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## Dear Reader,

One of the most noteworthy things that we can observe in this day in which we live is the incredible advancements modern man has made in his understanding of science, technology, and medicine.

It is mind-boggling. It is baffling to realize that just over a century ago, we were not far from the Dark Ages in many respects. Our great, great grandparents lived just about the same way people lived pretty much for thousands of years. Then it happened - the incredible knowledge explosion that began with the turn of the twentieth century. First came the development of the automobile, (see page 4) and the airplane with the Wright brothers' first flight in 1903, and then the rocket just after the Second World War. (See page 4) Then came the computer and the incredible advancements we have witnessed in science and technology.

In the development of medicine, do you realize that some notable doctors, such as Sir William Osler, "The father of modern medicine," one of the founders of John Hopkins Hospital, and many other famous physicians in the medical field, were still using bloodletting in the United States as late as the early 1900's as a common practice to rid the body of infection? (See page 3) There was also the practice of causing one to vomit to get rid of sickness. Also used was the practice of causing the patient to take things like mercury. Some were encouraged to take toxins that caused blisters to come all over their body to rid them of what was looked at as impurities. Infection was looked at as desirable, because this was believed to be the way one would get rid of sickness. Because of ignorance in medicine, thousands upon thousands of people died without so many of the modern cures that we have available today.



The knowledge explosion today that has brought such advancements in all the fields of learning is a great wonder and something for which we should all be thankful. Well, did you know that this knowledge explosion is mentioned in the Bible as a significant sign that we are in the end times as far as Bible prophecy is concerned? This means Christ's coming could very well be in our generation, though no one knows the day or the hour.

God says in the Bible to the prophet, Daniel, these words, "But thou, O Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book, even to the time of the end: many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased." Daniel 12:4 Notice, "... many shall run to and fro, and **knowledge shall be increased.**" Doesn't that sound like a clear prediction of this age of information and the technology explosion of this very day?

The above Bible prophecy is a 2,500-year-old prediction we are witnessing in our generation that has come to fruition. Isn't that astounding? Should not this cause any thinking person to want to read the Bible? This shows us the relevance of the Bible. It is one hundred percent accurate one hundred percent of the time for everyone on the planet.



Now with this 2,500-year-old Bible prediction of our present age of knowledge, I want to consider the following. Consider the amount of books and volumes of literature available for people to read today. Compare this to the amount of literature our great, great grandparents had available to read. I suggest they did not have one-millionth of the amount of literature available to them that we have available to us today. It is truly astounding when we look at how much information is out there in this age. Now with the common use of the computer and internet we can simply type in any question we can think of and find numerous answers for our questions *just with the touch of a button.*

Therefore, with this in mind, we ask ourselves this question. Why place such an emphasis on the Bible? I am referring to the King James English Bible for the English-speaking world. Why read the Bible when there are multiplied thousands of other texts that offer us remedies and solutions and information that one can read and spend their time researching? Why should one read the Bible? The reason is the Bible is unique. It is the only book in the world whose author is God. It is the only Book and only text available that is one hundred percent accurate in all of its predictions. It is unique in its Inspiration, Preservation, Illumination, and its Proclamations to tell humankind the way of Salvation. The Bible gives us the only real solution to our greatest problem, and that is God's solution for our death after our lives have expired.

Did you know that there are some very special promises from God to those that read the Bible? These promises have been very much tried and found to be accurate. Every single one can be trusted.

In the various Books of the Bible you will find the following promises.

1. The promise of good success.

¶ "This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success." Joshua 1:8

2. The promise of God helping your life to prosper.

¶ "Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful. But his delight is in the law of the LORD; and in his law doth he meditate day and night. And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper." Psalm 1:1-3

3. God promises to bless the person who reads and obeys the Bible.

¶ Blessed is he that readeth, and they that hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written therein: for the time is at hand. Revelation 1:3

These are only three of the many promises God gives to those that read the Bible.

There is no other reference source that so clarifies our purpose in life

The Bible teaches that God has a purpose for all of us. First, God purposes for us to be born. Secondly, God purposes that we find Him in our pursuit of the light of knowledge. Thirdly, God wants us to fulfill our purpose on earth as related to doing His will for our lives. Fourthly, God intends that we die and meet Him. That is, we meet our Maker who has ultimate dominion in the universe.

Now, the question is, if we do not read the Bible, how in this world are we going to be able to do God's will for our lives? How will people be able to find the right interpretation for life in the jungle of information that we have available today? What will cause people to find the message of the Bible when there are so many other sources of literature that people can look to in place of the Bible to occupy their time and attention?



Let's name a few things that can occupy our attention. Maybe we get so wrapped up in ourselves that we cannot see the Bible as satisfactory. Maybe reading the Bible just doesn't fit our lifestyle of independence. Maybe we have been taught or assume that the Bible is just a fictitious fairy tale. Maybe we have just never taken time to look at it. Well, isn't now as good a time as any? After you die, it is too late to prepare for the judgment. The Bible says, "...it is appointed unto men once to die, and after this the judgment."

The last question I want you to consider is this: How does God get a person's attention whose focus is on one of the multiplied millions of pursuits that this world offers today? The answer to that question is found in what is known as the Great Commission of the Bible. The Bible is the only book in the world that contains what is known as the Great Commission. The Great Commission is not found in any other source of literature on the planet. That is, the Bible expressly has a written command by God to propagate its contents to every person on the planet. This is why Christians are so intent on giving out Gospel literature. It is because Christ commanded that every Christian in every generation be involved in publishing and propagating the message of the Bible until the end of the world.

