

AMBASSADOR COLLEGE

Bible

CORRESPONDENCE COURSE

Test Number 3

THIS THIRD examination is given to help you continue to *better understand* your Bible.

You are once again reading the eight page QUESTION SECTION. It CONTAINS the INSTRUCTIONS and the QUESTIONS you will be asked. Note that there are 80 questions and that they are numbered consecutively 1, 2, 3 etc. Note also that there are *four* possible answers given under *each* question. These are labeled **A, B, C, D**. *ONLY ONE* of these four possible answers is the *RIGHT* one!—the other three are false *unless stated otherwise*.

YOU ARE TO SELECT THE ONE RIGHT ANSWER FROM AMONG THESE FOUR POSSIBLE ANSWERS.

You are to repeat this process for each of the questions asked. This comprises your test. (Generally speaking, the *incorrect* answers are *false* ideas which are taught and believed about the subject.)

As you select the ONE right answer to each question, you must MARK THE ANSWER, which you selected, ON the enclosed ANSWER CARD which accompanies this Question Section. You are to SEND *ONLY* THE ANSWER CARD in to us when filled out.

Handle your answer card carefully at all times. A SMOOTH CARD aids us in grading.

GRADES: Our objective is to give all who have determination to know God's Word the opportunity to understand the *true* meaning of the Bible.

We need to know if *you* have this *burning desire*! If, by the answers you give to our examination questions, you show that you have this desire and are doing your best, that is all we want to know. We are here to aid just such people and we are thrilled to have the opportunity to do so.

The final judge as to whether you *know* your

Bible and are *living* by it will be God Himself. *He is the One you had better seek to please—not us*. It is *He* who is able to give you eternal life.

Your eagerness to continue your study and to utilize every opportunity is what really counts. The exact grade you make is not too important to you or to us. Naturally, however, we expect a somewhat high percentage of correct answers from you. YOUR ANSWER CARD WILL BE GIVEN AN EXACT GRADE—95% or 89% or whatever it may be. IT WILL BE RETURNED TO YOU.

Those who do not send in answers to the tests, or those who show by a very low number of correct answers that they are not particularly interested, will naturally be dropped from the Course.

Answer as many questions as you can without referring to the previous lessons you have studied. If you find any difficult questions, then *refer to the lessons*. We expect you to do so!

Notice that these questions are divided into four parts—corresponding to the four lessons. We advise you not to cover more than one lesson at a sitting. Take sufficient time to understand each question.

Here are two EXAMPLES TO SHOW YOU HOW to answer the questions:

Read the *first* question of this test. The right answer to select this time is "**C**." Now look at your answer card—observe the "X" in the square to the right of Question 1, and under **C**. It is already correctly marked for you!

Here is the second example: Notice question number 2 on the next page. The correct answer is "**B**." Answer "**B**" is marked correctly for you! That is all there is to it! It is very simple and fast. The procedure for the other questions is the same. Now continue with question 3 in the same manner . . .

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Does God Exist?

