And I will pray the Father, and He shall give you another Comforter, that He may abide with you for ever; Even the Spirit of truth; Whom the world cannot receive, because it sees Him not, neither knows Him: but you know Him; for He dwells with you, and shall be in you. I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you."
- We will not understand all. Like when two passages seem to conflict with each other. We are told that we now see through a glass darkly in some cases. Especially In those cases pray for divine guidance.
- From the Bible Loop we see that the Holy Spirit guided the formation of the Bible. 2 Peter 1:21 "For the prophecy came not

in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Ghost." Ephesians 3:5 "Which in other ages was not made known unto the sons of men, as it is now revealed unto His holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit;"

Other points:

- Bigotry: Note that from the record of Jesus and the woman at the well, Jesus could talk to anyone politely (John 4:3-43).
 Jesus and the woman were completely different. So completely different that the disciples were amazed to see that Jesus was talking to the woman! When it comes to bigotry, Jesus did not participate.
- A strength of Jesus is His lack of condemning. Instead He has an abundance of love. The soldiers that killed Him on the cross -- He asked God to forgive them. How can He die for us in our place if He condemns us instead of loving us? Jesus faced a woman with Bible sin and He told her that He did not condemn her. Instead He told to go and stop sinning. It would be unfair if we sinners were supposed to stop sinning and there was not a way to stop. ... "For God so loved the world, that He gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believes in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through Him might be saved." ... "For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God; Being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus". We cannot erase past sins ourselves. ... The greatest confession of sin is Psalm 51.
- See the seed parable about the Bible in Matthew 13, Mark 4, and Luke 8. ... The Bible is the historical record from the original believers. Many of us can learn the Bible by reading and using it with God and Jesus Christ.

- Two Bible Study Methods are shown in the Bible. ... Paul said to test all things and keep what is good. The Berean Christians did this well. "And the brethren immediately sent away Paul and Silas by night unto Berea: who coming thither went into the synagogue of the Jews. These were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so. Therefore many of them believed; also of honourable women which were Greeks, and of men, not a few." ... Jesus used the Psalm 1 Method: "Blessed is the man that walks not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of the scornful. But his delight is in the Law of the Lord; and in His Law does he meditate day and night. And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that brings forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he does shall prosper." By the time Jesus was an older youth He could discuss Scriptures with the leading authorities of His civilization in the temple.
- "As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the Word, that you may grow thereby:" ... (Don't need to be chastened.) "For when for the time you ought to be teachers, you have need that one teach you again which be the first principles of the oracles of God; and are become such as have need of milk, and not of strong meat. For every one that uses milk is unskillful in the Word of righteousness: for he is a babe. But strong meat belongs to them that are of full age, even those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil."
- (Jesus speaking:) "If you keep My commandments, you shall abide in My love; even as I have kept My Father's commandments, and abide in His love."
- Go to Church. "Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together".

- "You go therefore, and teach all nations, ... Teaching them to observe <u>ALL</u> things whatsoever I have commanded you".
- "If your enemy hunger, feed him; if he thirst, give him drink: for in so doing you shalt heap coals of fire on his head."
- Our body is the temple of the Holy Spirit.
- Know and use the Lord's prayer daily.
- Jesus said that in this world you shall have tribulations but He has overcome the world. He will be with us through whatever.
- The Scriptures tell us to <u>speak "the truth in love"</u>. Read all of Ephesians 4 if you have not done so lately. The book of Ephesians has a lot to say about not letting the world guide us but rather let Jesus Christ guide us. Have we checked ourselves lately to see if we are getting with the program?

From Romans: "we shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ. For it is written, "As I live," says the Lord, "every knee shall bow to Me, and every tongue shall confess to God. So then every one of us shall give account of himself to God."

From John: "And if any man hear My words, and believe not, I judge him not: for I came not to judge the world, but to save the world. He that rejects Me, and receives not My words, has one that judges him: the word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day. For I have not spoken of Myself; but the Father which sent Me, He gave Me a commandment, what I should say, and what I should speak. And I know that His commandment is life everlasting: whatsoever I speak therefore, even as the Father said unto Me, so I speak."

