

## THE BOOKS OF MOSES: SOLID FOUNDATION FOR THE HISTORIC CHRISTIAN FAITH

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It makes a great deal of difference whether or not the Books of Moses are historically true. The New Testament writers constantly quote them as the Word of God.

God is not dead. Some people wish He was. The Communist aggressors in Vietnam wish the United States did not exist. By killing and by torturing they have tried to frighten everyone into submitting to their brutal, dictatorial rule. The American soldiers came to the rescue of the freedom-loving people of South Vietnam, and aggression has been checked. The Communists may wish the U.S.A. did not exist, but wishing does not make it a fact. Those who want to follow their own selfish instincts, instead of living in accordance with the principles of God's Word, try to make themselves believe that God is dead. Such wishful thinking will result in a rude awakening when they face the Judge of all the earth.

What is meant by saying that the Bible is the Word of God? We mean that it is similar to a letter we might receive, giving us information that we could not otherwise know.

Most every man-made machine has some sort of instruction book that goes along with it. The manufacturer designed it to be operated a certain way. Ignorance of these instructions can result in great damage. So it is with life. Jeremiah said, "O Lord, I know that the way of man is not in himself; it is not in man that walketh to direct his steps." Man cannot know the real purpose of life unless he has the instruction Book from the One who created him.

Is the Bible free from error? An undependable instruction book would not be worth having. If we believe in Christ we must accept the Bible as an infallible and inerrant record of what God wants us to know.