1. Which *one* of the following statements is *true*?
 - A. We should accept only the word of our local minister that God exists.
 - B. God *does not command* us to prove all things.
 - C. God commands us to prove there is a God.
 - D. There is no way of proving there is a God—you just have to accept in faith the printed pages of the Bible.
2. Which *one* of the following statements is *true*?
 - A. Teenagers have plenty of time in which to prove God exists—His wrath is far in the future.
 - B. The sooner each proves there is a God, the better he fares.
 - C. People already know God—He need not be proved.
 - D. Spirit beings in flying saucers from “out yonder” are going to invade this planet and take over its affairs.
3. Which *one* of the following statements is *true*?
Man has
 - A. machines which hear Spirit Beings—these prove Spirits exist.
 - B. machines which see Spirit Beings—these prove Spirits exist.
 - C. the ability to feel Spirit Beings—this proves they exist.
 - D. Man can tell the Spirit-Being God does exist because He fulfills, by actual events, the things He prophesied long ago.
4. The way to study the Correspondence Course is
 - A. to study the Lesson only—not the Bible.
 - B. to find yourself, in the future, at Lesson
 - 20 perhaps, depending on your memory, not having a written record of what your past studies revealed to you.
 - C. not to consult a Bible Dictionary.
 - D. to put down all Bible references, use Bible aids.
5. God's throne
 - A. is located in the second heaven.
 - B. is on Mount Zion in Palestine today.
 - C. is not on a mountain.
 - D. is in the heavenly Jerusalem.
6. What is God's custom regarding areas where sin has occurred?
 - A. Always flood them.
 - B. Leave untouched.
 - C. Destroy by various methods.
 - D. There is no such thing as sin.
7. God's plan is dual. Therefore
 - A. God has no earthly duplicates of heavenly things.
 - B. the earthly Jerusalem duplicates the heavenly Jerusalem.
 - C. the heavenly Mount Zion was never to have an earthly duplicate in Palestine.
 - D. God's plan is not dual.
8. We will
 - A. never be able to see spiritual objects.
 - B. see spiritual objects only when we “go to heaven.”
 - C. be able to see spiritual objects when we are transformed.
 - D. be able to see spiritual objects only if we “go to hell.”
9. Does God by describing Himself in Revelation 1:14 want us to make any conscious attempt to picture Him mentally to ourselves?
 - A. No.
 - B. It would be wrong to do so.
 - C. Yes—so He may seem more personal and real to us.
 - D. We are not to really believe this is what He looks like.
10. When those who qualify in this world are finally glorified, they will
 - A. look dull and drab.
 - B. shine as the sun but have no greater power.
 - C. shine as the sun and have great power.
 - D. look no different than they do in their present mortal bodies.
11. Who is the Great Divinity who is over all?
 - A. Christ, for He has always played the out-

standing role in relation to man.

- B.** God the Father.
- C.** There is no supreme head—the Father is not above Christ nor Christ above the Father.
- D.** The Father and Christ alternate in assuming the supreme authority.
- 12.** Which *one* of the following statements is *true*?
Jesus Christ
- A.** was the One who was known as God by the Old Testament nations.
- B.** was the Word but not the Logos.
- C.** had beginning of days.
- D.** is often called the Father.
- 13.** One of our two Deities has become known as the *Father*
- A.** because we positively know He has existed longer than the Logos.
- B.** because He begot—became the Father of—Christ.
- C.** because it has gradually become the custom of religious denominations to call Him this.
- D.** One of the two Gods has never been known as the Father.
- 14.** Do we know the origin of the Deity?
- A.** Christ had never existed before in any form until the Father begat Him.
- B.** The Father revealed His own origin to us.
- C.** Yes, for we know the origin of both the Father and the Son.
- D.** We do not know the origin of either the Logos or He who became the Father.
- 15.** Which *one* of the following statements is *true*?
- A.** In the millennium God's Kingdom will not be composed of human beings ruled over by Spirit Beings.
- B.** When Christ conquers all on earth, He will no longer be subject to the Father.
- C.** The words "In the beginning God—" are located in Gen. 2:1.
- D.** The word "kingdom" denotes a group ruled over by a supreme ruler.
- 16.** Which *one* of the following statements is *true*?
- A.** The Father and Son are never spoken of together as "God."
- B.** Christ and the Father do not always have the same idea about things.
- C.** The word "LORD" can mean "The Self-Existent."
- D.** God has almost perfect knowledge.
- 17.** Which *one* of the following statements is *true*?
- A.** under no circumstances will God reveal His "deep and secret things" to man.
- B.** We cannot account for God's great knowledge.
- C.** There is a limit to God's understanding.
- D.** Man can count the total number of stars.
- 18.** Which *one* of the following statements is *true*?
- A.** God can call the millions of stars by name.
- B.** God does not know the general attitude of people.
- C.** Christ, at His coming, will not descend to the Mount of Olives.
- D.** At Christ's coming, people will be able to hide themselves from Him.
- 19.** Eternal life can come about
- A.** spontaneously—of its own accord.
- B.** only as a gift of God.
- C.** through natural changes in dead matter.
- D.** by mixture of gases.
- 20.** Does God transfer His power to men? There are
- A.** no records of God doing such.
- B.** records which show He has given man super-natural power to do many types of miraculous things.
- C.** no promises that we can receive His same Holy Spirit of power.
- D.** no records showing how we can acquire it.
- 21.** The Holy Spirit
- A.** is the substance of which God is composed—but it has nothing to do with His attitude.
- B.** is God's attitude, but has nothing to do with His composition.
- C.** comprises both God's attitude and the substance of which He is composed.
- D.** is in everyone at birth.
- 22.** God's Spirit-energy
- A.** is not everywhere.
- B.** is a visible thing.
- C.** has no useful function.
- D.** carries out His bidding to accomplish His will.

