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ADDENDUM "A" TO LECTURE 1 - SCIENTIFIC PROOF THAT THE BIBLE IS THE INFALLIBLE WORD OF GOD

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Dear Sir,

Response to article on "All Religions Being Equal" in The Saturday Star dated Dec 11, 1993.

A statement was made to the effect that "there is no scientific proof that any one religion is superior to the other", therefore people will conclude they are all equal in showing us the way to Heaven. This is erroneous and misleading to the public, and the issue must be rectified.

There are two unquestionable scientific proofs, showing that Christianity is the only way to gain an entrance into Heaven. Jesus Himself said this in *John 14:6*, "*I am the way, and the truth, and the life; **no one comes to the Father, but through Me.***" He either was telling the truth, or else He was the worlds biggest egotistical liar. Each person must decide for himself based on the facts.

Well, what are the facts?

The first proof that shows Jesus was telling the truth, is discovered in the fascinating subject of Bible Numerics. Simply stated the Bible was originally written in Hebrew for the Old Testament, and Greek for the New Testament. The letters in these alphabets have numerical values. This is easy to understand if you think of Roman numerals, where a V = 5, and a X = 10, etc. In adding up the numerical value of the letters for different portions of scripture, the most amazing numerical patterns develop.

It is important to understand that these numerical patterns do not work with any other writings - ancient or modern - religious or secular. In fact skeptics against the authenticity of the Bible, have even tried to write short sentences, to try to duplicate these numerical patterns, without success. Almighty God, in His wisdom, has set His seal of Divine inspiration on The Holy Bible, where these numerical patterns work without failure. This sets the Bible, and its message of salvation only through faith in Jesus Christ, above all other religious writings. It shows that there is a Divine intelligence, and inspiration behind it.

What are these infallible numerical patterns? It is a subject that an atheist like Ivan Panin devoted a lifetime to study - resulting in his conversion to Christianity. His work has been investigated by the Nobel Research Foundation of Los Angeles, U.S.A.. Regarding Panin's conclusion that "the Bible could not possibly have been written, except by Divine inspiration of God Himself", their verdict is - "so far as our investigation has proceeded, we find the evidence overwhelming in favor of such a conclusion."

There are many varying numerical patterns, built around different numbers, but "seven" is a number that

specifically revolves around Jesus Christ and His teachings.

However, in the limited space available, we will give just one example from Matthew's gospel regarding the miraculous birth of Christ.

Mat 1:18-25 (NASB) *Now the birth of Jesus Christ was as follows. When His mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child by the Holy Spirit.*

19 *And Joseph her husband, being a righteous man, and not wanting to disgrace her, desired to put her away secretly.*

20 *But when he had considered this, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife; for that which has been conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit.*

21 *And she will bear a Son; and you shall call His name Jesus, for it is He who will save His people from their sins.*"

22 *Now all this took place that what was spoken by the Lord through the prophet (Isaiah 7:14; 8:10; 9:6-7) might be fulfilled, saying,*

23 *"Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and shall bear a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel," which translated means, "God with us."*

24 *And Joseph arose from his sleep, and did as the angel of the Lord commanded him, and took {her} as his wife,*

25 *and kept her a virgin until she gave birth to a Son; and he called His name Jesus.*

In this passage we find:

- The number of Greek words is exactly 161...23-7's.
- The numeric value of these is exactly 93,394...13,342-7's.
- The number of vocabulary words is exactly 77...11-7's.
- The numeric value of these is exactly 51,247...7,321-7's.

The passage contains six Greek words which are found nowhere else in Matthew.

- Their numeric value is exactly 5,005...715-7's.
- These six words have exactly 56 letters...8-7's.

Now the first two verses, a natural division,

- have exactly 42 words...6-7's,
- leaving 119...17-7's.

The last verse, another natural division,

- has exactly 14 words...2-7's,
- leaving 147...3-7's of 7's.
- The 161 words occur in 105 forms...15-7's.
- The numeric value of these forms is exactly 65,429...9,347-7's.
- In these 105 forms there are exactly 35 verbs...5-7's.
- There are exactly 7 Proper names...1-7.
- The number of letters in these 7 names is exactly 42...6-7's.

There is one word "Emmanuel," used nowhere else in the New Testament,

- its numeric value is 644...92-7's,
- the sum of its figures is 14...2-7's.

This by no means exhausts the passage, but enough evidence has been given to prove the point.

Now, according to the law of chance, there is a one in 200 quintillion chance of all these patterns developing. This is a number consisting of 21 figures.

Please also understand that Bible numerics works with all passages in the Bible, which have the same impossible odds, as the above portion of Scripture we've just examined.

For our dear evolutionist friends, it is interesting to note that Bible numerics works perfectly with Gen 1:1 - In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. The Almighty Creator has once and for all removed all argument over the issue of Creation versus Evolution - by sealing *Gen 1:1* with intricate numerical patterns, which no mathematician can deny or duplicate. The Author of *Gen 1:1* is saying, "I created the universe - just like I said in My Word."

Interestingly enough, Bible numerics does not work with the books of the Apocrypha.

For those who've promulgated that *Mark 16:9-20* is not inspired, and therefore should not have been included in the Scriptures - reconsider your position, because Bible numerics proves otherwise.

This is scientific proof that the author of the article on Saturday 11th December, either willfully ignored so as to mislead the public, or else in all his studies for his Ph.D., he somehow overlooked these undeniable facts.

The second irrefutable proof, that puts the Bible in a class of its own, is the fascinating subject of Prophecy. All other religious writings are wisely void of prophecy. Because no man knows the future, they can't accurately predict it. If the authors of other religious writings had tried to validate their works by adding Prophecies, and they did not come to pass, everyone would then know that they were frauds. Therefore they wisely omitted Prophecies from their writings.

