

How do I know that it is true? How do I know that I can trust him? How do I know that I can trust in ~~him~~? How do I know that he can save me? How do I know that this is the end and there is nothing more and I ~~am~~ may as well have good time while I am here? But the Bible says, The lust of the flesh and the lust of the eyes , and the pride of life is of the world, and they perish with the world. ^{But} /He that .. will of God abideth for ever, and if we put faith in the words of our fathers and in the teachings of ~~our-fathers--~~ His Word, we do not take a leap into the dark. That is not faith. It is a leap into the dark, yes. But It is a leap into the dark in which we hear the voice of our father, and know that he is there, and know that we can trust him. That is faith. And so Christian faith and Christian love are , ^{as} as far^a John represents here, above love, they are ~~they~~ founded upon truth. And Christianity is a religion of truth. True Christianity invites investigation of its claims. When Dr. Rovert Dick Wilson, the ~~g~~ great Old Testament scholar under whom I studied, was studying in Germany under certain unbelieving professors. He tells me that ~~we-~~ he used to know this when they had a point they wanted to get across, and they had no proof of it, they would say, why that stands to reason. And if you say it in good enough a tone, lots of people would think , of course, it stands for reason. And when there was something that they did not want to believe, they say, why, that is unthinkable, and many people would say that, well, of course, it is unthinkable. But ~~that~~ is not what the Lord wants us to do. The Lord wants us to get the facts and when we get the facts, we find that the facts fit with the word of ... God who is the author of the Bible, the God who ~~is-the-~~ behind the writers of the Bible, ^{ing} direct~~d~~ them ~~and-~~ in keeping them away from errors, is also the God who is the Creator of all nature, and ~~cont-~~ the Controller of history. And what God has done and what God has said are ~~bound~~ to fit together. The Bible is never out of date, but it is often ahead of date. There is much in it that we do not understand, because we do not know enough to understand it, but as we learn more, we get nearer to the statements of the Bible. The Bible is ~~the~~ ^a presentation