

The Secret is Revealed!



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The apostle wanted Ephesians 6:19 “To make known the mystery of the gospel,” and God has revealed the secret of His Truth, but we have to want the Truth and then want to live it every day. There is no excuse for anyone not knowing because God has revealed the secret to the world.

The evidence for a divine Creator is overwhelming and we need to know Him, because He wants His created beings to really understand His character, love, and concern for them. God does not want us to find our own way in life but wants us to find our way back to Him—that is why He has given us a written record that tells all about His plan for mankind.

There are thousands of religions in the world, and each one has their own concept—and their own god. Buddhists seek a state of nirvana—following the path of the Buddha who went on a quest for Enlightenment in the sixth century B.C. Buddhists do not believe in a personal god—it is a belief system that is tolerant of all other beliefs or religions. We know that is not God’s Truth.

The Muslim god, Allah, is distant, strict, and demanding. The New Age religion says that everything and everyone is a god—and that is not true. Hindus view God as Brahman—a universal spirit that everyone can be part of. They do not acknowledge God as a Supreme Being, but worship many lesser gods. There is no truth in that either.

Jews believe that God is the Creator—a personal, all-powerful Spirit who revealed Himself to Abraham and to the prophets—promising someday to manifest Himself as the Messiah. Christians, however, know that God is that same Creator, and they believe that He did manifest Himself as Jesus, the true Messiah. 1 John 3:8 “For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil.” Christians know that Jesus will return—Acts 17:31 “Because [God] has appointed a day on which He will judge the world in righteousness by the Man whom He has ordained.”

There are many other beliefs about who God is, but only true believers in Christ know the One true God. Most people think it is wrong to claim that only one belief system is true—and that all the others are wrong. Each religion, however, offers a concept of God that is contradictory to that of the other religions. They cannot all be true—they can all be wrong, but cannot all be right. We must know which one is right, if we want to know what our destiny will be.

To determine the validity of each option, we have to examine the religious texts of the various belief systems, and then do some test to see which one is true. There is the Book of Mormon; the Koran; the Hadith—sayings of the prophet Muhammad; the Bhagavad Gita—a 700-verse Hindu scripture; and there is the Holy Bible of the Christian faith.

The one that contains the Truth is the one that leads to Paradise—the Truth matters! If a multiple-choice test gave this example: $2 + 2 = a-4; b-5; c-3; \text{ and } d-6$, and we know the answer is “a,” we would not need to study options *b*, *c*, and *d*. There is only one right answer, and four or many wrong answers.

One person is currently President of the United States—one right answer; and over seven billion wrong ones. The apostle said Ephesians 4:4

“There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling; ⁵ One Lord, one faith, one baptism, ⁶ One God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.” We must know what is true!

If someone believes that there is nothing on the other side of the grave, but that after passing from this life, they find that there is something—then that person would be 100% wrong. There cannot be a wrong answer unless there is a what or a right answer. There has to be a right answer for eternity, and there is eternal Truth that God wants us to know. He has revealed the secret.

Either there is something after we pass from this life, or there is nothing—the many religions in the world cannot all be right when it comes to eternity. If there can be a wrong answer for eternity, then there has to be a right one. God has revealed the secret of Truth—leading to eternal life! Acts 4:12 “For there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.”

Reincarnation is a common belief in Hinduism; Buddhism; Transcendental Meditation; and other New Age religions. Reincarnation is based on the supposed “law of karma,” in which good deeds and bad deeds are used to determine a person’s fate. Good karma earns a better status in the next life; while bad karma brings misery that matches the wrongs of the past.

Reincarnation ends when one has advanced enough to have neither good karma nor bad karma—but is neutral. They are then absorbed into an impersonal universal consciousness—and become one with the universe. However, if reincarnation were true, someone would have to keep track of every deed of every person who ever lived to make the karmic system work.

Such a person would have to be: Everywhere—omnipresent; able to see everyone at all times and to know their thoughts and

intentions. They would have to be: All-knowing—*omniscient*; in order to keep track of all those billions of individuals and their actions, and then determine whether someone deserves *good* karma or *bad* karma.

They would have to be: All-powerful—*omnipotent*; able to enforce their decisions. They would have to be: Pure and perfect—knowing exactly what is *good* and what is *evil* in every situation. They would have to be *righteous* to make a just *righteous judgment* in how a person would spend eternal life. These requirements describe a *personal; all-knowing; ever-present; all powerful; just; and righteous* Being. Only the One God of the Bible fits *that* description!