PROPHECY Is the PROOF of God!

23. People today do not believe there is a God because
- God has left no physical means to prove He exists.
 - they fail to realize the sureness with which His prophecies have been carried out.
 - His prophecies have been proved unreliable.
 - they lack the mentality to prove He exists.
24. God's prophecies have
- been carried out only in broad detail.
 - been carried out only in a hazy fashion.
 - always been fulfilled to the minutest detail.
 - never come to pass.
25. Prophecy proves beyond the shadow of a doubt that there is a God because
- no human being could ever foretell with such exactness.
 - it is in the Bible and people believe the Bible.
 - ministers say it does, so we need not investigate.
 - prophecy is fulfilled well enough—exactness even from God should not be expected.
26. We should rely on prophecy to prove there is a God because
- our parents, without proof, say it is so.
 - often an individual Bible prophet prophesied both of Old Testament events which were fulfilled and events of our day which are now being fulfilled.
 - our economic forecasters can predict as well.
 - our human weather forecasters can do as well.
27. Most people have
- heard so much truth everywhere that they know they can accept Bible prophecy without question.
 - studied and proved Bible prophecy and God's existence.
 - not come to realize that their very existence will depend on faith in Bible prophecy and the existence of God.
 - a knowledge of the United States in prophecy.
28. Does God claim He can foretell *infallibly*?
- No—He hedges.
 - Yes.
 - He says He can only at times.
 - He is afraid to make such a claim.
29. Does God say that man has the same power to bring about events as He has?
- Yes.
 - No.
 - He says nothing one way or the other.
 - He says nothing, knowing it would hurt man's feelings.
30. The *big* error the world makes in not accepting the Bible as the infallible word of God is that it
- assumes the Bible is not exact.
 - is much too eager to do the will of God than it should be.
 - does not believe the skeptics.
 - believes implicitly the Old Testament but not the New Testament.
31. What is the real basic cause of all human woes?
- Man's ability to make peace.
 - Man's ability to organize to suppress evil.
 - Human nature.
 - Man's inability to pick the right doctor.
32. Couldn't God, who *really* knew the basic cause of human woes, foretell from the start the degree of unhappiness this world, of itself, would experience?
- No.
 - Possibly.
 - Yes.
 - No one knows the real cause.
33. God's prophecy of human strife down through the ages proves He exists because people
- try as they may, can't abolish it.
 - knowing their own limitations, have now all turned to God for relief from their human nature.
 - knowing it is a decree from God, accept it meekly.
 - always recognized it proves His existence.
34. Which *one* of the following is *true*?
- God's prophecy of race destiny has not held true.
 - Japheth's descendants have not been enlarged.
 - Ham's descendants have always stood above all.
 - Shem's descendants have spread the Bible world-wide.
35. Which *one* of the following is *true*?

