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Hey there!

The Genesis 1-11 Pre-test that you took was designed to help you to gauge how much the religion of Christianity has influenced your thinking about the Bible. Usually, if a person has for a long time been a “good Christian”, he does not do well at all on this test. Most of my students make about the same score the second time they take this test as they did the first time. But remarkably, although the second test is identical to the first one, “good Christians” sometimes miss more questions after reading the material than they missed on the Pre-test.

In other words, one of the first big lessons my students learn is that it really does not matter whether they read the Bible or not; Christianity has already programmed certain “Bible facts” into their minds, and what the Bible really says is almost irrelevant to what they think.

So, taking this Pre-test is the first step toward truly learning the Bible – that is, unless one of my former students has given you the answers or suggested to you the answers. If so, I am very sad for you because that former student has, in the guise of a friend, robbed you of a wonderful beginning experience with the Lord. Please do not allow that person to do that to you again.

Right at the beginning of the class, with God’s help, I formulated for you this little test that will help you to discover for yourself (1) your need to pay attention to what you are reading and (2) the enormous influence that traditional Christian doctrines and myths have on our thoughts.

If you received no “help” from a foolish former student, and you see a lot of red marks on your test, do not be discouraged. Some of the best students I have ever had started out the same way, or worse.

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