Notice what Jesus taught in Matthew 28: 19, 20, "And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen." No other book has this self-propagating mandate but the true Bible. So do not get upset with people as they try to promote the message of the Bible. Christ commanded it to be done so that people in this day of great knowledge, people like you, will be brought to the attention of the message of the Bible. With that said, may I ask you this question? Have you taken time to try to understand the message of the Bible? Have you allowed God to show you in His Word the purpose for your existence? Are you really prepared to meet God right now? You can be. It is our desire to help you know the message of the Bible. We offer free Bible studies for this purpose. It is up to you to read and know the Bible. It is God's remedy book. It gives us the keys to knowing the most urgent and most important things, like how to prepare for eternity, how to be saved and know it, how to receive the forgiveness of sin, and how to escape the fires of hell's judgment on lost sinners.

I encourage you to study the contents of the Bible, especially the book of John, if you want to know how to receive the forgiveness of God and eternally settle your destiny. We must simply believe the message of Christ, Who is the theme of the Bible. We must realize that only His death, burial, and resurrection can provide the solution for our greatest problem, death. You must receive Christ into your life and allow God to speak to you as you read His Word in the Bible. This is very, very important. Please do not neglect reading, studying, and learning the Bible. See our website and watch our Good News Video at [www.goall.org](http://www.goall.org). Let us know if we may be of service and help to you so you may better know the message of the Bible.

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The following articles show how far we have progressed in this prophesied age of knowledge as seen in Daniel 12:4, "... many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased."



### *The Practice of Bloodletting was still being done in 1923 in the US*

Bloodletting was used to treat almost every disease. One British medical text recommended bloodletting for acne, asthma, cancer, cholera, coma, convulsions, diabetes, epilepsy, gangrene, gout, herpes, indigestion, insanity, jaundice, leprosy, ophthalmia, plague, pneumonia, scurvy, smallpox, stroke, tetanus, tuberculosis, and for some one hundred other diseases. Bloodletting was even used to treat most forms of hemorrhaging such as nosebleed, excessive menstruation, or hemorrhoidal bleeding. Before surgery or at the onset of childbirth, blood was removed to prevent inflammation. Before amputation, it was customary to remove a quantity of blood equal to the amount believed to circulate in the limb that was to be removed. This picture was taken in 1863.



*With the Knowledge Explosion also came the Age of Transportation*

**The First Automobile helped to fulfill Daniel's prophecy to make possible these words, "...many shall run to and fro..." Daniel 12:4**

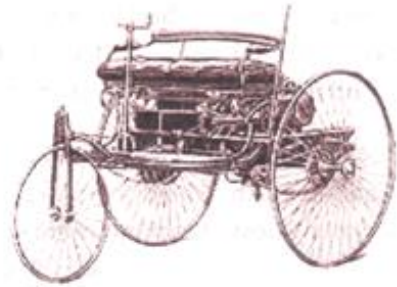


Karl Benz, the inventor of the modern automobile

Karl Benz generally is acknowledged as the inventor of the modern automobile. An automobile powered by his own four-stroke cycle gasoline engine was built in Mannheim, Germany by Karl Benz in 1885, and granted a patent in January of the following year under the auspices of his major company, Benz & Cie., which was founded in 1883. It was an integral design, without the adaptation of other existing components, and included several new technological elements to create a new concept. He began to sell his production vehicles in 1888.

In 1879, Benz was granted a patent for his first engine, which had been designed in 1878. Many of his other inventions made the use of the internal combustion engine feasible for powering a vehicle.

His first Motorwagen was built in 1885, and he was awarded the patent for its invention as of his application on January 29, 1886. Benz began promotion of the vehicle on July 3, 1886, and about 25 Benz vehicles were sold between 1888 and 1893, when his first four-wheeler was introduced along with a model intended for affordability. They also were powered with four-stroke engines of his own design. Emile Roger of France, already producing Benz engines under license, now added the Benz automobile to his line of products. Because France was more open to the early automobiles, initially more were built and sold in France through Roger than Benz sold in Germany.



A photograph of the original Benz Patent-Motorwagen, first built in 1885



Bertha Benz

In August 1888 Bertha Benz, the wife of Karl Benz, undertook the first road trip by car, 132 miles round trip, to prove the road-worthiness of her husband's invention.

In 1896, Benz designed and patented the first internal-combustion flat engine, called boxermotor. During the last years of the nineteenth century, Benz was the largest automobile company in the world with 572 units produced in 1899.



**First Modern Rocket**

Modern rockets were born when Goddard attached a supersonic nozzle to a liquid-fueled rocket engine's combustion chamber. These nozzles turn the hot gas from the combustion chamber into a cooler, hypersonic, highly directed jet of gas, more than doubling the thrust and raising the engine efficiency from 2% to 64%. In 1926, Robert Goddard launched the world's first liquid-fueled rocket in Auburn, Massachusetts.

Today, we are now seeing the rocket even being considered as a method of high-speed transportation. For more information, Google "space tourism."

Historical Information and Pictures from Wikipedia

Isn't it time we take the Bible seriously? All of this points to the accuracy of Daniel's predictions.

