



The Caller

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Confidence Corner John F. Board

In this week's *Confidence Corner* we will examine some more evidence that indicates we can trust the Revelation God has provided for mankind. This week we will consider a few thoughts regarding ar-

chaeology.

The Old Testament reveals the names of hundreds of people, places, and events. If you have read the Old Testament, you know that it talks about wars between various nations and many being taken away into captivity. Opponents of the Bible have challenged whether certain people, places or things ever existed. They often claim that an event did not happen or that certain people or nations never existed. An article in *Christianity Today* some years ago challenged the critics. Consider the following quote from *Christianity Today*:

True, no archaeological evidence exists for Abraham, Joseph, or Moses. Revisionist scholars [that is, people who attack the Bible] say this means the Bible stories of Israel's origin are fiction. Yet we have only recently discovered King Solomon's seal, King David's name in stone, and a bull the Canaanites worshipped. Now two leading Egyptologists are marshaling evidence from the land of the Pharaohs to answer the question: Did the Exodus ever happen?

Even in a magazine that does not focus upon archaeology, strong evidence is presented that archaeology continues to confirm the word of God.

One thing that is also true regarding archaeology is that no real archaeological evidence has been found that can only be interpreted in a way that contradicts Scripture. Continue your faith in and study of this Great Book God has provided mankind.

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The holiday season is upon us. Christmas is right around the corner. Some might not want to be reminded of all the gifts they have to get for so many people. This is one of my favorite times of the year aside from spring when fishing and baseball are in full swing. We begin to look forward to time spent with family, or maybe you dread being with certain members of your family.

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The controversy that sometimes comes along with Christmas is the fact that we don't know when Jesus was born. An issue that also stems from the holiday is that our reason for the season should be every day not just December 25th. Even though the birth of Christ should be important to a Christian, without His miraculous conception and his birth we wouldn't be Christians. More important than His birth is His sacrifice. Without it we would not be able to obtain the salvation offered to us because of His shed blood.

One thing that we can narrow down is the time frame when He died and when He arose from the dead. If we were to look at the Jewish calendar we could see when Passover occurred during the year. Regarding His death and resurrection, the Jewish calendar is helpful. His arrest and crucifixion correspond to the Passover.

The Jewish calendar is set in relation to the moon phases, so that according to those phases, the time of various events can be determined. The death of Jesus and His overcoming of death is something we should remember and be thankful for every day. As we enter into a time of joy and thankfulness with family remember the gift we are given because of His birth, life, death, and resurrection.

Sunday's Sermons:

**A.M. — Jesus Wept
John 11:28-37**

**P.M. — A Mind Without God
Psalm 10:1-6**

Disinformation

What is the difference between disinformation and misinformation? According to sources I have consulted, the difference seems to be in the intent of the one spreading the information. According to *Whats.com*:

“Disinformation is sometimes confused with misinformation but the two are distinguished by their intention. The purpose of disinformation is to deceive. Although misinformation is also false, it is presented as truth only because the communicator does not have the facts straight.”

When I read this description of the difference between disinformation and misinformation, I was led to another thought. Let us consider that thought below.

When I read the description above I immediately thought of Satan. Satan is the father of lies and he is the promoter of false information that is intended to deceive us. Satan wants mankind to have false information and he purposely uses individuals to promote his propaganda. Satan knows what he is doing and he uses others to accomplish his purpose.

But then there would be those with what I would consider misinformation. These people are used by Satan to promote his deception but they may not be purposefully trying to lead people astray; they may be only teaching something that they truly believe because they do not have the facts straight.

Please do not misunderstand...I am not saying that those who teach misinformation will not be held accountable. I do believe though that many who teach Satan's lies do so only because they themselves do not realize they are lies. To them, the doctrines they teach are what they truly believe. The great deceiver himself purposely deceives them!

But here is the good news! No one has to be deceived. Jesus came and He revealed the truth. He prayed that the followers of God would be set apart from the world by truth. He then revealed what that truth is—it is the Word of God. John 17:17 reads, “Sanctify them through thy truth, thy word is truth.”

All of us have the responsibility to search for the truth. We need to search the Scripture, be sure to give diligent effort to the study of God's Word, and to search the Scripture daily to see if the things we are taught are true. May God help us to that end and may God help us to help those who have themselves been deceived into believing a lie!

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