

# *The Little* **'Good Book'** Book



*Understand it*



*Love it*



*Be changed by it*

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**Everybody likes a good magic trick. Not because magic is particularly helpful;** it won't do your homework, clean your room, or make you fly. We like magic because **it's entertainment!**

**Why do people like the Bible?** Because it's a comfort? Sure! Entertaining? Absolutely! Even non-Christians consider the Bible to be some of the best literature ever penned.

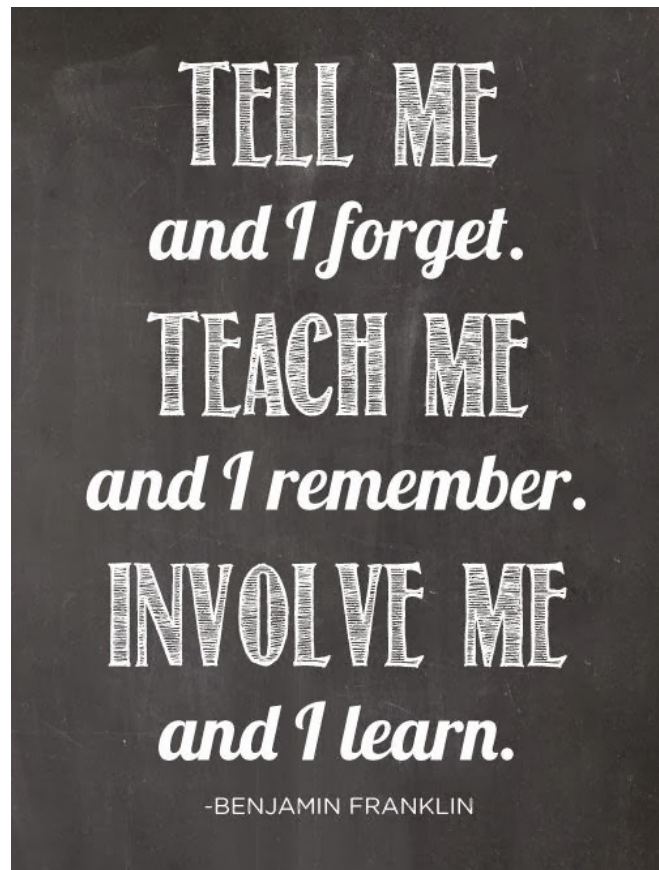
But **is the Bible more than entertainment?** Is it reasonable? Practical? Helpful? Believable? Is it more than just a magic show? **Is the Bible for real?**

People count on **Reason** to help them make decisions, to know what's real and what isn't. Once **we learn** that  $2+2=4$  **we reason** that  $2+2$  will always = 4. **That's because truth doesn't change. But admittedly, the stuff we know, what we believe to be reasonable often changes with time.**

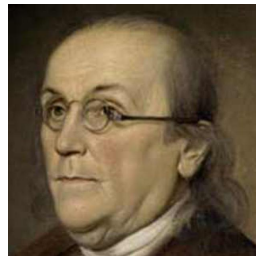
I'll admit, at first glance the Bible doesn't seem very reasonable. Invisible God, a talking snake, Noah's ark, a virgin that gives birth to the Saviour of the world? Entertaining? Yes, but reasonable? **No**. Think about it. If someone told you they heard a voice from God, saw a snake that could talk, and was building a boat big enough for all the animals to get on board, know what you'd call them?

**CRAZY**

Remember, once we learn that  $2+2=4$  we reason that  $2+2$  will always = 4. **How do people learn?**



That Benjamin Franklin was a smart guy! He discovered things others weren't even dreaming of. His inventions changed the world! Benjamin Franklin was no preacher. He knew people would need to see his inventions to believe them. He didn't just talk about them, he built them, then REVEALED working examples to the public. Reason told the man with bad eyesight he'd never read again. Franklin's bifocals revealed that he could!



**SOMETIMES REVELATION CHANGES REASON!**

# EUREKA!



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*"The **eureka effect** (also known as the **aha!** moment or **eureka moment**) refers to the human experience of suddenly understanding a previously incomprehensible problem or concept. Researchers agree, it is difficult to predict the circumstances that lead to an Aha! Moment."*

For the Bible to ever be more than entertainment, the reader's got to have an **Aha! Moment**. God must reveal a new reality. I know, sounds crazy, but it isn't!



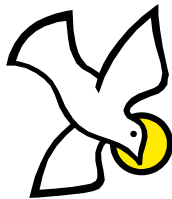
Got a phone, a flashlight, or any other electronic gizmo? Sure, you do. Can you explain them? Kind of, sort of, but not completely, right? Even though you can't exactly explain how they work, you still use them. In fact, you count on them! Why? **Because it's REASONABLE to count on things beyond a persons LIMITED comprehension once it's REVEALED that they exist and work!**

If Lewis and Clark, the American explorers from 1804-1806 were told that a trip from Illinois to Oregon could be made in just a matter of hours, they would say it was impossible. Why? Because from their perspective (way before airplanes), that claim would be inconceivable. But from a modern perspective, we know without question that this trip is possible. People do it every day!

"The natural man does not receive the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; nor can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned." **1 Corinthians 2:14**

## Revelation & Reason

The Bible is God's revelation to man.



### Revelation:

- Dependent on a outside source.
- Occupies the Supra Natural realm.
- When God speaks.

### Reason:

- Dependent on internal Logic.
- Occupies the Natural realm.
- When people think.

*Revelation and Reason can co-exists as long as their order of importance remains unchanged.*

**When Revelation precedes, it has no need to usurp Reason.**