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What Most Convinces Me That Christianity Is True?

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As a young man growing up in Massachusetts and attending a liberal church, I always had a spiritual hunger for something — some reality — that would fill the void when it came to the deep questions of life.

One day while I was in the Navy during World War II, I saw another sailor who was on mess duty in the kitchen. I was very impressed by how cheerful he was in that unpleasant job.

A few days later I met him personally, and he started talking to me about becoming a Christian. I thought I already *was* one! But he gave me Bible verses about being saved, having assurance of salvation, and going to heaven some day.

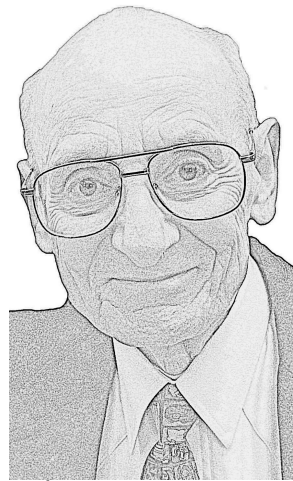
I knew right away that was what I had been looking for! He led me in a prayer, and suddenly I felt like a new man — *which I was* because I had been born again, as the Bible says in John 3:3.

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Several days later I was on a ship going out to sea. By God's miraculous design, I found another sailor who had been a born again Christian for many years and with whom I began studying the Bible. For about a year, he nurtured me, taught me, and helped me greatly to understand biblical truths.

After the war I attended a Christian college where I obtained answers to *many* of my questions about challenges against the Bible.

One of my most interesting courses was archaeology. I discovered that the truth of the Bible could be verified independently, by archeologists and historians.



For instance, the Old Testament of the Bible has nearly 50 passages referring to the Hittites.

Before the 20th Century, archaeologists had no information about the Hittites, and some even doubted the truth of the Bible references. But in

1906 the huge 400-acre former Hittite capital was discovered in Turkey.

I learned of much more archaeological evidence supporting the Bible. For example, God intended to destroy the wicked people in the city of Jericho; so He ordered the Israelites to march around the sixty-foot high thick walls surrounding that city. At the appropriate time the walls fell *outward*, forming a "ramp" — so that the Israelites could climb up into the city. At other cities, invaders would charge and knock the walls *inward*.

Another reason why I believe in Christianity is that I have seen the powerful transformation that takes place in the lives of those who put their trust in Christ. I saw this when I went to the University of Massachusetts in Amherst MA for graduate

studies in Zoology. A weekly evening Bible study class was started and many, mostly undergraduates, attended and accepted God's plan of salvation. Even the campus beauty queen was saved, and then brought in many other students. All of this happened between 1952 and 1955.

One of the first students to attend that Bible class graduated from the University of Massachusetts and accepted a position on the staff of a Christian magazine, eventually becoming the editor. Another later attended medical school and eventually was a professor at Yale University and a leader in his local church. One went on for further studies, learned new languages, and served for decades as a missionary in a closed Muslim country. Others from that Bible class have been living faithful Christian lives in various professions.

As for me — I joined the Biology faculty of The King's College in New York, teaching and doing biochemical research for nearly forty years before retiring a few years ago. As a scientist, I recognize God's intimate involvement in the creation of life itself. Life on the earth (and this is the only location in the universe known to possess plant and animal life) could not have come together without a supernatural power involved. There are no known processes by which the necessary components could have originated life.

Moreover, the distance from the earth to the sun is just right to sustain life. If we were closer to the sun, we'd burn up. If we were further from the sun, we'd freeze.

Have I ever doubted that God exists or that He directly acts to change peoples lives and use them for His glory? Yes, I once doubted even His existence. But no longer, since I have recognized His power at work in my own life, and in the lives of dozens of other people.

Salvation through Jesus Christ is the greatest earthly enduring human experience available to members of the human race. We should grasp it, live it, enjoy it, and share it with others.

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