

Starting Today – Stand Up to Attacks on Your Faith Finally! A Bible that tackles your tough questions

Fellow Christian,

We are in a battle. Every day when you log into the internet, pick up a newspaper or turn on the network news you are met with headlines and stories that assault your faith.

SAME SEX-MARRIAGE AS AN ALTERNATIVE NORM

TAX DOLLARS FOR ABORTIONS

ALL RELIGIONS ARE EQUALLY VALID

CHRISTIANS PERSECUTED AND MARTYRED AROUND WORLD

The media can be very blatant in attacking Christianity. But sometimes the attacks are subtle and even innocent.

You're on social media and find a topic posted that flies in the face of your beliefs. At dinner with colleagues someone slanders a position you endorse. A friend genuinely asks what you think about a hot topic with moral implications.

Do you cobble together a defense, even though you're not fully informed? Do you marshal your strongest Christian vocabulary and hope they don't ask too many questions? Or do you do nothing?

My own response to these matters is multi-dimensional. I can go from amazed to angry to discouraged in the time it takes to gather my thoughts. And, I hate to admit it, but sometimes I just feel embarrassed.

When you want to give an answer, but you don't know what to say, it can be embarrassing. You've read the Bible, at least some of it. You think it addresses the issue. You want to stand up for the faith you hold dear, but honestly . . . you're a little embarrassed.

It's tough to prepare yourself for the onslaught of moral decay we have to face as Christians. The Bible's a big book. Finding and remembering the relevant parts to address the assaults that come against your faith is challenging.

Too many times we let the attackers and social media screamers have the day. We sit still, a little embarrassed. Well, no longer!

Prepare your defense

A new weapon is available for your arsenal. With this single Bible you can easily prepare to stand confident of your beliefs. The next disparaging tweet, the next Facebook friend who prods your position will be met with an answer. You'll be the focus of the dinner conversation. Your reasonable, balanced and truthful defense of your position will draw in those around the table. And your friends will appreciate your insights as they grapple with their own questions.

At last, there's a Bible that answers your tough questions. We are in a battle, my friend. This Bible can prepare you to take a stand with confidence. You will be prepared to meet the onslaught of moral decay that will assault you.

The Quest Study Bible

The Quest Study Bible is an impressive combination of relevant, up-to-date commentary and scholarly exposition. It has all the elements of other study Bibles, but it relates the Biblical text to the life we live today.

This Bible uses a question and answer format to present the majority of study notes. Yes, like most study Bibles, it has charts and maps and introductions to each book. And these are among the best available. But it also asks and answers a question on almost every verse of the Bible.

Christianity Today International, the leading publisher of contemporary Christian news magazines and books collaborated with Zondervan Publishing, the publishers of the New International Version of the Bible collaborated to design the Quest Study Bible.

More than 1,000 people were sent passages of scripture and were asked, "What questions do you have about this portion of scripture?" And the answers were provided by 142 respected Bible scholars, pastors and writers. With over 7,000 questions included in the study notes every subject is addressed.

These are the questions you ask when you read the Bible. Let's face it . . . some things in the Bible are hard to grasp. This study Bible provides insight that you can understand, and the question and answer is right by the Bible text.

The page format is designed to relate your questions to the Bible text. Every page has a visually appealing light blue sidebar where the questions and answers can easily be read in combination with the Bible text. The sidebars also make the pages easier to read by narrowing the text columns and breaking up an otherwise full page of text.

Some study Bibles answer the questions that scholars ask but normal people wouldn't. This study Bible researched the questions most of us ask about each passage of Scripture. This Bible answers the right questions, and points you back to the text for the answers. No prideful speculation here. Just solid biblical insight.

*The Rabbi
Chicago, IL*

And since these are the questions that you are asking, you'll remember the answers. You may not remember the Bible verse, but answers to your own questions will stay with you. And with each answer, your confidence will grow. You'll become more equipped with each reading to stand your ground.

Answers to the Tough Questions

In addition to questions and answers on specific Bible verses, the Quest Study Bible addresses the tough questions. There are almost 400 articles throughout the Bible pages that address the hot topics raging through our culture.

Some of these questions may be on a moral issue, may address a question of theology or may concern your personal faith. Each article is relevant to you, your friends, your family and the world in which we live.

These articles provide a real depth of understanding in addressing the questions you face. With each article you will gain assurance that the Bible is not only true, but relevant. Each essay provides a balanced perspective, presenting more than one view on the topic.

Sample Moral Topics

- *Is there anything wrong with same-sex relations?*
- *Does the Bible define when human life begins?*
- *Has God revealed Himself differently to different cultures and time periods?*

Among these articles you will find the top 100 questions most asked by Bible readers. And these aren't the questions your grandma would ask. These are questions your friends are asking, the questions your colleagues throw at you, the questions the media hurls in your face.

These articles are positioned at the bottom of the page, at a point where the topic relates to the scripture at hand. Yet the editors marshal the full range of scripture to provide powerful answers. With each article you will become prepared to give an answer when your faith is challenged.

