Third test: Does the Bible provide the above truth unmixed with error and fiction?

Many writers down through the ages have enlightened the world with jewels of truth. However you don't have to read these authors very long to also find things that are erroneous or fictitious.

If the Bible is what it claims to be, "scripture inspired by God and profitable" (2Tim 3:16) then it must not be truth mixed with error and fiction, but simply truth.

This does not mean that everyone who reads anything in the Bible will agree with it. However it does mean that anyone who will fairly allow the Bible to explain, justify, and prove itself, will find it to be consistently true through and through, "line upon line" (Isa 28:10), from its basic premises right through to its resulting details and conclusions.

Therefore one will let the Bible educate one's faith, mind, and conscience according to what is really true, rather than what one imagines to be true.

"My thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord... a man's way is not in himself, nor is it in man who walks to direct his steps" (Isa 55:8, Jer 10:23).

Why I Believe the Bible

By Ron Graham

If somebody asks me why I believe the Bible, I have a pretty straightforward answer. However it is necessary first to mention what doesn't make me believe the Bible, so that there will be no confusion when I discuss what does cause me to believe.

(1) My belief is not based on science, archaeology, history, etc.

The various sciences are interesting and useful. However for almost every "find" that is supposed to prove (or disprove) the Bible a contrary view is quickly put forward. Thus, if my faith were based on scientific discoveries, I would forever be having to keep an open mind lest some later discovery should disprove previous assumptions — a frequent event in science.

I would also have to be constantly investigating the latest scientific discoveries to maintain my faith.

I have great respect for science, except of