

## LESSON 14: THE BIBLE (2)

## Memory work

***Q. Why does the Bible have authority?***

*Not so much because the church receives and approves its books  
But especially because the Holy Spirit witnesses in our hearts they are from God,  
And also because the things foretold in them are being fulfilled.*

***Q. Do we need anything else besides the Bible to know God's will?***

No.

*The Bible fully contains the will of God  
and all that man must believe in order to be saved.*

## Homework

There is much debate in Bible-believing circles about the extent to which the Bible can be used as a reliable source for historical events and scientific data. Here are just some of the questions Christians have differing opinions on.

*Can we use the genealogy of Genesis 5 to date creation?*  
*Does Genesis 1-2 give us a historical account of the origin of our universe?*  
*Is the earth flat, with pillars below and pillars holding up the sky?*  
*Did the serpent in Paradise and Balaam's donkey really talk?*  
*Did Noah's flood cover "the whole world" or was it just the basin of the Black Sea filling in?*  
*Can we use the records of kings and chronicles to inform us of history during the ancient world?*  
*Should the phrase "the life is in the blood" have us refuse blood transfusions?*  
*Did the earth stop rotating when Joshua had the sun and moon stand still?*  
*Should bats be classified as birds? (Deuteronomy 14:11-18)*  
*Did Jesus really die and rise again? Was his death a coma? Was his resurrection mass-psychosis?*

BC article 5 says: “We believe without any doubt all things contained in [the Bible].” BC article 7 says: “We believe that this Holy Scripture fully contains the will of God and that all that man must believe in order to be saved is sufficiently taught therein.” What are your own thoughts and questions on the authority and sufficiency of Scripture? **Write them down.** Also: **give some examples** of what you think cannot be denied.

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