- A. God foretells the future of the world, its races, nations, rulers, individuals, cities, churches.
 B. It is an easy task to foretell.
 C. God does not know the history of the world in advance.
 D. Today a native Egyptian rules Egypt.
36. Through prophecy God is showing He exists today by
 A. bringing to pass many end-time prophecies.
 B. not allowing a ten-nation European union to arise.
 C. letting events shape themselves.
 D. resting—people will automatically fulfill them.
37. Of what city did God say the inhabitants would be "trodden down"?
 A. Sidon.
 B. Tyre.
 C. Jerusalem.
 D. Ashkelon.
38. The prophesied great empire for now is the
 A. Holy Roman.
 B. Grecian.
 C. Medo-Persian.
 D. Babylonian.
39. *Our Church* proves God exists because it
 A. sets the pattern which all denominations follow.
 B. is great in membership.
 C. is the only one which fills the description of the one He said He would cause to exist (Rev. 3:7-13) in the end-time.
 D. gives a message joyously received by everyone.
40. Once Bible prophecy has been fulfilled and has proved to us that God does exist, what are we to do?
 A. Forget the whole matter.
 B. Accept Him as Ruler and do His Bible commands.
 C. Make no change.
 D. Not be concerned about the future.
- D. Scientific discoveries always contradict the Bible.
42. If you take the Bible literally, and believe that it means what it says,
 A. you are a fool.
 B. you are exposing your ignorance.
 C. you are wise.
 D. you will become mixed up and lose salvation.
43. Which *one* of the following statements is *true*?
 A. Only God could have created matter in the beginning.
 B. God probably had nothing to do with fashioning the earth.
 C. Matter may have always existed.
 D. God does not know how to create anything.
44. What is the importance of URANIUM?
 A. It proves that there is no past eternity of matter.
 B. It proves that God does not exist.
 C. It proves nothing.
 D. It is important only in atomic warfare.
45. Since matter has not always existed, then
 A. there is no need of a Creator.
 B. matter could have evolved by its own power out of nothing.
 C. a Creator is necessary.
 D. we can know nothing about the origin of things.
46. The origin of life
 A. is fully explained by evolution.
 B. is a proof that God must exist, because life is not an inherent property of matter.
 C. is a result of "spontaneous generation."
 D. is purely the result of "electro-chemical action."
47. According to the Theory of Evolution, all the different kinds of life
 A. must have been created by God.
 B. developed from one single-celled proto-plasmic mass.
 C. do *not* give rise to new and different kinds of life.
 D. are of supernatural, rather than natural, origin.

CREATION Proves the BIBLE TRUE

41. Which *one* of the following statements is *true*?
 A. Evolution is a fact, not a theory.
 B. Creation is not scientific.
 C. Evolution is an unproved theory.
 D. You can be a real Christian and still believe in Evolution.
 B. Evolution is a proof that the Bible is not scientific.
 C. You cannot be a real Christian and also believe in Evolution.

- D. Communism is unalterably opposed to Evolution.
49. Which one of the following men proved that life can come only from life—that it cannot spring spontaneously from dead matter?
- Aristotle, the Greek philosopher.
 - Redi, an Italian.
 - Charles Darwin.
 - Karl Marx.
50. The "Law of Biogenesis" states that
- biology is a proof of Evolution.
 - the book of Genesis is unscientific.
 - dead matter will, by itself, produce life.
 - life can come only from life.
51. According to the Theory of Evolution,
- our ancestors all sprang from one man, Adam.
 - the unintelligent savage is the result of degeneration.
 - man was a gradual transition from some lower animal similar to the anthropoid ape.
 - man sprang suddenly from monkeys.
52. The many varieties of life which cover the earth
- arose from a process of evolution.
 - prove that simple kinds gradually become new and different and more complex kinds.
 - disprove the Genesis account of creation.
 - always stay within the bounds of the original kinds which God produced at creation.
53. According to the Book of Genesis,
- the seven creation days were twenty-four-hour periods like ours.
 - many new kinds can arise.
 - animal life existed in the ocean bottom millions of years before plant life developed on the land surface.
 - all life began by evolution.
54. Which *one* of the following statements is *false*?
- Mutations, sudden jumps in nature, do not produce totally new *kinds*.
 - A new variety is merely a variation *within* the kind.
 - New varieties vary farther and farther until they become new kinds.
 - Mutations do occur.
55. We may properly conclude that
- men willingly and deliberately ignore the evidence of the flood.
 - no ancient cities were ever buried by the flood in Noah's day.
 - fossils were all buried through a slow evolutionary process.
 - the simplest fossils were always buried first and the more complex fossils on top, proving evolution to be true.
56. Which *one* of the following statements is *true*?
- The simpler forms of life are always found buried in the lower strata.
 - Complex forms of life never occur at the very bottom of strata.
 - Evolution is proved by the logical order in which fossils are found buried.
 - The simple and complex forms are usually jumbled throughout the strata.
57. Which *one* of the following statements is *false*?
- The fossil strata were laid in rapid succession since plants are often found piercing through successive beds of stone!
 - All the strata were formed since Adam, and as a result of the flood in Noah's day.
 - The tracks of fleeing animals, preserved in the fossil strata, prove that successive layers were laid rapidly, because footprints would have been obliterated in a few days' time.
 - Most of the fossils were buried alive and suddenly.
58. God *originally* created the earth
- perfect and ready to be inhabited.
 - in chaos and confusion.
 - a hot molten mass unfit for life.
 - covered with clouds and thick darkness.
59. The earth *became* a desolation before Adam's time
- because of the sins of pre-Adamic human beings.
 - because of the sins of the angels who rebelled against God.
 - because God likes to destroy things.
 - because of purely natural conditions.
60. In the first two verses of Genesis,
- a perfect creation and its complete destruction are revealed.
 - the account of the first day of the *Adamic* creation week is recorded.
 - proof is given that God originally created the heavens and earth not more than 6000 years ago.
 - We learn that the earth was created in chaos.
61. Evolution leads to
- atheism.