[And as we said earlier in this document, we get these words through His disciples and Paul in the Bible.] From John: "Henceforth I call you not servants; for the servant knows not what his lord does: but I have called you friends; for [Jesus to the disciples whom He chose to be a voice for Him (and Paul too is a chosen voice)] all things that I have heard of My Father I have made known unto you."

- There is a power greater than government and politicians.
- America is in religious decline. Can America be saved? (Other nations are having problems also.)

Our founders are great but most are redeemed sinners who turned to God to do as much as realistically possible. What will we do as redeemed sinners also who are seeking God's guidance? Our founders did not rid their generation of all the sin in it just as we will not rid our generation of all of the sin in it. Some of our founders personally did things that the government could not or would not do.

He (God) increases the nations, and destroys them: He enlarges the nations, and straitens them again.

[Substitute "forming our new, great nation" for "out of the land of Egypt".]"Beware that you forget not the Lord your God, in not keeping His commandments, and His judgments, and His statutes, which I command you this day: Lest when you hast eaten and are full, and have built goodly houses, and dwelt therein; And when your herds and thy flocks multiply, and your silver and your gold is multiplied, and all that you have is multiplied; Then your heart be lifted up, and you forget the Lord your God, which brought you forth out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage; Who led you through that great and terrible wilderness, wherein were fiery serpents, and scorpions, and drought, where there was no water; who brought you forth water out of the rock of flint; Who fed you in the wilderness with manna, which your fathers knew not, that He might humble you, and that He might prove you, to do you good at your latter end; And you say in your heart, 'My power and the might of mine hand has gotten me this wealth.' But you shall remember the Lord your God: for it is He that gives you power to get wealth, that He may establish His covenant which He swore unto your fathers, as it is this day. And it shall be, if you do at all forget the Lord your God, and walk after other gods, and serve them, and worship them, I testify against you this day that you shall surely perish. As the nations which the Lord destroyed before your face, so shall you perish; because you would not be obedient unto the voice of the Lord your God."

"If My people, which are called by My Name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land."

But someone may say that not everyone in the nation will become God's "My people". We are freewill creatures and this is unrealistic that all will become God's "My people". Such is not even prophesied. But how many people will be enough as God's "My people" before God will "heal our land"? Abraham once had a discussion in Genesis 18:20-33 about how many of His people is enough. God agreed that there was a number that would be "enough". In another place (1 Kings 19:18), God told dejected Elijah that "Yet I have left Me seven thousand in Israel, all the knees which have not bowed unto Baal, and every mouth which have not kissed him". Thus, we see that God is realistic about how many is "enough" to fit the situation.

• And now there is Satan the Devil. ... "Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of His might. [Get Jesus to help.] Put on the whole armour of God, that Ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. [Get Jesus to help.] For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness; And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace; Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith you shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword

of the Spirit, which is the Word of God: Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints;"

"For the Word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart."

"Faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God."

"Your Word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path." With a lamp or lantern you can only see a few steps ahead of you.

• Jesus is going to return to earth – the Second Coming: "For the Lord Himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel". This may happen at the beginning of the Tribulation a time of a hellish time on earth: "For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be". As I understand it, Jesus will remove His people before the Tribulation. Much conversion and martyrdom will happen during the hellish Tribulation. Check out Jesus Christ before the Tribulation comes and avoid going through the hellish Tribulation. It will come "like a thief in the night". Watch! And be ready!

Jesus said that no one knows when these things will happen – only the Father.

Here is a job for you.

You can help us, the nation and the world. Pray! Pray and then see how God and Jesus Christ guides your mind. Being bedridden, in jail, medically restrained, or whatever otherwise limited - - you can still pray for us unless you mind is restrained.

In the Bible book of Revelation we are told that the God keeps the prayers of the saints in golden vials in heaven! On behalf of myself and others I thank you for your prayers! God bless you!

Here is more on prayer. Scriptures say that: "God hears the prayer of the righteous." Scriptures also say: "The prayer of the upright is God's delight." Do you believe those quotes? Do you really believe those quotes enough to meet the conditions required. Some things in the Bible have conditions. Some prayers, though, you can just shout out to God in your mind. Saints and righteous mean people who are forgiven and are humbly seeking to learn and obey. There can be hinderances to prayer which may be sin related. The prayer that Jesus taught us says about God that "Your kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven." Biblical Christians are given this admonishment and it concerns the purpose of baby Jesus Who came for our forgiveness so we can dwell with a holy God forever (that is " she shall bring forth a son, and you shalt call His Name Jesus: for He shall save His people from their sins.": "I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all people; for kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty. For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour; Who will have all people to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God, and one mediator between God and people, the man Christ Jesus; Who gave Himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time."

