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LIFE-PROVOKING PRINCIPLES FOR TWEENS
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A study of the worlds most
earth-shaking book....

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TITLE PAGE (TYE-tull-payj)

bibliotectonics!

(BIHB-lee-oh-tek-TOHN-iks) noun 1. a study of the world's most earth-shaking book. 2. the "this changes everything" rearranging that occurs within one's life when the Bible is actually read, believed and acted upon.

written by
**alan
root!**

A 6-to-12-week study of why we rely upon the Bible, written especially for tweens.



Note to teachers... you know who you are.

Daily Readings: Get a book for each student. The chapters are about 12 pages long. Strongly encourage your kids to read a couple of pages a day with breakfast.

Black Boxes: These questions occur during the flow of the chapter. The answers are often obvious, but it helps springboard class discussion to get tweens' marvelous brains thinking. **Q&A:** Have the kids pencil in their answers.

Then check the first appendix for what I thought the answers were. Use this section as a catechism. **Activities:**

Suggestions for full-contact learning: some of us prefer kinetic discovery. **Going Deeper:** Some of your kids will be challenged enough by what's in the chapters, but some will want to dig down deeper. Send them to Appendix 4 and ask them to take notes on what they find to share with the class. And there are extra sections on the Canon, misuses, translation and a cool page of "Quick Facts."

Coming books in the series...

... more **PRACTICAL PRINCIPLES** for tweens on the way.

1. **designamentals** (creation, absolutes, authority)
2. **legalonomics** (right and wrong, Law and Grace)
3. **salvificology** (starting out on life's biggest adventure)
4. **disciplification** (practical tips on living the Christian life)
5. **bibliotectonics** (the world's most earth-shaking book)
6. **orthodoxtrines** (what all Christians everywhere believe)
7. **pilgrimmometry** (Christianity in today's culture)

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PSSSST! HEY YOU (hay-YUE)

PSSSST! HEY YOU

If you're sure you have given your life to
Jesus already, skip this page.

But if you're not sure, don't worry, just read
this page carefully.

***EVER HEARD A JOKE WHERE YOU DIDN'T
GET THE PUNCH LINE? WAS IT FUNNY?
THAT'S WHAT IT'S LIKE WHEN YOU TRY
TO READ THE BIBLE WITHOUT KNOWING
JESUS. YOU JUST DON'T GET IT.***

Since trying to read the Bible without Jesus
is like reading someone else's mail, you may
need to take care of some business.

If this is the case, head for Appendix 2 where
you'll find stuff that will help you make your
first step into the actual "real world." OK?

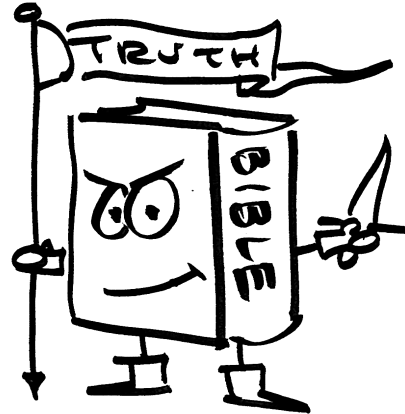
INTRODUCTION (in-trow-DUCK-shun)

INTRO: The Bible? What's the big deal?

BIBLIOTECTONICS is an exploration of the world's most earth-shaking book. The Bible is the most read, most believed, most beloved book of all time. The Bible is the **objective standard** by which all other truth must be measured. It's our authority on truth.

You can ignore it, and perhaps up until this moment, you have.

But if you dare to explore it and believe the revelation found only within it's pages, it'll rock your world to its very foundations!



Are you up for the challenge?

“Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God..” Luke 4:4, WEB

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The Bible can't be beat, and I mean that literally. It has survived the most horrific assaults of any book in history.

The Roman emperor Diocletian in 303 A.D. issued an order to destroy Christians and their sacred book. Who got destroyed? Diocletian. Have you heard of him? No? It's funny, but, within a few years, Diocletian's throne was occupied by the Roman Emperor Constantine, a Christian convert.

HITLER HAD THE BIBLE BURNED, THE BIBLE'S STILL AROUND, IS HITLER?!