Solid Theology

The Quest Study Bible comes with the New International Version of the Bible. This is the most popular translation of the Bible in contemporary English. It strikes the perfect balance of accuracy and readability. Since over 100 scholars from many denominations and churches served on the translation board, it has been protected from bias.

With the NIV you can be certain you are getting a solid Bible translation in a language you can understand. This version was first published in 1978 and has been updated several times to stay current with the changes in the English language. The 2011 version is used in the Quest Study Bible.

Other tools to help with your theological foundation are provided. Each Bible book starts with an introduction that explains who wrote the book, when it was written and why it should be read. There is also a helpful timeline before each book to put the book in its historical perspective. This also serves to correlate it with the rest of the Bible and other historical events.

Throughout the Bible text there are helpful charts, graphs and maps to aid your understanding. As you review these helpful visual tools your certainty about the events of the Bible will become rock solid, strengthening your faith and your ability to defend it. These tools also make the Bible stories and teachings easier to remember and recall when needed.

I've used the NIV as a new believer and as a scholar. It is the gold standard of English translations, still a delight to read, to use in preaching and teaching. Subsequent revisions have only made it better.

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And the bottom page articles address many questions that pertain to theology. Perhaps the most relevant of these questions being ***“Is there secular evidence to support the Bible’s claims?”*** With the answer to this question firmly in mind you can call on the Bible to address every question that comes your way.

Sample Theological Topics

- *Why does God allow bad things to happen?*
- *Can our prayers cause God to change His mind?*
- *What determines a person’s eternal destination?*

And many of the theological topics discussed in the articles will help you not only defend your faith but share the hope that you have because of your faith. As you grow in your confidence you will begin looking for opportunities to share what you know.

Imagine yourself as the person with answers. As you begin to stand against the onslaught of attacks, those with genuine questions will begin to appreciate your reasonable stance.

Your assurance will not only silence the cynics but invite the seekers. You can be instrumental in helping your friends find real answers.

Personal Faith

The Quest Study Bible is designed to bolster your personal faith. We both know that until you start reading the Bible, your faith will not be strong. Quest has the tools you need to make that happen. Three reading schedules are offered to start you reading at your own pace.

Schedule 1

The first reading schedule, called Introduction to the Bible, calls for three two-week commitments. It includes Old and New Testament passages. The scriptures included give you a basic Bible foundation. The passages are well known and frequently quoted. Each daily read should take about 10 minutes, so not too challenging. And they are relatively easy to read and understand. This first schedule will whet your appetite for more.

Schedule 2

The second reading schedule provides a guided tour of the Bible, offering a birds-eye view. The daily readings consist of 180 selected passages including at least one chapter from each of the Bible's 66 books. Both the scripture text and the accompanying notes can be read in about 15 minutes.

In roughly six months you can have a taste of each book of the Bible. With a few exceptions, the Bible text is in chronological order. You will read the psalms attributed to David as you read about David's life. You will read the prophets along with their background history. Portions of the gospels are interspersed, providing a composite of Jesus' life on earth.

This is a step up from the six-week commitment of Schedule 1. But you'll be ready to take it. The schedules are conveniently located at the beginning of the Bible with check boxes. You can mark off your accomplishments as you read at your own pace. If you miss a day or even a week, simply pick up where you left off. It's the reading, not the schedule that will strengthen your faith.

Schedule 3

Read every word in the Bible. Having read the Bible for almost a year, you'll be ready to read through each book completely. Most Bible-reading plans allot a year for this endeavor. Many readers, finding this pace to be unrealistic, get discouraged and give up. In keeping with its helpful nature The Quest Study Bible allows three years to read through the Bible, assigning usually one chapter a day. And it alternates between Old and New Testament, giving a variety to the experience. Each daily read, including notes, will also take about 15 minutes.

The Quest Study Bible also includes some very helpful reading plans. Anyone who has ever tried a "read the Bible in 1 year" plan has most likely failed to keep up with the amount of reading required on a daily basis (especially if the goal is to absorb and ponder what is read) and given up. This study Bible includes three reading plans designed for different goals.

*Jamie Wilson
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When you have finished this schedule you will be a pro. In one of his letters to the churches the Apostle Paul likens God's Word to a sword. The words you read will become your offensive weapon. Of course you won't remember everything you read, but each day you read you will become more fully equipped for the task at hand, the defense of your faith.

Sample Personal Faith Topics

- *How can we handle guilt and regret over our past decisions?*
- *Does God expect me to forgive someone who keeps hurting me?*
- *When does God refuse to hear our prayers?*

In addition to the text of the Bible, The Quest Study Bible has many bottom page articles that will address the questions you have about how faith works in your personal life. We all come to our belief in God with a personal history and personal baggage. As you encounter God in His word each day, you will begin to see solutions to the personal traits that undermine your success.

And as you work through the issues in your own life, you will become equipped to help others do the same. These insightful essays will give you a lot to think about. As these ideas sink into your heart, your life will be enriched and your self-confidence will enable you to achieve your dreams. You will become the spouse, the friend and the employee you want to be.