- B. a firm belief in God.
- C. a comprehension of the purpose of life.
- D. a knowledge of the origin of things.

HISTORY and ARCHAEOLOGY Prove Bible TRUE

- 62.** The Bible is
- A. a pious fraud.
 - B. man's first attempt to gather up primitive traditions and make them appear as the work of a supreme being.
 - C. a book of fables and myths.
 - D. an inspired revelation from God.
- 63.** The religious leaders of the world believe that the Bible
- A. contains fables and myths about God, but is not really a revelation from God to man of essential knowledge.
 - B. ought to be obeyed, because the God who inspired it has authority over human affairs.
 - C. is an inspired revelation from God of vital knowledge that man needs to understand.
 - D. is the inspired word of God Himself, and should be followed in every detail.
- 64.** The people who do *not* believe and practice what the Bible says
- A. still can understand the meaning of present world events.
 - B. know the goal for which human beings were put on earth.
 - C. can never understand the lessons of the past, nor know in advance what the future holds.
 - D. can still determine for themselves what is right and wrong.
- 65.** The evidence for the inspiration and infallibility of the Bible
- A. has not been rejected by worldly scholars.
 - B. can be disproved by science.
 - C. has been rejected by the world because it knows that if the Bible were proved infallible people would have to obey it.
 - D. can be disproved from accurate historical records.
- 66.** In the Jewish Talmud, which is a historical record of Jewish practices and beliefs, the Jews state that Jesus Christ
- A. performed miracles of healing and of casting out demons.
 - B. never existed.
 - C. performed His miracles by the very power of God.
 - D. is the promised Messiah foretold in Scripture.
- 67.** The non-Christian Jewish historian of the first century, Josephus, declares that
- A. Jesus is a myth, invented by Gentiles.
 - B. James was a brother of Jesus who was called Christ.
 - C. John the Baptist was a bad man.
 - D. there is no evidence to support the belief that Jesus had any disciples.
- 68.** The authority and the inspiration of the Bible have been
- A. repudiated without being tested.
 - B. recognized by all translators of the Bible.
 - C. the foundation for the religious practices of all the churches.
 - D. rejected only by atheists.
- 69.** Most people
- A. take for granted what the churches say about the Bible.
 - B. examine the Bible for themselves to see what it actually says.
 - C. naturally want to resist their lusts and practice what the Bible says.
 - D. do not want to believe fables because they prefer the truth.
- 70.** Which *one* of the following statements is *false*?
- A. People often reject the truth of the Bible as out-of-date in this atomic age.
 - B. It is easy for people who have been brought up in the denominations to grasp the truth of the Bible.
 - C. Human beings naturally think their ways are better than God's ways.
 - D. War, sickness and suffering are the penalty of the wrong way of life.
- 71.** The expression "Thus saith the Lord," which is found hundreds of times in the Bible means that
- A. God speaks with authority to us through the Bible.
 - B. we do not need to do what God says.
 - C. the prophets who wrote the Bible falsely attributed their own human ideas to a God.
 - D. we should believe whatever the churches say about the Bible.
- 72.** The accurate preservation of the Bible
- A. can never be proved.
 - B. has been disproved by the Dead Sea Scrolls.
 - C. is illustrated by the Isaiah Manuscript

