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## Absolute Truth

A life based on                      truth about timeless things

*Proverbs 3:5 Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; <sup>6</sup> in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight.*

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**F**                      over our human nature

*John 8:31 To the Jews who had believed him, Jesus said, "If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. <sup>32</sup> Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."*

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Ability to                      ourselves and what needs to change

*Hebrews 4:12 For the word of God is living and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.*

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God's                      in a person

*1 Thess. 2:13 ... when you received the word of God, which you heard from us, you accepted it not as the word of men, but as it actually is, the word of God, which is at work in you who believe.*

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Power: to                      us from ourselves

*1 Corinthians 1:18 For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.*

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## “You Can’t Take the Bible Literally”

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“We Can’t Trust the Bible Literally”

*2 Timothy 3:16 All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, <sup>17</sup> so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.*

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“We Can’t Trust the Bible Historically”

- Claim: “The gospels were written too late.”

*Luke 1:1 Many have undertaken to draw up an account of the things that have been fulfilled among us, <sup>2</sup> just as they were handed down to us by those who **from the first** were **eyewitnesses** and servants of the word.*

*<sup>3</sup> Therefore, since I myself have **carefully investigated** everything **from the beginning**, it seemed good also to me to write an orderly account for you, most excellent Theophilus, <sup>4</sup> so that you may know **the certainty** of the things you have been taught.*

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- Claim: “What was written was written strictly to support the church’s hierarchical power.”

### “We Can’t Trust the Bible Culturally”

- Claim: “The bible is outmoded and regressive.”
- > R . Use a commentary.

- Claim: “Doesn’t archaeology discredit the bible?”

- > H . Principles of biblical interpretation.

Examples: context, historical context, cultural context, syntax, language, theological principle, genre, major on the majors, etc.

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Plato	350 B.C.	900 A.D.	1,250 yrs	_____
Aristotle	350 B.C.	1,100 A.D.	1,400 yrs	_____

### “A Trustworthy Bible or a Stepford God?”

*Proverbs 28:26 He who trusts in himself is a fool, but he who walks in wisdom is kept safe.*