

## CAN YOU TRUST THE BIBLE?

### THREE TRUTHS THAT VERIFY THE BIBLE IS "THE WORD OF GOD."

#### 1. IT IS MIRACULOUS, A SUPERNATURAL AND UNIQUE WORK

- A. WRITTEN OVER 1500 YEARS
  - 40 generations
  - 40 authors
  - (kings, fishermen, poets, scribes and tax collectors)
- B. WRITTEN IN DIFFERENT PLACES
  - prison, wilderness, battlefields and palace
- C. WRITTEN IN DIFFERENT CONTINENTS
  - Asia, Africa, Europe
- D. WRITTEN IN DIFFERENT LANGUAGES
  - Arabic, Hebrew and Greek

QUESTION: Who lived in three different continents? Who knew three languages and lived for 1500 years to put this literary work together so that its message was consistent?

#### 2. IT IS PROPHEPIC

- A. PAST EVENTS:
    - The events in history did happen just as the Bible said they would.
  - B. FUTURE EVENTS:
    - The Bible records many events yet to come as testimony to its timeless nature for all generations. John 13:19
- QUESTION: Who knows the future, God or man?

#### 3. JESUS GUARANTEES IT

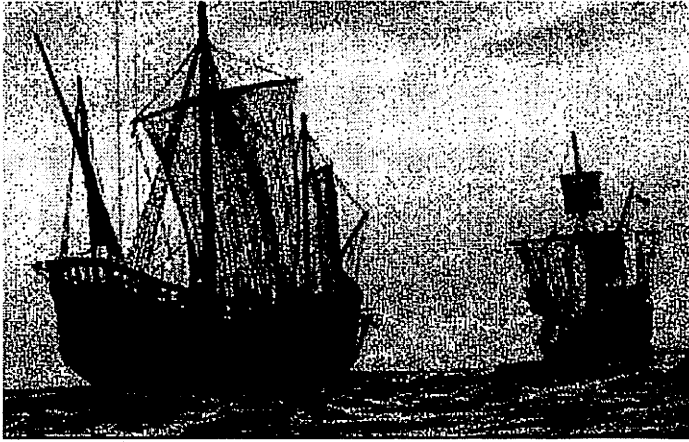
Jesus said the following, can we trust him?

- A. OLD TESTAMENT
  - Moses and his writings are true. John 5:46
  - Psalms and prophets are true. Luke 24:44
- B. NEW TESTAMENT
  - Holy Spirit will bring it to your remembrance. John 14:26

### CHARACTERISTICS OF GOD'S WORD

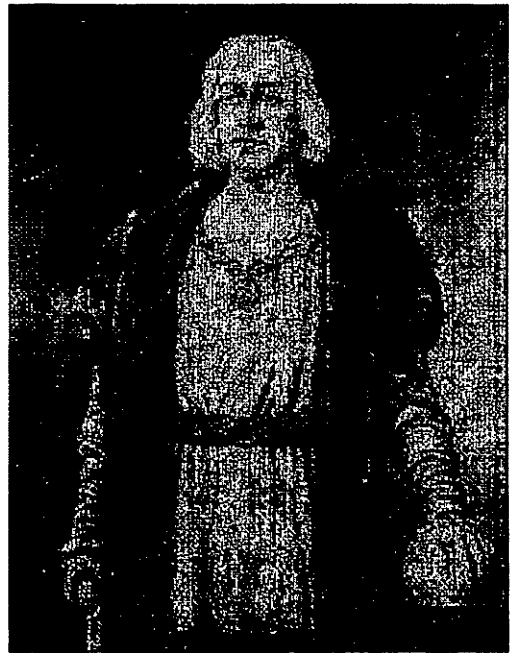
- 1. TRUTH
  - Biblical Basis: John 8:32
- 2. ESTABLISHES STANDARD
  - Biblical Basis: John 12:48
- 3. PROMISES OF GOD
  - Biblical Basis: II Cor. 1:20, II Peter 1:4
- 4. FAITH BUILDER
  - Biblical Basis: Rom. 10:17
- 5. KNOWLEDGE AND WISDOM
  - Biblical Basis: Hosea 4:6 Rom. 12:2
- 6. LIGHT
  - Biblical Basis: Ps. 119:105, Ps. 119:130, Ps. 43:3
- 7. SPIRITUAL FOOD
  - Biblical Basis: Luke 4:4, Deut. 8:3
- 8. ENCOURAGEMENT
  - Biblical Basis: Rom. 15:4
- 9. HOPE
  - Biblical Basis: Ps. 119:74, Ps. 130:5
- 10. JOY
  - Biblical Basis: John 3:29, John 15:11

CAN YOU NAME MORE?



*An  
Inspiring Testimony:  
from  
the Diary of  
Christopher  
Columbus*

*"It was the Lord who put it into my mind,  
(I could feel His hand upon me),  
the fact that it would be possible  
to sail from here to the Indies. All  
who heard of my project rejected it  
with laughter, ridiculing me. There  
is no question that the inspiration  
was from the Holy Spirit, because  
He comforted me with rays of  
marvelous inspiration from the Holy Scriptures.....*



*I am a most noteworthy sinner, but I have cried out to the Lord  
for grace and mercy, and they have covered me completely. I  
have found the sweetest consolation since I made it my whole  
purpose to enjoy His marvelous Presence.*

*For the execution of the voyage to the Indies, I did not make use of intelligence, mathematics or maps.*

*It is simply the fulfillment of what Isaiah\* had prophesied.....*

*No one should fear to undertake any task in the name of our Savior, if it is just and if the intention is purely for His holy service. The working out of all things has been assigned to each person by our Lord, but it all happens according to His sovereign will, even though He gives advice. Oh, what a gracious Lord, who desires that people should perform for Him those things for which He holds Himself responsible! Day and night, moment by moment, everyone should express their most devoted gratitude to Him."*

- from "Columbus's Book of Prophecies".

This book is only available in Spanish. It has never been published in the English speaking world. Some excerpts have been privately translated into English by August J. Kling. He quoted the passage above from Columbus's diary in an article which appeared in the October 1971 issue of "The Presbyterian Layman".

\* Columbus's reference to Isaiah's prophecy was probably Isaiah 40:22.

In this scripture passage the prophet Isaiah made reference to "the circle of the earth".



**"It is *He* who sits above the circle of the earth".  
(Isaiah 40:22)**