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ATTACKING THE BIBLE

The Bible has been under constant attack from unbelievers since it first appeared in written form. Yet, despite these constant attacks, the Bible has stood the test of time and endures despite all efforts to destroy it. This is no surprise to those who believe and follow the teaching of the Bible. Jesus said, "Heaven and earth shall pass away, but My words will by no means pass away" (Matthew 24:25). Peter, writing by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit penned, "but the Word of the Lord endures forever..." (1 Peter 1:25a).

One recent attack upon the Bible comes from an article which appeared in *GQ Magazine* entitled "21 Books You Don't Have to Read." Number twelve on their list was the Bible. Among other things the article called the Bible "repetitive, sententious, self-contradictory, foolish, and, even at times, ill-intentioned" and "is not the finest thing man has ever produced." The article further makes the absurd claim that even those who live by the Bible have never actually read it. This is an offense to every Bible student, many of whom have spent most of their lives reading and studying this Holy Book and living by its divine precepts. Would it be too far fetched to suggest that the writers of this article have never been students of the Bible? Could it be that they have formed their conclusions about the Bible without ever reading the Bible for themselves? If so, how can anyone accept their statements about the Bible as being objective? To attempt to discredit the Bible without first reading it for oneself and then claim that those who do follow the Bible have never read it, is the height of hypocrisy.

Contrary to the unproven contention of the editors of *GQ Magazine* the Bible did not originate in the minds of men but rather in the mind of God. Galatians 1:11-12 reads, "But I certify you, brethren, that the gospel which was preached of me is not after man. For I neither received it of man, neither was I taught it, but by the revelation of Jesus Christ." "All scripture is given by the inspiration of God..." (2 Timothy 3:16). "For prophecy never came by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit." (2 Peter 1:21). The suggestion that the Bible is "self-contradictory" has been proven untrue. Though written over a period of some 2500 years by about 40 different men, the Bible has one central harmonious theme – God's plan for man's salvation from sin through the blood of Jesus.

While attacks on the Bible will no doubt continue, the Bible will survive. Before you believe the skeptics put aside any pre-conceived ideas and study the Bible objectively for yourself. Follow this example, "These were more fair-minded than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness, and searched the Scriptures daily to find out whether these things were so" (Acts 17:11).