There can be problems though. politicians, judges, attorney generals, district attorneys, prosecutors, justice departments, law enforcement, etc., the media, religious leaders and such people act as a kind of "watchman" for our civilization. Ezekiel tells us in the Bible: "If when he {a watchman} sees the sword come upon the land, he blow the trumpet, and warn the people; then whosoever hears the sound of the trumpet, and takes not warning; if the sword come, and take him away, his blood shall be upon his own head. He heard the sound of the trumpet, and took not warning; his blood shall be upon him. But he that takes warning shall deliver his soul. But if the watchman see the

sword come, and blow not the trumpet, and the people be not warned; if the sword come, and take any person from among them, he is taken away in his iniquity; but his blood will I require at the watchman's hand." Sometimes God uses us to hold these people accountable.

Be aware that God offers a message not humanly limited wisdom. The message is about Jesus the Christ Messiah and His way. Worldly powers and commentators appeal to logic. They often forget that there is a higher power. But when logic does not convince or is short-circuited, there is a higher power. And there is a place where governments, adversaries, Satan the Devil, no earthly power, and circumstances cannot not stop! Scriptures say that "He {God} disappoints the devices of the crafty, so that their hands cannot perform their enterprise. He takes the wise in their own craftiness: and the counsel of the froward is carried headlong. They meet with darkness in the day time, and grope in the noonday as in the night." We need to remember Who is in charge. Scriptures also say that "He {God} stretches out the north over the empty place, and hangs the earth upon nothing. He binds up the waters in His thick clouds; and the cloud is not rent under them. ... The pillars of heaven tremble and are astonished at His reproof. ... by His understanding He smites through the proud. ... but the thunder of His power who can understand?"

Scriptures tell us that "Elias was a man subject to like passions as we are, and he prayed earnestly that it might not rain: and it rained not on the earth by the space of three years and six months. And he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain, and the earth brought forth her fruit." You might be such a person. Lady Esther was told in the Bible, "who knows whether you are come to the kingdom for such a time as this?" Again, we thank you for your prayers! Even our nation or the nations of the world may be aided or saved by the prayers of you!

In an earlier document I put what I had learned about truth at that time which is what we call knowledge. An except from that document follows.

[Begin the reading about knowledge (which is what we view as truth)]:

This document that you are reading could have been called "The Intellectual Basis Of Belief And The Belief Basis Of Intellect". Here is a comprehensive statement about knowledge that should not be too hard to understand.

- Knowledge cannot be "proved" in a way that all people will inescapably be compelled to accept it. After reviewing the evidence, logic, and issues that may be relevant, people have to decide what they are going to bet their life on -- that is, what are they going to put their "faith in".
- Knowledge is expressed in symbols devised by limited, finite human minds. Lacking infinite knowledge and the ability to see the total mind set behind the universe, we would be wise to realize that our derived knowledge would likely be able to use refinement or even a totally new, more correct approach when we gain further insights. In a like manner, our interpretation of the kind of knowledge that we accept as not derived but instead as given to us -- our interpretation of this kind of knowledge could also get a more refined interpretation as we grow and gain more interpretation insights.
- There is a kind of knowledge that comes from tentative conclusions and educated guesses from observable data by limited, finite human minds.
- There is a kind of knowledge that comes from logical deduction type thinking from tentatively accepted assumptions and definitions by limited, finite human minds.
- These first two kinds of knowledge come from using concrete symbols that have a definite meaning like words and mathematics.
- There is a kind of artistic knowledge, like music and the arts, that uses either symbols that do not have a definite meaning or symbols that have a definite meaning but are used as symbols that do not have a definite meaning. We each can put our own living meaning into this kind of unique knowledge as we realize what it is symbolically saying. But, this knowledge is very slippery in relation to the moral world. This knowledge cannot transform symbols with immoral attachments into moral symbols. For instance, if you start

with symbols with obscene associations, the final product will have obscene elements even though we may be in a social web that pressures us to say that the obscene has been transformed and is no longer there. This artistic kind of knowledge has a way all of its own in being moral, amoral, or immoral based on its use in context. This knowledge can tell us about our feelings about life. This artistic knowledge, properly used, can stir our feelings about our choices in making decisions in life and we can choose to let it uplift our souls high above mundane human existence.

