

I DON'T BELIEVE THE BIBLE!

THERE HAVE BEEN MANY ACTS OF STUPIDITY OVER TIME:

1. THERE was the fellow who thought gravity didn't exist. He jumped off the Eiffel Tower without a parachute to prove his theory.
Half way down, newspaper reporters heard him shouting that he wanted to change his mind.
2. THEN there was the bloke who attempted to swim around Australia without a shark cage. He thought he was a very fast swimmer and reckoned he'd do his best.
He was last seen disappearing below the surface hugging a grey-nurse.
3. NOT to mention the brave soul who deliberately hacked his foot off with a blunt axe to show how pain was merely in the mind.
4. AND LASTLY there was the man who didn't believe the Bible ...

You have to shake your head in disbelief at the number of people who want to take their chances. They imagine that on the day of judgment they'll stand before God and tell Him

1. "I didn't believe you existed" but
2. "Now I'm here, can't we work a deal?"

My friend, you'd better find out who the real God is and read up on His rules, because when you die He won't let you change your mind.

WHY ARE PEOPLE AGAINST THE BIBLE?

Answer: Because they are mighty, wise and noble.

"...NOT MANY WISE MEN after the flesh, NOT MANY MIGHTY, NOT MANY NOBLE, are called:"
(1Corinthians 1:26)

"Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened.
PROFESSING THEMSELVES TO BE WISE, THEY BECAME FOOLS, "
(Romans 1:21-22)

The Bible says "THE WORLD BY WISDOM KNEW NOT GOD.. "
(1 Corinthians 1:21)

**WHY DOES GOD PICK ON THE MIGHTY,
WISE AND NOBLE?**

Simple!

MIGHTY people are generally rich people who have great influence. These people are used to getting their own way and ruling others.

When you have this kind of power, influence and money - the need for God drops down the list. They are their own god. These people are against the Bible because the Bible is against them. They have no need whatsoever for the Saviour.

Why? They think that they can save themselves.

WISE people by their cleverness have proven to their own satisfaction that science can save the world or that the arts and culture is what the world needs.

They fail to see that man's condition needs the Saviour. The saying of "shuffling deck-chairs on the Titanic" certainly applies here. These people are more interested in having a fancy toilet seat than in cleaning the bowl.

NOBLE people generally have a lot of people fawning and worshipping them. This was the sin of Lucifer in heaven before God kicked him out. He wanted angels to worship him instead of God. When you've got used to the adulation and applause from the crowds, it's almost impossible to give that position over to another.

**WHY DOES GOD USE FOOLISH, WEAK,
BASE AND DESPISED THINGS?**

SIMPLE! To show that He is God, otherwise the credit could go to armies, technology or human cleverness.

For example, God used a young boy and five small stones to kill Goliath and He used a jawbone of an ass to kill many Philistines. The Bible says: "***But GOD HATH CHOSEN THE FOOLISH THINGS of the world to confound the wise; and God HATH CHOSEN THE WEAK THINGS of the world to confound the things which are mighty; and BASE THINGS OF THE WORLD, and THINGS WHICH ARE DESPISED, hath God chosen...***"

(1Corinthians 1:27-28)

**1. WHO IS,THE ONE TRUE GOD?
HE PREDICTS THE FUTURE**

The God of the Bible says:

"Behold, the former things are come to pass, and new things do I declare: BEFORE THEY SPRING FORTH I TELL YOU OF THEM."

(Isaiah 42:9)

**2. THE ONE TRUE GOD CHALLENGES THE REST TO A CONTEST TO
FORETELL THE FUTURE**

In the Bible the God of the Jews challenges all the other gods by saying: "***SHEW THE THINGS THAT ARE TO COME HEREAFTER, that we may know that ye are gods...***"
(Isaiah 41:23)

Here we have the God of the Bible, not only saying that he can tell the future and bring it to pass, but He challenges any other god to do the same. What is their answer?
DEAFENING SILENCE!

