

# One Book is Indispensable!



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Some people love to read, and they make a commitment to finish a certain number of books in a year—which is *good* if the book contains good *material* or worthwhile *information* that is spiritually *inspiring* and explaining God’s plan for this life. Jesus said to Martha: Luke 10:42 “*One thing is needful: and Mary hath chosen that good part, which shall not be taken away from her.*”

*One Book is indispensable* and ready to speak to the reader on any given *day* and in any given *situation*. Hebrews 4:12 “*It can discern the secret thoughts and purposes of the heart.*” Any *verse* at any *time* can inform us of something we had *not realized* in previous readings.

Even though we would love to have been close friends with Jesus in the first century, He told a woman who thought that—Luke 11:28 “*Nay rather,*” He replied, “*They are blessed who hear God’s Message and carefully keep it.*” *Obedience* to God’s *Word* is the key to *eternal life!*

Only *three things last forever! God; His Words; and our souls!* A real danger today is *false doctrine* or *wrong plan* of living. Satan does everything possible to get us *off* the seldom-traveled road of *faith* in *God*, and onto a well-traveled road of *trust* on *self*. Satan doesn’t care

what *book* we read, just so it is not *the Bible*. He wants us *off* the narrow path, so he can steer us *onto* the wide road.

We must remain alert to *deception* and keep our *guard* in place—asking God every day to protect us every moment from false teaching that could put us on the well-traveled road of trusting in anything and everything but God. Anything we *hear* or *read* must be filtered with Scripture. If it doesn’t agree with the *Word*, it should be discarded as *waste!*

There is much religious teaching today that there are *many paths* to Heaven—saying *Jesus* is not the *only* way to get there, but Acts 4:12 the *One Book of Truth* refutes that lie. “*In no other is the great salvation to be found; for, in fact, there is no second name under Heaven that has been given among men through which we are to be saved.*”

The minister of a large church recently ended a prayer with: quote *I humbly ask this in the name of the One Who changed my life—Yeshua, Isa, Jesus [Spanish he-soos], and Jesus* unquote. *Yeshua* is the Hebraic form of Jesus—spoken by OT Hebrews; *Isa* is the Arabic form of Jesus—spoken by Muslims; and the pronunciation [*he-soos*]*—is used by Hispanics. That prayer put all religions under the same umbrella.*

Even a former U.S. President said quote *I believe there are many paths to the same place* unquote. Another President said quote *I do believe there is an Almighty that is broad and big enough, and loving enough that can encompass many people. I don’t think God is a narrow concept; I think it’s a broad concept—that others have different avenues to God* unquote.

It is *essential* that we know the *Truth* from the *One Book* that contains it. Matthew 7:13 “*Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and*

*many there be which go in thereat: 14 Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it.*”

Jesus always spoke the *truth*—that the way to *Heaven* is a *narrow* road—it is *not* broad and *not* the popular way. In a recent book, the author wrote that Jesus says: quote *I am the best way any human can relate to God* unquote. So is Jesus the *best* way to relate to the Father, or the *only* way—that is the question—and the answer is in the *One Book*—Jesus is the *only way, and truth, and life.*

Another religious teacher who has been heard by millions for decades said quote *I used to believe that pagans in far off countries were lost, and would go to the Lake of Fire. I no longer believe that. I believe that there are other ways of recognizing the existence of God* unquote. Are there *other* ways to know of God’s existence, or is there just *one* way! John 17:3 “*This is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent.*”

Knowing God then and allowing Him to teach us is absolutely essential. John 14:6 Jesus said, “*I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me;*” and the apostle said, 1 Timothy 2:5 “*There is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus.*”

We have to *know* and *believe* that Jesus is who He *said* He is—the *only* way; giving the *only* Truth; and explaining the *only* life that leads to the Father. John 8:24 “*I said therefore unto you, that ye shall die in your sins: for if ye believe not that I am he, ye shall die in your sins.*”

Some people are careful not to *offend* anyone—they would rather not say that a person’s belief system is *wrong* and that it will lead to the *wrong place*—but it is *not* offensive to tell someone the *truth* if the opportunity is presented to us.