Voltaire was an infidel who proclaimed that in 100 years, Christianity and the Bible would be swept from the face of the earth. That was 300 years ago! 50 years later, the Geneva Bible Society used his house to print stacks of the Scriptures he had mocked.

INTRODUCTION (in-trow-DUCK-shun)

This book is about what happens to us when we discover that God is still speaking today. As a matter of fact, the Author of the Bible offers to move in to the guest bedroom of your heart and help you to read and understand his book!

“For the word of God is full of living power. It is sharper than the sharpest knife, cutting deep into our innermost thoughts and desires. It exposes us for what we really are.” Hebrews 4:12 NLT

The Bible is a **wild** book. Many parts are embarrassingly graphic. Violence. Passion. Perversion. Genocide. Apocalypse. Time laid bare from the beginning of the universe to the end of all things we can know or imagine.

You take a big chance when you open the pages of the Bible. You'd better watch out!

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What's this book about? Listen up...

**THE BIBLE CAN SHAKE
THE BEDROCK OF OUR
VERY LIVES. IT IS THE
OBJECTIVE STANDARD
OF ALL TRUTH. SO, BE
READY. BE WARNED!
BE VERY BRAVE!**

CHAPTER ONE

THE PRINCIPLE OF AUTHORITY

oh yeah? Says who?



Can anyone know for sure what's good, bad, right, wrong, up or down ? Hmmm.

To the one who says there's no right and wrong, we ask, "How do you know if you're right about there being no wrong?" To the one who says there are no absolutes, we ask, "Oh? Absolutely?" To the one who says there's no ultimate authority, we ask, "Oh yeah? Says who?"

God is the absolute authority on absolute truth. His book is absolutely authoritative. If we can read the Bible, we have no excuse for not knowing the truth. Ignorance isn't bliss, it's just... well, ignorance!

Authority is one of those inescapable realities like gravity and death, so we might as well get used to it. Like it or not, authority must be given to something or someone, whether to ourselves or to something or someone much bigger. Rebelling against authority doesn't get rid of authority it sets US up as our own authority. We become our own "god." Yikes. I'm not convinced you're qualified to run the universe!



CHAPTER 1: THE PRINCIPLE OF **AUTHORITY**

To grant the Bible authority to speak about our lives is only **reasonable**.

WHAT'S THE NAME OF THE THEORY THAT SAYS WE ALL CAME FROM EXPLODING HYDROGEN GAS AND AIR-BREATHING FISH? SOME PEOPLE TRUST THAT THEORY MORE THAN THEY BELIEVE GOD'S WORD. HMMM, I WONDER WHICH IS MORE REASONABLE?

Since God says that we're his children, isn't it reasonable to think he'd want to talk to us, that he'd want us to know him? Good news! He has spoken to us in many ways, especially in the Scriptures, the second best revelation of himself. (The best revelation is of course his Son, Jesus Christ.) He wants to speak to you every day from the pages of your Bible.

"Jesus loves me, this I know.
For the **Bible** tells me so..." (Anna Warner)

BIBLIOTECTONICS (BIHB-lee-oh-tek-TOHN-iks)

Do a lot of people seem to believe the Bible is authoritative, that it speaks to everyone, everywhere, throughout the ages? The answer appears to be a slam-dunk "yes!"

The Bible has been translated into more languages by far than any other book. The number as of 2002 was a staggering 3,000!



Countless people have given up jobs, homes, families, and their very lives rather than turn their back on the Bible. Christians through history, given the option of death or giving up Biblical truth, choose death.

For a mere book? Or for the holy revelation of the Almighty God? Which do you think?

CHAPTER 1: THE PRINCIPLE OF **AUTHORITY**

Does the Bible itself tell us it is the last word on truth? Or have we made the Bible into something it doesn't even claim to be?
Hmmm, again. Let's see...

"All Scripture is God-breathed." 2Tim. 3:16

"Scripture cannot be broken." John 10:35

***"... FOR YOU HAVE EXALTED ABOVE ALL THINGS YOUR NAME AND YOUR WORD,"
PSALM 138:2 WHAT'S IMPORTANT TO GOD IN THIS VERSE AND WHY?"***

"Men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit." 2 Peter 1:21

"Scripture must be fulfilled." Mark 14:49

"Your Word is truth." John 17:17

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Truth must come from a **reliable source**. A liar will not be believed even when telling the truth. Someone with a reputation for telling the truth will be believed even when what they're saying sounds unbelievable.

