

THE RIGHT QUESTION!!!!

Why does God do good things to bad people?

But God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Romans 5:8



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TRUTH Answering Questions People Ask

Key Passages: Colossians 4:6, 1 Peter 3:15

Q#1: Isn't all truth relative? Doesn't truth change? (John 8:31-32)

Relativism is a logical paradox that cannot and does not exist

The statement: All truth is relative is an absolute truth statement

If the statement is true, then absolute truth exists in the _____

If the statement is false, then all truth is not relative

A#1. ALL TRUTH IS absolute and unchangeable

It may APPEAR to be relative and changing when any of these three circumstances exists

a. Historical discoveries or changes provide new information or change circumstances

b. When two absolute truths collide and create a moral dilemma

c. When language creates miscommunication about truth

Q#2: How can we trust that the Bible is true?

2 Questions must be answered:

Is what we have today what was written down 2000 years ago?

Is what was written down 2,000 years ago true ?

The closer the known manuscripts are to the original the more reliable the manuscript is.

Pliny the younger - 750 years

Gallic Wars by Caesar - 1000 years

Works of Plato - 1100 years

Writings of Aristotle - 1400 years

New Testament - 50-60 years

The higher number of copies of the manuscript the greater the ability to determine the original

Pliny the younger - 7 copies

Gallic Wars by Caesar - 10 copies

Works of Plato - 7 copies

Writings of Aristotle - 49 copies

The Iliad by Homer - 643 copies

New Testament - 24633 copies

What we have today is what was written down 2,000 years ago

The writers of the New Testament wrote as eyewitnesses or recorded eye witness accounts
(1 John 1:3, 2 Peter 1:16, John 20:30-31, Acts 2:22-24)

What was written down 2,000 years ago is TRUE

The Bible is the most unique book in all of history

a. In comparison with other works of literature

b. In circulation

c. In continuity

A#2: Because every test to determine its authenticity, reliability, accuracy and uniqueness leads to the conclusion that the Bible is the one true Word of God

Q#3: Why do bad things happen to good people

THE WRONG QUESTION!!!!!!

a. There are no good people (Mark 10:18)

b. We live in a fallen world (Romans 5:12)

c. Life's circumstances befall everyone
(Matthew 5:44-45)