The most loving thing we could do, is tell someone the truth! Galatians 4:16 *“Have I therefore become your enemy because I tell you the truth?”*

Far too many have accepted another gospel that will take them to another place—a place that they do not wish to go. Galatians 1:6 *“I marvel that ye are so soon removed from him that called you into the grace of Christ unto another gospel: 7 Which is not another; but there be some that trouble you, and would pervert the gospel of Christ.”* There are many distorted gospels heard on the air, over the Internet, and spoken in churches today.

*One Book is indispensable*, and it has all answers to questions. Galatians 1:8 *“But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed. 9 As we said before, so say I now again, If any man preach any other gospel unto you than that ye have received, let him be accursed.”*

If anyone is *accursed*, they would not enter the Kingdom. It is a serious word because God is serious concerning *His Word*. 2 Corinthians 11:4 *“For if he that cometh preacheth another Jesus, whom we have not preached, or if ye receive another spirit, which ye have not received, or another gospel, which ye have not accepted, ye might well bear with him”—or why do you tolerate wrong teaching!*

This is *repeated* because it is *important*—we must *not* miss the point. There is only *one Gospel* and *one way* to the Father—and that is through *faith* in the atoning *Blood* of His Son—who says we must put our *trust* in God the Father; we *must forgive* everyone of everything ever done to us; and we must *love* one another if we expect to enter Paradise!

Galatians 1:10 *“Am I now trying to win the approval of men, or of God? Or am I trying to please men? If I were still trying to please men, I would*

*not be a servant of Christ.”* It does not matter what *others* think of us, but it *does* matter what *God* thinks of us. We must *not* be deceived about eternity. John 17:3 *“This is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent.”*

To question whether Jesus is the only way to Heaven, is to question the Word of the *Father*—who said Acts 4:12 *“Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.”* 2 Peter 1:20 *“Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation. 21 For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.”*

We know from historical accounts; from archaeology; and by fulfilled prophecy that the Bible is inspired by God; that it is 2 Timothy 3:16 *“Useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It straightens us out and teaches us to do what is right.”*

All religions come down to a *book*, but the *Bible* is the only one that has proven to be accurate and true. Psalm 12:6 *“The words of the LORD are pure words: as silver tried in a furnace of earth, purified seven times.”* Psalm 19:7 *“The law of the LORD is perfect, converting the soul: the testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple.”*

*One Book is indispensable* to know the truth of who *Jesus* really is. Jehovah’s Witnesses teach that Jesus was the archangel Michael, but *that* is definitely *not* true. John 1:1 *“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.”* John 1:14 *“And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.”*

Jesus is the Word, and the Word is God, so Jesus is God! Jehovah’s Witnesses have it all wrong—and it *will* affect their eternity. 1 John 5:7 *“For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one.”*

What the Bible *says*, the Father *spoke*; what Jesus *taught*, the Father *told* Him; and what the Holy Spirit *inspires* us to do is the *Truth* from the *Book*. John 10:30 *“I and my Father are one.”* God the Father *says*; the Son *teaches*; and the Spirit *inspires* the reader to follow that Truth.

It is a *troubled* world today, but Jesus assures John 14:1 *“Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. 2 In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.”*

But the only way to move into our new *place*, is to follow the teaching of the only *Book*. Jesus added 4 *“And whither I go ye know, and the way ye know.”* Thomas didn’t know, but we should know the way—John 14:6 *“I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.”*

*One book is indispensable* in getting us safely home. John 14:11 *“Believe me [Jesus said] that I am in the Father, and the Father in me”—*when He said to *love* others; to *forgive* everyone; to *trust* Him; and to *follow* His teaching by faith—He *meant* it!



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