- found among the Dead Sea Scrolls.
- D. is of no real importance to us today.
73. Which *one* of the following statements is *false*?
- There are slight variations in the Hebrew and Greek manuscripts of the Bible.
 - God permitted these minor scribal changes in spelling and word order so that those who spoke Hebrew and Greek would always understand the Bible even though the language gradually changed.
 - These minor changes do not change the important messages of the Bible.
 - Variation in the Hebrew and Greek manuscripts of the Bible are so extensive that the meaning of the Bible has been lost.
74. The various translations of the Bible
- are so contradictory that it is almost impossible to know what God really says.
 - are essential because the English language is gradually changing over the centuries.
 - were never intended by God.
 - should never have been made because the Bible was never intended to be read personally by the common person for himself.
75. The Revised Standard Version of the Bible
- is perfect.
 - should never be read by anybody.
 - was translated by Communists as a plot against Christianity.
 - is far from perfect, but is accurate enough to be a reasonably faithful rendering of the Word of God.
76. Do we have all the Bible?
- Yes, except for the Apocrypha which should be added to the Bible.
 - We can never be sure if we do.
 - No, we do not.
 - Yes, we do; for we have proof that the Bible has been accurately preserved.
77. Is there historical proof that the Patriarchs of the Bible really lived?
- There is no proof.
 - The evidence is too scanty to be of any value.
 - Perhaps, but the proof has been totally lost over the centuries.
 - Of course there is, for many ancient towns and cities in Mesopotamia were named after many of them!
78. Did the nations of antiquity regard "Noah's flood" as historical fact?
- They all recorded it as historical fact.
 - They wrote nothing about it.
 - They denied it ever occurred.
 - We cannot know as all their records have perished.
79. Is there evidence that the Bible account of Joseph in Egypt is true?
- No evidence has so far come to light.
 - The story of Joseph has been proved a Jewish fable.
 - Abundant testimony proves that Joseph was a historical person.
 - It does not matter if there were evidence, for the Bible is as undependable as ordinary *man-made* books on history.
80. Are the critics *right* in their claim that the Book of Daniel is a forgery?
- No, they are not. Not one verse of the Book of Daniel has ever been proved historically untrue. Many verses have been proved true.
 - Yes, because the miracles recorded in the Book just could not have happened. Miracles are impossible.
 - We cannot be sure.
 - Part of it is a forgery and part of it is historically true.

FINAL INSTRUCTIONS

You have now completed another test in this Course. MAIL YOUR ANSWER CARD BACK WITHIN A WEEK from the time you receive this test. DO NOT FOLD OR WRINKLE UNNECESSARILY!—it will help us immensely to speed up the grading of the *thousands* of tests.

DO NOT SEND ANYTHING ELSE with your answer card.

KEEP THIS EIGHT-PAGE QUESTION SECTION. Note that it has three holes punched at its margin. File it in your notebook at the

end of the lessons it covers. REVIEW these questions now and then. Why? Because the review will give you the opportunity to impress the true answers more firmly upon your mind.

Also, a review of the three false answers given here for each question will aid you to realize more clearly some of the *false* ideas which you may have taken for granted. You will thereby grasp and retain the *truth* much better when it is presented to you.

Answers to Test 3:

1-C 10-C 19-B 28-B 37-C 46-B 55-A 64-C 73-D
2-B 11-B 20-B 29-B 38-A 47-B 56-D 65-C 74-B
3-D 12-A 21-C 30-A 39-C 48-C 57-B 66-A 75-D
4-D 13-B 22-D 31-C 40-B 49-B 58-A 67-B 76-D
5-D 14-D 23-B 32-C 41-C 50-D 59-B 68-A 77-D
6-C 15-D 24-C 33-A 42-C 51-C 60-A 69-A 78-A
7-B 16-C 25-A 34-D 43-A 52-D 61-A 70-B 79-C
8-C 17-B 26-B 35-A 44-A 53-A 62-D 71-A 80-A
9-C 18-A 27-C 36-A 45-C 54-C 63-A 72-C

Grade Yourself:

Simply count the number of questions you missed.
Your grade will be next to that number below:

1 - 99 9-89 17-78
2 - 97 10-87 18-77
3 - 96 11-86 19-76
4 - 95 12-85 20-75
5 - 94 13-84 21-73
6 - 92 14-82 22-72
7 - 91 15-81 23-71
8 - 90 16-80 24-70