If individuals will have their actions judged as *right* or *wrong*, they would have to *know* in advance what the *definitions* of right and wrong would be. They would have to be able to judge *themselves* by some truth, because it would be the *worst* thing for someone to live their entire life and to accumulate millions of good deeds, only to find out that it was one deed *short* of Paradise.

We know that *God* is righteous, just, and impartial, and that *He* will show us clearly *who* He is; *how* we can know Him; *what* He expects of us; and *what* are the requirements for receiving eternal life. He has given clear guidelines in the Bible on what is *right* and what is *wrong*.

The Bible is made up of 66 books; written by more than 40 authors over 60 generations—1,600 years—but is actually one Book by one Author. The unity, harmony, and accuracy of the Bible cannot be compared to that of any other book. The Bible is a *divine* Book; written by our *divine* Creator. What is required of us is Micah 6:8 “*To do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God?*”

The Holy Scriptures were written by writers of various backgrounds—kings; herdsman; fishermen; poets; statesmen; scholars; priests; and

prophets. The Bible was written on the continents of Asia, Africa, and Europe—in the languages of Hebrew; Greek; and Aramaic. Nevertheless, the Bible presents *one plan* of redemption for all who will *read* and *heed*—then *trust* what God is saying. The Bible is the best-selling book of all time, and sales are about 150 million per year, with approximately 4 billion Bibles in print, in over 2,000 languages. The Bible is written by God—who gave Moses Exodus 31:18 “*Two tables of testimony, tables of stone, written with the finger of God.*”

Other religious texts are *not* inspired and written by men—such as the Koran; the Book of Mormon; the Hindu Bhagavad Gita—and the book of Christian Science.

Only the Bible has been written by God—which says: “*Thus saith the Lord*”—over 3,000 times. Exodus 4:22 “*And thou shalt say unto Pharaoh, Thus saith the LORD, Israel is my son, even my firstborn.*” The fact that God’s *Truth* of the Bible can only be *known* by the enlightenment of the Holy Spirit, *proves* that it is a *divine revelation* to the believer, but a *closed book* to the world. John 3:27 “*A man can receive nothing, except it be given him from heaven.*”

There are 24,000 ancient copies of portions of the New Testament, but the next closest in all of antiquity is Homer’s Iliad, of which there are 643 ancient copies. Secular historical records attest to the truth of the Bible—a Book that explains the rise and fall of great empires like Greece and Rome. God gave enlightenment to Daniel, who was able to interpret king Nebuchadnezzar’s dream about a huge golden image. The first thing Daniel did was pray to God for wisdom. Daniel 2:19 “*Then was the secret revealed unto Daniel in a night vision. Then Daniel blessed the God of heaven; 20 Blessed be the name of God for ever and ever: for wisdom and might are his.*”

Daniel said Daniel 2:28 “*There is a God in heaven that revealeth secrets, and maketh known to the king Nebuchadnezzar what shall be in the latter days.*” Daniel adds Daniel 2:30 “*This secret is not revealed to me for any wisdom that I have more than any living*”—meaning, that *God alone* can reveal such things or secrets, if we will trust Him in faith for the divine light needed.

This dream concerned the rise and fall of great empires. Daniel tells the king Daniel 2:39 “*After you, another kingdom will rise, inferior to yours. Next, a third kingdom, one of bronze, will rule over the whole earth. 40 Finally, there will be a fourth kingdom, strong as iron—for iron breaks and smashes everything—and as iron breaks things to pieces, so it will crush and break all the others.*”

The Bible describes the destruction of major cities like Tyre and Sidon. Isaiah 23:1 “*Wail, O ships of Tarshish! For Tyre is destroyed and left without house or harbor. From the land of Cyprus word has come to them.*” Isaiah 23:2 “*Be silent, you people of the island and you merchants of Sidon, whom the seafarers have enriched. 9 The LORD Almighty planned it, to bring low the pride of all glory and to humble all who are renowned on the earth.*”

Consider this: About 2,500 years ago, science said that there were approximately 1,100 stars in the sky, but about that same time, the prophet Jeremiah said: 33:22 “*The host of heaven cannot be numbered, neither the sand of the sea measured.*” The prophet said they were *uncountable*, and now the Hubble Space Telescope sends back photos that *proves* the host of heaven “*Cannot be numbered.*” The secret is revealed!



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