- Also, there is a kind of knowledge that the Bible calls the secret things belonging to the Lord our God which we will never know in this life and probably not know some of it in the next life.
- Then, there is a kind of knowledge about the world that God has created and the way He has made it to operate that we cannot know unless He tells us. This knowledge He does reveal through the prophets and apostles and also through the prayers of the children of God who walk Biblically with God and His Christ. God gives us appropriate evidence and tests so that the children of God walking Biblically will know that the knowledge is from God and not from Satan, the Devil. Within this kind of knowledge and the standard for all knowledge is a special Book called by such names as the Bible or Holy Scriptures and sometimes just God's Word and this Book reveals to us what God wants us to observe or do to get all of His benefits.
- Knowledge can be complicated by the fact that what the mind accepts as knowledge can be influenced by personal world view, social peer pressure for popular positions, peer pressure (professional or otherwise) even threats including death, thus self-preservation, selfishness, accepting of false promises made by others, incomplete study of the issues, etc.
- It might be mentioned in passing that correct Biblical faith in the unseen is smart faith not blind faith. That is because there are times that we have to have faith in the unseen but we can do this based on the faith that we already know. Thus what might seem to be blind faith can be due to a smart faith basis.
- It might also be mentioned that Biblical knowledge to know which way to act in a situation is based on consulting with God and Christ for guidance as we consider how to act. Mentally talk to Them or talk to Them out loud. This is called prayer. Of course, we use what the Bible tells us also. Bible Proverbs 3:5-12 tell us "Trust in the Lord with

all your heart; and lean not unto your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths. Be not wise in your own eyes: fear the Lord, and depart from evil. It shall be health to your navel, and marrow to your bones. Honour the Lord with your substance, and with the firstfruits of all your increase: So shall your barns be filled with plenty, and your presses shall burst out with new wine. My son, despise not the chastening of the Lord; neither be weary of His correction: for whom the Lord loves He corrects; even as a father the son in whom he delights." Jesus said in John 15:5, "I am the vine, you are the branches: He that abides in Me, and I in him, the same brings forth much fruit: for without Me you can do nothing." We still use our minds though. The Bible writer Paul said, "Prove all things; hold fast that which is good." Clearly understand any statement given to you as fact; then, test it; keep what is good. In other words, consider all of the positions on a matter and their support. Do they interpret the facts correctly and consider all of the evidence? How does each position handle difficulties? Were all of the options or positions really considered? It also follows that literary works, drama, video, writings, etc. when exploring various positions on a matter should not leave out religious positions to a problem and literary works should not be living out the fantasies of the writer or presenting how the writer unrealistically wished the world would work. The Bible prophet Isaiah tell us to avoid the following situation when we seek the guidance of God and Christ concerning a position to a problem, "Behold, the Lord's hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; neither His ear heavy, that it cannot hear: but your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid His face from you, that He will not hear."

To better understand Biblical Christianity, study what it means to believe in Jesus Christ who is more than just a historical person who lived in the past - - He is a risen from the dead living Person who resides in a spiritual realm and is very much available to us by praying and talking to Him mentally or by talking aloud. From the Bible we learn about Jesus. From Jesus and those He endorses in the Bible we learn the importance and proper use of the Bible. Learn about the Bible and its rewards. Jesus said in John 14:15, "If you love Me, keep My commandments." Furthermore Jesus said in John 15:5, "I am the vine, you are the branches: He that abides in Me, and I in him, the same brings forth much fruit: for without Me you can do nothing." But remember, Jesus said, "My sheep hear My voice, and I

know them, and they follow Me:". (John 10:27) And He also said, "If any man serve Me, let him follow Me; and where I am, there shall also My servant be: if any man serve Me, him will My Father honour.". (John 12:26) And, "If a man love Me, he will keep My words:" (John 14:23).

[End of the reading on knowledge. Knowledge which tentatively we accept as truth.]

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