Additional Tools

The strength of The Quest Study Bible is the unique question and answer format of the study notes. But this Bible has additional features that will round out your study experience and make this your “go-to” Bible. A concordance and subject index will help you find the topics you need when you need them. And an index of the charts and study maps will aid you in finding them quickly.

In addition to the maps provided throughout the study notes, a full set of color maps are available at the back of the Bible. These include rarely seen maps. One shows where each of the Old Testament prophets lived and preached. There is also a map of the Assyrian and Babylonian empires that loom throughout the times of the prophets.

And there are three full maps covering the gospels and Jesus’ ministry. One of these is a detailed map of the City of Jerusalem, showing the location of the temple and other sites referenced in the New Testament. This is especially useful in understanding the last week of Jesus’ life. These maps help the gospels come alive.

The 16 full color maps, double what is included in most Bibles, come with a map index allowing easy reference to a city or region as it appears on each of the maps. And rounding out the additional tools is a dictionary and table of weights and measures that bring the Bible text into a contemporary understanding.

All of the expected components of a study Bible are included in this version such as: subject index, dictionary, reading plans, concordance, maps, charts, and specially selected articles. I'm glad that I pushed past my personal biases and gave this Bible a second look.

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Amazon reviewer

Amazon Reviews

Of the many reviews posted at Amazon.com (a sign of the interest in this Bible) 89% were between 4 and 5 stars. Once you own The Quest Study Bible you will agree with these fellow Bible readers.

- This Bible was purchased for a friend who does not enjoy reading the standard Bible. My friend stated that she has read more from the Quest Bible due to the fact that it contains question and answer scripture explanations on every page which helps her understand the Word of God much faster. She has several translations but loves The Quest best.
Lajuana P. Pena – February 2015

- I have 25 other study Bibles. This is the best
Suzanne K. Harris – January 2015
- The information on the margins is amazing. And, I love the fact that it isn't opinionated, providing what you might call both sides to a subject. The historic context is given so you can understand what a verse meant during that period of time, which may not be what you would read it to mean without that knowledge.
Trudy Jo – December 2013
- I have been reading the Bible on and off for several years and didn't always understand what I was reading. Quest asks and answers some of the questions I had on my mind. I am using the study plans to go through the entire book.
Judith P. Bullard – February 2013
- I was looking for a Bible with notes to illuminate the material I read. The notes contained in the Bible are comprehensive, informative, and easy to understand. I recommend this Bible to anyone interested in learning more about the Bible. It is a good resource for people who are new to reading the Bible as well as for those familiar with the Bible's content.
Robert J. Hundemann, Jr. – November 2012
- The Quest Study Bible applies rational and reasonable scholarship to some of the harder to grasp concepts and ideas, as well as providing helpful maps and timelines. In my opinion, if I were to own only one Bible for the rest of my life, it would be the Quest Study Bible. Get one for yourself or, if you know someone who needs to have some questions answered, get one for them.

I highly recommend the Quest Study Bible. If I could give it six stars, I would.

Nathan A. Edwards – April 2012

- This is my favorite Bible. If you're just embarking on reading the Bible for the first time or are reading it for the hundredth time, I can't recommend it enough.
Mayflower Girl – January 2012
- What I really like about this Bible is that the answers to questions often consider various points of view instead of simply offering a single explanation. There are plenty of theological arguments that have been raging for centuries and it's encouraging to see that the authors of this study Bible have made a sincere effort to find balance and provide the best explanations available in a concise way. At the very least, the explanations provided make for a good starting point in the search for deeper answers
Jamie Wilson – January 2012

Start Today

Your road to confidence can begin today. With the purchase of The Quest Study Bible you will start marching toward the battle, with the assurance that you will be victorious. The enclosed order form makes it easy.

But first, consider this . . . When your Christian friends and family see you carrying The Quest Study Bible, they'll be curious. The name alone implies purpose.

Imagine how you'll feel showing them the unique study features of this one-of-a-kind Bible. You can explain why it was important for you to buy a Bible that helps strengthen your faith. You can describe how your confidence in your shared beliefs has grown now that you own this particular Bible. They'll be impressed.

Were you to buy each of the features of this study Bible separately (the NIV text, the study questions, the essay questions, the maps, charts and timelines) you could spend over \$100. However, this single book in hardback cover is available to you for a limited time for only **\$24.99**. This is two dollars off our lowest online price. And it is \$20 and more off what you'll pay elsewhere.

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timelines within the text ♦ Book introductions ♦
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♦ 8 full color maps ♦ 3 Bible reading schedules

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- God loves us no matter what
- We can have eternal life if we put our faith in Jesus Christ
- God's blessings will be new every morning

Our guarantee pales in comparison, but we do guarantee a full refund of your purchase if you do not grow in your confidence after reading The Quest Study Bible for 60 days. If for any reason – any reason at all – you are not happy with this Bible, you can return it to us. The purchase price will immediately be refunded to you.

I am absolutely confident that your confidence will grow with each reading of this unique study Bible. For less than the cost of a single meal at a fine restaurant, you can become the strong, confident defender of your faith that you want to be. Simply return the enclosed order form in the postage paid envelope today and your Bible will be on its way to you.

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