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3. THE ONE TRUE GOD SAYS THAT HE CREATES THE FUTURE

He says:

"Remember the former things of old: for I am God, and there is none else; I am God, and there is none like me, DECLARING THE END FROM THE BEGINNING, AND FROM ANCIENT TIMES THE THINGS THAT ARE NOT YET DONE, saying, My counsel shall stand, and will do all my pleasure:"

(Isaiah 46:9-10)

He further states:

"I HAVE DECLARED THE FORMER THINGS FROM THE BEGINNING; and they went forth out of my mouth, and I shewed them; I did them suddenly, and they came to pass."

(Isaiah 48:3)

And again He categorically states:

"I HAVE EVEN FROM THE BEGINNING DECLARED IT TO THEE; BEFORE IT CAME TO PASS I SHEWED IT THEE: lest thou shouldst say, Mine idol hath done them, and my graven image, and my molten image, hath commanded them." (Isaiah 48:5)

4. THE ONE TRUE GOD CREATED HEAVEN AND EARTH

"In the beginning GOD CREATED THE HEAVEN AND THE EARTH."

(Genesis 1:1)

"Then the LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind, and said, ... WHERE WAST THOU WHEN I LAID THE FOUNDATIONS OF THE EARTH? declare, if thou hast understanding."

(Job 38:1,4)

5. THE ONE TRUE GOD STATES THAT THERE IS ONLY ONE GOD AND NONE OTHER THAN HIMSELF!

Just in case we don't get it, God repeats it several times. Look up the following verses.

(Isaiah 44:6, Isaiah 45:5, Isaiah 45:6, Isaiah 45:18, Isaiah 45:21, Isaiah 45:22 and Isaiah 46:9)

6. THE NAME OF THE ONE TRUE GOD IS THE LORD JESUS CHRIST

"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the WORD WAS GOD. The same was in the beginning with God." John 1:1-2 "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."

(John 1:14)

"And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: GOD WAS MANIFEST IN THE FLESH..." (1 Timothy 3:16) ALL THINGS WERE MADE BY HIM; AND WITHOUT HIM WAS NOT ANY THING MADE THAT WAS MADE."

(John 1:3)

"Giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light: Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his DEAR SON: In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins: WHO IS THE IMAGE OF THE INVISIBLE GOD, the firstborn of every creature: FOR BY HIM WERE ALL THINGS CREATED, THAT ARE in HEAVEN AND THAT ARE IN THE EARTH, VISIBLE AND INVISIBLE, WHETHER THEY BE THRONES, OR DOMINIONS, OR PRINCIPALITIES, OR POWERS: ALL THINGS WERE CREATED BY HIM, AND FOR HIM: AND HE IS BEFORE ALL THINGS, AND BY HIM ALL THINGS CONSIST." (Colossians 1:12-17)

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**7. THE ONE TRUE GOD, JESUS CHRIST,
DIED FOR THE SINS OF THE WHOLE
WORLD WITH HIS BLOOD AS PAYMENT**

*"Much more then, being now JUSTIFIED BY HIS BLOOD, we shall be saved from wrath through him."
(Romans 5:9)*

8. WHAT MUST YOU DO TO BE SAVED?

*"But as many as RECEIVED HIM, to them gave he power to become the sons of God..."
(John 1:12)*

Jesus Christ has paid the penalty for all sin and sins - past, present and future, but you must take Him as your Saviour.

9. WHAT WILL HAPPEN IF I DON'T?

SIMPLE –

"And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire ... and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever" (Revelation 20:15, 10)

10. WHAT STOPS YOU?

There are TWO reasons why people won't receive Jesus Christ as their Saviour:

1. Their love of sin.
2. Unbelief in the Bible as the word of God. For those that won't believe the Bible, God will grant them their wish and they shall spend forever separated from Him.

**WHAT STOPS YOU FROM BELIEVING
THE BIBLE? WHICH ONE ARE YOU?
MIGHTY, WISE OR NOBLE?**

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