However an omniscient God knows tomorrow as if it was yesterday, and can accurately predict the future. The Bible is filled with hundreds of amazing Prophecies that have the same impossible odds as Bible numerics, of all coming to pass.

Jesus Christ fulfilled every Old Testament Prophecy of the first coming of the Messiah, to vicariously die for sinful humanity. His virgin birth, crucifixion, death, burial, resurrection and ascension fulfill many Old Testament Prophecies, made hundreds of years before His coming.

Let's look at just a few Prophecies that relate to one specific subject - Jesus Christ. As you read each prophecy, realistically think about it and ask yourself, "What is the chance of this Prophecy being fulfilled?" Actually give it some odds (eg. 1000:1), and write it down. After doing this for all the listed prophecies, multiply all your odds, and see what an astronomical figure you come up with. You'll prove for yourself that these scriptures must have been Divinely inspired by Almighty God.

- His being born of a virgin, *Isa 7:14*...fulfilled in *Mat 1:22-23*. (To give this scripture the correct odds, ask yourself, "How many virgins have given birth lately?" Ask yourself an intelligent question like this for all these Prophecies).

- His being born in Bethlehem of Judea, *Micah 5:2*...fulfilled in *Mat 2:1*.

- His being rejected by Jewish rulers, *Psa 118:32*...fulfilled in *Mat 21:42*.

- His being betrayed by a friend, *Psa 41:9*...fulfilled in *John 13:18,21*.

- His being sold for 30 pieces of silver, *Zech 11:12*...fulfilled in *Mat 26:15*.

- The intensity of His sufferings, *Psa 22:14-15*...fulfilled in *Luke 22:42,44*.

- His being smitten on the cheek, *Micah 5:1*...fulfilled in *Mat 27:30*.

- His being spit on and scourged, *Isa 50:6*...fulfilled in *Mark 14:65*.

- His hands and feet being nailed to the cross, *Psa 22:16*...fulfilled in *John 19:18*.

- Gall and vinegar being given Him to drink, *Psa 69:21*...fulfilled in *Mat 27:34*.

- His garments being parted, and lots cast for His vesture, *Psa 22:18*...fulfilled in *Mat 27:35*.

- That not one bone of His should be broken, *Psa 34:20*...fulfilled in *John 19:33,36*.

- His being pierced, *Zech 12:10*...fulfilled in *John 19:34,37*.

- His being buried with the rich, *Isa 53:9*...fulfilled in *Mat 27:57-60*.

- His resurrection, *Psa 16:10*...fulfilled in *Luke 24:6,31,34*.

- His ascension, *Psa 68:18*...fulfilled in *Luke 24:51*.

- His sitting on the right hand of God, *Psa 110:1*...fulfilled in *Heb 1:3*.

This by no means is an exhaustive list of the Prophecies that Jesus Christ fulfilled.

Note: Bible Numerics proves that all these New Testament Scriptures, fulfilling Prophecy, actually happened - being attested to by God Himself, who cannot lie (*Heb 6:18*).

Remember that God's Word is filled with incredible Prophecies like this, on scores of different subjects that have all come to pass, proving the authenticity of the Holy Bible.

All other religious writings, however moral or noble they may be, are still just the writings of a mere man, without Divine inspiration. They represent man's philosophy, man's ideas of what we should do to gain an entrance into Heaven. Those who live by the moral code of other religious writings, might ease their conscience, but have they pleased God?

We need to understand that God created the Heavens and the earth, and therefore He's entitled to make the rules of who gains an entrance into His Kingdom, or who goes to Hell. You can't suddenly change to basketball rules in the middle of a football match. You'll get sent off the field if you persist.

Who does man think he is, to conveniently write his own books (or rules), to show others the way to Heaven. God laughs at them and their punishment is just.

There are some who will say, "All religions worship the same God, so why all the fuss!" God's inspired Word does not at all agree with such a grossly erroneous statement. The truth is plainly stated in three separate chapters in the first epistle of John.

1 John 2:22-23 (NASB) *Who is the liar but the one who denies that Jesus is THE Christ? This is the antichrist, the one who denies the Father and the Son.*

23 (TLB) *For a person who doesn't believe in Christ, God's Son, CAN'T HAVE GOD THE FATHER EITHER. But he who has Christ, God's Son, has God the Father also.*

1 John 4:14-15 (NRS) *And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent His Son as the Savior of the world. (How can a person reject God's ONLY Son, who paid the supreme price for our salvation, and still expect favour with God).*

15 *God abides (only) in those who confess that Jesus is THE Son of God, and they abide in God.*

1 John 5:11-12 (NASB) *And the witness is this, that God has given us ETERNAL LIFE, and this LIFE is IN HIS SON.*

12 *He who HAS THE SON HAS THE LIFE; he who does NOT HAVE THE SON of God does NOT HAVE THE LIFE.*

Once again, Bible numerics proves these verses are authored by God - revealing HIS ONLY plan of salvation.

In the light of the above facts, the Bible must be a Book for all to seriously re-look at once again, regarding our eternal future.

Note: Only after I entered into a personal relationship with the Author (Jesus Christ the Living Word - *John 1:1-14*), could I begin to properly understand the Bible's message.

Please let me know on what date this letter will be duplicated in your paper, to set the issue straight with the public that you inadvertently misinformed. I could not but notice that you gave a full page to the said erroneous article. Your conscience should compel you to do at least as much for the truth.

Yours faithfully

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