If you won't rely on Scripture for truth, then what source would you turn to? Do you trust new ideas simply because they're new? Do you trust your feelings that go up and down by the minute? Do you trust your own brilliance which has embarrassed you time and time again? Do you trust your pop culture heroes who are beautiful buffoons? Horoscopes you could write yourself? Science which changes every few years? Clever people who make crazy wild guesses sound so wonderful? What's your source?

How do we know we've got the real stuff? Where do we find **authoritative truth**? It must come from an **authoritative source**.

CHAPTER 1: THE PRINCIPLE OF **AUTHORITY**

MATTHEW 7:24 JESUS SAID, “ANYONE WHO LISTENS TO MY TEACHING AND OBEYS ME IS WISE, LIKE A PERSON WHO BUILDS A HOUSE ON SOLID ROCK. 25 THOUGH THE RAIN COMES IN TORRENTS AND THE FLOODWATERS RISE AND THE WINDS BEAT AGAINST THAT HOUSE, IT WON’T COLLAPSE, BECAUSE IT IS BUILT ON ROCK. 26 BUT ANYONE WHO HEARS MY TEACHING AND IGNORES IT IS FOOLISH, LIKE A PERSON WHO BUILDS A HOUSE ON SAND. 27 WHEN THE RAINS AND FLOODS COME AND THE WINDS BEAT AGAINST THAT HOUSE, IT WILL FALL WITH A MIGHTY CRASH.” (NLT)

BIBLIOTECTONICS (BIHB-lee-oh-tek-TOHN-iks)

A funny thing about **eyewitnesses** is that they rarely agree completely about what they saw. How hard is it to agree with one other person on everything? Impossible! How about three people agreeing? Five? Ten?

The thing is, the Bible was written by **40 people!** And miraculously, they're all in agreement. They wrote at different times and places: over **1500 years** and **three different continents**. They came from different social classes and walks of life. Moses was a prince, Paul a tent maker, Luke a doctor, Amos a shepherd, Peter a commercial fisherman, David and Solomon were kings, Mark an interpreter, Daniel a high government official, and Matthew was with the Internal Revenue Service.

There is no other book ever written that is remotely like the Bible. Such harmony from such diversity! It stands alone.

CHAPTER 1: THE PRINCIPLE OF **AUTHORITY**

If God really wrote the Bible, then it should be the all-time best-seller in the history of the world. Well whadda-ya know?

IT IS. If God wrote the Bible, it should answer the deepest questions we could ask. Can you keep a secret? IT DOES. If

God wrote the Bible, it should be far and away the most important

book ever written in the world.

Guess what? IT ABSOLUTELY IS.



Hello. Are you paying attention?

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God must be a grand master at using words, because he's made a lot of things plain in the Bible. Second only to Jesus himself, there's no clearer picture of our Creator's heart and mind. The Bible speaks with authority and finality to the desperation of the human condition, the yearning of the human soul, and the deepest cry of the human heart.

SO THE QUESTION IS NOT WHETHER THE BIBLE SPEAKS WITH AUTHORITY TO ALL ASPECTS OF EXISTENCE, OR WHETHER THE BIBLE CAN WHISPER TRUTHS NO OTHER BOOK IN THE UNIVERSE CAN REVEAL, IT DOES. THE QUESTION IS THIS- DO YOU REALLY CARE WHAT GOD HAS TO SAY ABOUT THE LIFE HE GAVE TO YOU?

Have you decided to give up your own ideas about God so you can learn what he has said about himself in the Scriptures?

CHAPTER 1: THE PRINCIPLE OF **AUTHORITY**

Q&A 1

Q How do we know what truth is, what is right and what is wrong?

Q Why do we believe God wants to talk to us through the pages of the Bible?

Q What is the greatest revelation of God on earth? What is the second greatest?

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PRAYER (be sure to say it your own way)

**JESUS, I WANT TO
QUIT GUESSING
WHAT YOU'RE LIKE
& WHAT YOU WANT.
HELP ME READ
MY BIBLE TO
FIND OUT.**